

Ogden City, Weber Co., Utah  
August 7th, 1903

A blessing given by John Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Anna Constantce Belnap daughter of John M. L. and Augusta W. Bluth, born Stockholm, Sweden Dec 7, 1869.

Sister Anna Constantce Belnap by the authority of the priesthood I bare I place my hands upon thy head and seal the blessings of thy mother upon thee with also the blessings of the new and everlasting covenant for they are thine through right of lineage, and by abedience to the gospel. For in early youth thou didst yield obedience to the gospel with an honest heart and at an early day you were chosen to complete the work of thy mother, to secure salvation unto kindred and friends of thy youth and I say unto thee remember to be boyant in spirit to be cheerful in thy deportment for thou shalt be called into counsel among thy sex, to arbitrate difficulties and thou shalt learn that by cheerfulness thou shalt restore peace turn aside anger and gain friends and influence among the people.

54 It is necessary that you reflect often upon the past, present and future for in this wise thou shalt gain knowledge which will enable thee to counsel wisely among thy sex, and in thy habitation. Thou shalt teach thy children the principles of truth, virtue and righteousness and shalt grow up around thee in thine old age, and bare thy name in honorable remembrance.

By listening to the voice of prudence thy days and years shall be many, by listening to the whisperings of that still small voice which cometh of the Father to guide, to admonish, to warn of events to come, thou shalt not err in thy judgment, and shall be enabled to hold the adversary at bay that health and peace shall reign in thy dwelling.

Thou art of Ephriam which is the lineage of many of thy progenetors many of whom look to thee for salvation as thou art the legal heir to this privelege And I say unto thee again be of good cheer for thou shalt complete thy mission and be numbered among the mothers of Israel whose fame shall be known far and near.

55 Thou shalt not lack for the comforts of life and no one shall be turned from thy door hungry. This blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ, And I seal thee up unto eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection a Savior among thy kindred, even so, Amen.

56 (Note by Arias: The above blessing and my own and Volney's which follows were all given on August 7th, 1903. At that time Father had both of his Families and all of his children present at the home 2149 Madison and all received blessings under the hand of Patriarch John Smith, church patriarch. It was a long drawn out day for we children who were younger--We could however go across the street and play in Liberty Park until it came our turn to receive the blessing.)