



A patriarchal blessing by Joseph Smith Sr. Rutland, Ohio, April 3rd, 1836 for Lydia Knight who was born in Sutton, Worcester County, Mass. June 9th, 1812

Sister Knight, In the name of Jesus, I lay my hands upon thy head and ask my Heavenly Father to give me wisdom and power to pronounce such things as shall be according to the mind of the Holy Spirit. I also ask God to prepare thee to receive blessings, and to pour them into thy soul, even a fullness, and to give thee wisdom to abide all things that shall come upon thee, and bless thee in thy outgoings, and in thy incomings. And I seal a father's blessing upon thee, and for thy posterity. For thou shalt be a mother of many children, and thou shalt teach them righteous-

ness, and have power to keep them from the power of the destroyer, and thy heart shall not be pained because of the loss of thy children for the Lord shall watch over them and keep them, and they shall be raised up for glory and be an ornament in the church. Thou hast been afflicted much in thy past days, and thy heart has been pained, many tears have fallen from thy eyes and thou hast wept much, but thou shalt be comforted for thy sorrows are over. The Lord loves thee and has given thee a kind and loving companion for thy comfort, and your souls shall be knit together, and nothing shall be able to dissolve them, neither distress, nor death shall separate you. You shall be preserved in life and go safely and speedily to the land of Zion. Thou shalt have a good passage, and receive an inheritance in Jackson County. Thou shalt also see thy friends in Zion, thy brothers and sisters, and rejoice with them in the Glory of God. Angels shall minister unto thee, thy heart shall be comforted, thou shalt stand to see Israel gathered from their dispersion, the ten tribes come from the North country, the heavens rent, and the Son of man come in the clouds of heaven with all the glory of his Father, and thou shalt rise to meet him, and reign with him a thousand years, and thy offspring with thee. Great are thy blessings. I confirm blessings for thee in common with thy husband, blessings of the earth and all things which thou needest for thy comfort, and thou shalt be a mother in Israel, and thou shalt relieve the wants of the oppressed, and minister to the needy. All needful blessings are thine. I seal them upon thee, and I seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus, Amen

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