

Ogden, Utah, Weber Co. Utah
Aug. 7th, 1903

A blessing given by John Smith, Patriarch upon the head of Volney Bryan Belnap, son of Hyrum and Anna Constantce Belnap born in Ogden City, Weber Co, Utah, September 9, 1895.

Volney Bryan Belnap, not withstanding thy youth thou art numbered among the sons of Zion. And thy name is written in the Lambs Book of Life registered in the Chronicles of thy fathers, and thy pathway is marked out. For a decree has gone forth and thy guardian angel has charge concerning thee and will go with thee through the journey of life, protect thee from evil, and the power of the destroyer. For thou hast a mission to fulfill in which thou shalt see many changes among the people and witness distress among the wicked. Thou shalt behold the arm of the Lord made bare in behalf of Israel and His name glorified. It is therefore necessary that you remember the teachings of thy parents that thy days and years may be many. It is necessary as you advance in years that you study the law of nature, that you grow up to mans estate healthy and strong, wise in counsel and valient in the defense of truth, virtue and righteousness, for it shall be thy lot to labor among thine associates in the interest of improvement.

It shall be thy province to sit in council among the brethren and as a common judge in Israel to preside among the people.

It shall be thy lot to feed many with both spiritual and temporal food. It shall be thy privilege when necessary to prophecy, for as you learn to listen to the whisperings of the spirit, thy guarding angel through this source will converse with thee and often by prophetic vision thy duty shall be made known and thou shalt realize that thy petitions have been heard.

Thou art of Ephriam and entitled to the blessings, gifts and privileges promised unto the fathers in Israel among whom thou shalt be numbered. Therefore let thy faith fail not, and it shall be well with thee both here and hereafter,

This blessing I seal upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection a savior in thy fathers house, even so, Amen.

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