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A PATRIARCHAL BLESSING BY PATRIARCH CHARLES D. EVANS UPON THE HEAD OF MARY ANN HALL JOHNSON, DAUGHTER OF EDWARD AND NANCY E. HALL-BORN DEC.20,1842 AT LEE COUNTY, IOWA.

Sister Mary Ann.. In the name of Jesus Christ, and in the authority of the holy priesthood. I lay my hands on thy head and seal upon thee a blessing and foreshadow thy life. The Lord has called thee from on high and placed his seal upon thee which will reach down to the end of time and thy linnage through Ephraim and Joseph which will continue through thy house, and be connected and perfected. Thy angel has lead thee in the slippery paths o youth, and delivered thee from temtation, for thy heart is set upon rightness and thou wilt prevail over all thy foes. Nothing from thy glory will be withheld from thee, for thy light shall increase, thy testimony grow stronger and thou shall be lead step by step, until thou shalt return to thy creator. Trust in the Olrd and his spirit will be upon thee, and the future be opened before thee, that thy faith fall not in the hour of trial. Thou shalt be blessed with the spirit of prophesy, and the future will be opened to thy vision, thy shall look up to the heavens and see written there the signs of approaching vengence. God shall bless thee because of thy charity, and mercy for others, for thou art of lowly heart and meek in spirit. Thou shall find rest and peace, yea, the angel of peace shall preside in thy dwelling. I bless thee, that thy tempral wants may be supplied, and that thy days may be lengthened. Thou hast restrained the wayward, encouraged the weak, and inspired the sick who have doubted the truth and hast been fearless in thy testimony.....Therefore, the Lord will lift thee still higher and thy light be as the shining sun, and thy humility be like Mary's, for thou hast not exalted thy self, nor set thysalf up above others. Thy name shall remain in the lamb's book of life, and as queen shalt thy sit in glory with thy husband over endless posterity, and rightness be established for ever, and thy house will honor thee. Thy spirit will prevail over thy flesh until thou art sanctified and thy face shine with glory. Thou wilt sit in palaces of gold adorned with precious stones and unto thee-will be given a shite stone in which will be an new name. Thou shalt ask and all things that are necessary for thy glory will be revealed to thee. Angels shall bear thee up and thy faith lead thee to immortality. Thy crown will be unfading, thine inhoritance eterna and thou shall walk with thy Savior in the heavenly city, and thy crown will not be shaken and the plague of the Lord will pass by thee; and I seal thee up to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection unto eternal life in the name of Jesus.. Amen.

Copied from the original, which is printed in ink on lined stationery and in ownership of May Weight Johnson (daughter of Joseph Henry Weight and Nancy Rheuama Johnson).

This copy given to Aunt May. May 28,193. Date Copied: May 12, 1955.