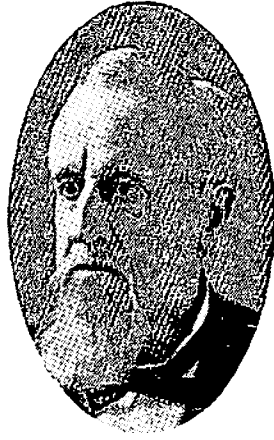


Patriarchal Blessing



A Blessing by John Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of

NATHANIEL H. FELT

*Son of Nathaniel and Hannah, born February 6, 1816,
Salem, Massachusetts*

Brother Nathaniel, I lay my hands upon thy head by the authority of the holy priesthood, and place upon you a father's blessing according to the order and laws of the priesthood; for thou art a lawful heir to the holy priesthood with all the blessings which were sealed by Jacob upon the sons of Joseph. The eye of the Lord has been upon thee from everlasting, and he has designed thee to do a great work in rolling forth his kingdom, in gathering Israel and establishing Zion in the last days. He hath given his Angels charge over thee to preserve thee in all times of danger; not a hair of thy head shall ever fall by the hand of an enemy; 'tis thy privilege to have faith to converse with Angels, and counsel with them in all difficult matters; thou shalt go forth and prevail, and shall never be prevailed against; thou shalt work . . . miracles in the name of the Lord, at all times when its necessary for the coming forth of thy work. Thou shalt gather many of the remnants of Jacob from among the Gentiles; thou shalt do a mighty work among the Lamanites, shall gather thy thousands to one place, and found a city that shall be a stake of Zion, and thou shalt preside over it forever: thou shalt have a numerous posterity, they shall grow up and be very healthy, they shall continue to increase so they cannot be numbered; you shall enjoy every blessing which you desire, even reign on the earth with Christ a thousand years, if your faith does not fail and thou shalt inherit a celestial glory with thy companion and children, forevermore. Amen.

City of Joseph, June 30th, 1845.

Nathaniel H. Felt. Recorded in Book D, Page 268, No. 8). (Copied in St. Louis.)

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