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A Blessing given by Orson Haynie, Patriarch, upon the head of

IVAN HERBERT CRITTENDEN

of 2326 Pelham Avenue, West Los Angeles 25, California. Born July 14, 1895, in Hoytsville, Utah, the son of Chauncey Herbert Crittenden and Jamima V. Sargent.

Brother Ivan Herbert Crittenden: By the authority of the Priesthood which I bear and in the name of Jesus Christ I place my hands upon your head to give unto you a Patriarchal blessing, a blessing which shall bring comfort and inspiration to you as you journey through life.

I say unto you Brother Crittenden, that you have been richly blessed by our Father in Heaven. He has preserved you in peace and in plenty. You have been blessed with a loyal companion and noble children, and you have partaken of the sealing powers of the Priesthood and as a family united you shall be bound together throughout time and all eternity. You shall stand at the head of your family and down to the last generation shall they look to you with honor and with love and you shall guide their activities and as a father in Israel you shall preside over them and bless them throughout all the ages to come.

You are of a royal lineage, for you are of Israel through the loins of Ephraim. You were obedient to the plan of life and salvation in the Spiritual World. You were reserved in the Heavens to come forth in this day and age when the Gospel in its fullness is upon the earth for the blessing and salvation of our Father's children. You have been made to partake of that Gospel and in the days to come you shall take an increasingly active part in the work of the Lord. You have been blessed with wisdom and with judgment and the work of the Lord needs your mature ability and you shall find increased satisfaction and joy as you labor to build up the Church and Kingdom of God and bring the message of salvation to your fellowmen.

I bless you this night that you might ever live near unto your Heavenly Father; that you might continually seek Him in earnest and sincere prayer; that the way might be opened up before you for the accomplishment of those things which shall bring lasting joy and satisfaction into your life. I bless you with faith and with humility and say unto you that the Lord has a work for you to do among His people. You shall be blessed with a kindness of spirit and a discerning mind by which men and women shall be drawn unto you to partake of your wisdom and your counsel and advice. You shall bless those among whom you minister and your rich experiences in life shall enable you to comfort and guide those who shall come to you seeking aid and assistance.

You shall find increasing joy and satisfaction in the service of the Lord and you shall be called to positions of responsibility and leadership in the Stakes and Wards where you shall reside, and the Spirit of the Lord shall be with you to guide and direct you in these holy callings.

Now Brother Crittenden, I bless you with health and with strength. I say unto you to reach out and grasp those opportunities for service among the people of God. As a bearer of the Priesthood, magnify your calling and you shall be blessed with wisdom and power in such measure as will enable you to perform a notable work in the Church and Kingdom of God.

I now seal you up until the day of redemption. I say unto you to look to the future with confidence. You shall have strength according to your needs and the Spirit of the Lord shall guide you all the days of your life. You shall remain true to the faith and shall render service both to the living and the dead and as a saviour upon Mount Zion shall you be welcomed to your exaltation in the Celestial Kingdom of our God when you shall have completed your mission here in this mortal sphere of action. To this end I bless you by authority of the holy Patriarchal Order of Priesthood which I bear, and say unto you to be faithful, for through faithfulness shall you ever enjoy the choice blessings which our Father has to bestow upon His chosen people, all of this I promise unto you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Orson Haynie  
Patriarch.