

Patriarchal blessing given at Manassa Conejos Co. Colo. Nov. 2 – 1902 by Elihu S. Ball Patriarch in the San Louis Stake of Zion upon the head of Samuel Jackson Son of Benjamin and Ann Grimshaw Jackson born Manchester Lancashire England July 13 – 1844 Bro. Brother Jackson in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I the servant of the Lord clothed upon by power and authority of the Priesthood of the Son of God lay my hands upon thy head and bless thee with a Patriarchal blessing after the pattern given to Abraham Issac and Jacob. Thou was one of the noble spirits that the Lord showed unto Abraham in the Valley of mamre. Thou was foreordained in the Eternal world from whence thou camest to come and tabernacle in the flesh in the day and age of the world when the Gospel has been restored to the Children of men for thee to aid in the Salvation of Latter Day Isreal I say unto thee dear brother as a Servant of the Lord the Lord is pleased with thee and they works for thy heart is pure before him. The Lord has forgiven thee for all they past wrongdoings Through good works thy calling and election has been made sure if thou wilt call on the Lord in faith and in mighty prayer every righteous desire of thy heart shall be given thee even in magnifying thy office and calling as a Bishop before the Lord and in as much as thou art somewhat slow in speech thy tongue shall be loosed as it were from the roof of thy mouth and thou will be able to express thy ideas and views to the understanding of those whom thou hast been called to preside over and also to the satisfaction of thyself. The Lord will guide thee in thy Office and Calling. And also in thy daily avocations of life, wisdom and knowledge will be given thee in abundance The earth will yield its strength unto thee and they sons and daughter s will increase in faith and good works thy wives will cheer and comfort thee They will be indeed help meats unto thee in carrying on thy labors of love. Thou art of the Chosen seed of the house of Isreal and thou sprang from the Loins of Ephraim the son of Joseph who was sold into Egypt. I seal upon your head the gift of wisdom and knowledge and understanding of heart and mind and thou shalt have more power over the evil one. Thou will have power to rebuke him and those who may rise up to oppose thee in they labors in the vineyard of the Lord. The Lord will bless thee in ruling over thy family in righteousness also in ruling as a Bishop in this ward in which thou resides Counsel will rest upon thy life. And as along as thou relies wholly and solely upon the Lord thou will never err in giving a decision in the Bishop's Court against the sinner and unGodly. Thou shalt be blessed in your houses and in your lands and thou will be blessed in your flocks and in your herds and in your baskets and in your stores. Thy days shall be lengthened out to a good ripe old age. Thou wilt see Zion grow and increase in knowledge and thou wilt see many coming from the four quarters of the earth and bowing at the Sacred Shrine Thou shall have privilege of assisting with thy means of erecting a temple in Jackson Co. Missouri. I seal upon your head every gift and grace that is in my power to seal upon your head. I say unto thee go on thy way rejoicing in life for the Lord will never forsake thee in the hours of trials and tribulations and at last when you have finished your works and mission among the Children of men it will be said unto thee well done thou good and faithful Servant thou hast been faithful over a few things enter thou into the joyes of thy Lord and partake of the Crown of eternal life which has been laid up for thee in thy Father's Kingdom Thou wilt come forth in the morning of the First Resurrection Crowned with immortality and eternal life. Principalities powers and Eternal increase will be yours to enjoy and your robe will be washed white in the blood of the Lamb. And thou wilt set as a King over thy household thy wives and children will be given thee in unbroken numbers Thou wilt live in the presence of the Lord forever & ever your joy peace and Happiness will be complete these blessings I seal upon your head and in Connection with them I seal all your former blessings I do it all in the name of Jesus Christ Amen.