

No 516 May 14th [1845] A Blessing by John Smith, Patriarch,
upon the head of Betsy McBride daughter of Isaac & Deborah Mead born
Feb'y 6th 1802 Washington Co, New York

Sister Betsy I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ, & by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I seal a blessing of a father upon thee; thou art a daughter of Abraham through the loins of Ephraim, & a lawful heir to the priesthood, & all the blessings sealed upon the heads of the daughters of Abraham in ancient days, thou hast seem much affliction & sorrow & distress & hast not fainted, neither denied the Lord nor murmured against Him, inasmuch as thou hast been obedient to the commandments, & done all these things, the Lord shall bless thee; thy name is written in the Lambs Book of Life; the days of thy sorrow shall cease, & all these things shall work for thy good, the Lord shall bless thee abundantly, thy store house shall be full, thy table shall be well supplied for thou shalt be rewarded double for all thine afflictions, & all thy poverty, & thou shalt ~~be~~ possess riches in abundance, houses & lands, & friends, & thy children shall be blest, & become exceeding numerous, & shall be come a great people, & thy name shall be had in honorable remembrance in the church forever; thou shalt have a companion to exalt thee to inherit thrones & dominions, principalities & powers to enjoy all the blessings on Earth & in Heaven; live until thou art satisfied with life & finally inherit eternal lives in common with thy companion & children & thy former companion; I seal all these blessings upon thy head by the authority of the priesthood Amen

A Carrington Redr