

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. APRIL 4, 1917.

A BLESSING GIVEN BY HYRUM G. SMITH, PATRIARCH, UPON THE HEAD OF  
JOSEPH ELWOOD HALL.

son, daughter, of JOSEPH SMITH HALL and SARAH SAFRONA ( PERRY ) HALL.

born SEPTEMBER 7, 1879 at SPRINGVILLE, UTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

BROTHER JOSEPH E. HALL, according to thy desire I place  
my hands upon your head, and as the Spirit of the Lord directs me  
I give unto thee a Patriarchal blessing which will be a comfort  
and a guide to thy life. Thou art of the lineage of Ephraim, and  
thus far in life the Lord has been pleased with thy devotions in  
His service, and He has preserved you thee from the designs of  
the adversary and has also blessed thee with many precious opportu-  
nities. It is thy privilege to life and finish thy mission on the  
earth, and if thou wilt continue to acknowledge the hand of the Lord  
in thy blessings, He will bless and prosper thy labors, and give  
thee health and courage and wisdom sufficient to perform thy  
daily duties, and He will give thee joy and satisfaction in thy  
labors. It is thy right to enjoy the spirit of discernment through  
which thou wilt be enabled to choose thy proper course in life,  
and to choose between right and wrong and between safety and  
danger, and to avoid danger and temptations of evil. It is thy  
privilege also when called upon to officiate in many of the sacred  
ordinances of the Gospel, and when thou art called to lay hands  
on the sick, and to pray for their recovery, thy prayers will be  
heard and answered, therefore put thy trust in the Lord and fail  
not to acknowledge His hand, and He will bless thee with the gifts  
of the Gospel that will qualify thee for thy labors. It will also  
be thy privilege to hold important civil positions through which  
thou wilt gain influence for good among thy fellows, and in answer  
to thy prayers, thy heart shall be comforted, and thy name shall be  
handed down, in honorable remembrance from generation to generation.  
This blessing I seal upon thy head through thy faithfulness  
and I seal thee up unto eternal life, to come forth in the resurrec-  
tion of the just, with thy kindred and many friends, a saviour  
in the House of Israel, by virtue of the Holy Priesthood and in  
the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen,