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A BLESSING given by \_\_\_\_\_ Orson Haynie \_\_\_\_\_ Patriarch, upon the head of \_\_\_\_\_

WANDA PARKINSON CANNON \_\_\_\_\_ son/daughter of \_\_\_\_\_

WRITE NAME IN FULL

William Chandler Parkinson \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Louisa Benson \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME IN FULL MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

born 31 July 1911 \_\_\_\_\_ at Logan, \_\_\_\_\_ Cache, \_\_\_\_\_ Utah \_\_\_\_\_

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Sister Wanda Parkinson Cannon:

By the authority of the Priesthood which I bear I place my hands upon your head and give unto you a Patriarchal blessing. I say unto you, that the Lord loves you and in the Spirit World He knew you as a faithful and dutiful daughter, one who was obedient and faithful to every commandment given in that spiritual realm. You were among those who shouted for joy when the plan of life and salvation was explained to our Father's spiritual children. You were one of those who stood for righteousness when Lucifer and his followers were cast out, and during the ensuing ages you eagerly awaited the time when you would be permitted to come into the earth to work out your salvation here in mortal life.

When that time came, great was your joy, for you came into the earth through goodly parents and into a home of righteousness, and through a choice lineage, for you are a daughter of Ephraim. You are of that chosen seed who instinctively recognized the Gospel as the way of life and salvation, and one whose life has been built upon the truths of the Gospel of Salvation, and who until the end of your days here in the earth will continue to cherish and live by these principles of everlasting truth,

Your whole life has been given meaning and purpose by the training which you have received since the days of your youth, and by the experiences which you have had as you have associated with the Saints of the Most High, and as you have labored in His Church and Kingdom here among men you have been spared many of the pit-falls and dangers and temptations of the world, for the Lord knew your high spirituality and your deep devotion to Him and He has blessed you and led you in paths of peace and has shielded you from many of the trials and tribulations to be found out in the world.

Your heart has ever been filled with gratitude to your Heavenly Father, and because of your righteousness He has poured out His blessings upon you. You have been blessed with a noble husband, with righteous and talented children, the good things of the earth have been poured out upon you in rich abundance, and the power and influence of the Lord has ever been with you and yours. To your everlasting honor and glory, you have kept yourself humble and your heart has cried out in gratitude to your Father in Heaven, and you have never sought the things of the world, but in humility you have praised your Father and your God and by your faith you have kept your family in that straight and narrow path and have taught your children to honor and to serve the Lord and to keep His commandments. As a mother in Israel you have exemplified the best that is to be found in the Gospel and because of your faith and righteousness, honor and glory and dominion shall be added to you from generation to generation, and your children in all the ages to come shall call your name blessed and through their righteous living shall add to your glory and honor in all future ages.

Lift up your heart in gratitude and thanksgiving Sister Cannon, the Lord loves you, for you have kept the faith, and His blessings and protection shall be over you in the years which lie ahead. You shall continue to increase in humility and in faith. As you increase in years you shall ever draw nearer to your Heavenly Father, and the veil will become so thin that you will virtually dwell in His presence while you yet live here upon the earth.

The Lord shall continue to bless you in your basket and store. Your wisdom and judgment shall be a help and a strength to your brothers and sisters in the Church, and you shall continue to sustain and strengthen your husband as he serves in the Priesthood. Your joy in your children and in their children shall never diminish, and their numbers shall ever increase, and you shall stand at the head of a numerous posterity with your husband. You shall dwell in happiness and peace here in the earth. You shall have strength and courage according to your day and when you have completed your mission here on the earth with a glad heart shall

you return to the Spirit World, there to be greeted by your Father and your God and to dwell for a season in peace and contentment and to renew your associations with your departed loved ones while you await the day of resurrection and judgment, which I say will be a great and glorious day for you, for, with your beloved husband you shall come forth from the grave as resurrected, glorified, immortal beings. In that day you shall not be found wanting, for the Lord shall say unto you "My good and faithful servants, you who have kept the faith and have been proven in all ways, come up now and dwell in the presence of my Father, and rule and reign with Him in His Celestial Kingdom as a king and a priestess for ever and for ever". This shall be your destiny, which I seal upon your head by the authority of the holy order of Patriarchal Priesthood I bear, and promise unto you through your continued faithfulness, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Orson Hyde  
Patriarch.