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A Blessing given by John Smith Patriarch upon the head of
Martha Knight Daughters of David and Abigail Mc Kinnel
born in the town of Chester Washington County New
York March 17th 1805

Sister Martha I place my hands upon thy head in the
name of Jesus Christ and pronounce and seal a blessing upon thee
that thy heart may be comforted thou art of the house of Israel
and have seen many changes and past through trying events
thou hast suffered privations, the Angel of the Lord hath
watched over thee and preserved thy life and hath given thee
strength and grace sufficient for thy day and will not
forsake thee but will whisper peace and consolation
in thine ear in the future as in the past and thou shalt
surely receive thy reward for the Lord is pleased with
thine integrity He hath heard thy petitions and will answer
thee when thou wilt ask in faith thou art numbered with the
mothers in Israel who have been tried and proven thy name is
written in the Lamb's book of life and shall be honored down in
honorable remembrance from generation to generation therefore be
of good cheer be at rest in thy mind and let thy heart be comforted
for thou shalt yet see better days and shall yet fulfill thy
mission and in time go down to thy grave like a sheaf
of corn fully ripe for the garner of our Lord This with
all thy former blessings I seal upon thy head and I seal thee
in unto eternal life to come forth in the morning of the
first resurrection with many of thy kindred and friends
Even so amen