

Patriarchal Blessing for Frank Bartlett Woodbury

Salt Lake City

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A Patriarchal Blessing given by C. W. Hyde, upon the head of Frank Bartlett Woodbury, son of Orin N. and Ann C. Woodbury; born December 27 1867, St. George, Utah.

Frank, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I place my hand upon your head, and I seal upon you a patriarchal blessing, for thou art one of a noble spirit, come on this earth to do a great and a mighty work, and thou will yet be called to proclaim this Gospel even to bind up the law, and seal up the testimony, and thou will behold kings and rulers seek the way to Zion with great rapidity, and it is thy privilege to stand upon the earth at the coming of the Messiah, and thou wilt do a great work in the House of God, for the redemption of your dead. Thou art of Ephraim, and hast a right to the fullness of the Priesthood, for thou shall see Zion redeemed in peace, and shall be a Savior on Mount Zion, for thou shall have houses and lands, horses and chariots, there shall be a reign of peace a thousand years when the earth, for I seal upon thee the blessings of eternal lives, with all thy fathers household, forever and ever.

Amen and Amen.

Patriarchal Blessings for Frank Bartlett Woodbury

A blessing given by Charles H. Hyde, Patriarch, upon the head of Frank Bartlett Woodbury, son of Orin Nelson Woodbury and Ann Cannon, born December 27th, 1867 at St. George, Utah.

Dear Brother Woodbury, I seal upon you a Patriarchal Blessing. For thou hast been called of the Lord to come into the earth in this day to labor for the redemption of Zion, and thy progenitors before thee have been preserved of the Lord, a faithful and righteous people. And thy faith has come up before the Lord in sweet remembrance and He knows the integrity of your heart, and thy priesthood and ministry shall be eternal for thou shall carry with you into the eternal worlds the priesthood conferred upon you in the earth, and thy ministry shall be eternal in its character, laboring always for the salvation, the education and instruction of the people of God. And it shall be especially your privilege to teach those who shall come unto Zion seeking unto the Lord for light and truth, that they may be able to walk in the ways of the Lord. And you shall witness the redemption of Zion and the accomplishment of many of God's purposes in the earth, and you shall marvel at His power and of His saving grace among the children of men. You shall be astonished at your own power which God shall give unto you to assist you in the labors committed into your hands.

Thou art truly a son of Ephraim of the blood of Joseph and the promises made unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob shall be fulfilled in you, for your seed shall ever stand in righteousness before the Lord and they shall continue to bear witness for the Lord Jesus

Christ while the earth shall last.

Dear Brother, be of good cheer. Bear up under the trials of life and remember that the Lord God of Israel is thy friend and is near unto you. Thou shalt be preserved in the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I seal you up against the powers of evil and temptation, to come forth with thy family in a most glorious resurrection, heirs to the Celestial Kingdom and crowned with glory and power from on High, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Given at Salt Lake City, Utah,

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Approved

Charles Hyde

Conference Prayer1951

Prayer offered by Elder Frank B. Woodbury (Patriarch) at the opening of the General Conference, October 5, 1951, 10:00 A.M. This was the first Conference President McKay presided over.

'Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name, We a few of they covenant children, representing the membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world, have assembled ourselves together this morning in this the One Hundred and Twenty-second Semi Annual Conference of Thy Church, and while we are here assembled, we pray that Thy Holy Spirit may be here to dictate all that is said and done, that we may have a time of rejoicing together and listen to the words of Thy inspired servants who shall direct us in our worship.

We thank Thee, our Heavenly Father, that we are permitted to live in this age of the world when the Gospel has been restored to the earth in its fullness for the blessing and exaltation of Thy children here upon the earth, who will accept and yield obedience to the Gospel principles.

We thank Thee that Thou didst visit the boy, Joseph Smith, in person and answer his fervent prayer, and that Thou didst introduce Thy beloved Son to him, that he might ask the questions which were in his mind concerning the religions of the day. We thank Thee that Thou did send other Heavenly messengers to him to restore the various keys of the dispensations of the past, that the Dispensation of the Fullness of Times might be inaugurated.

We thank Thee for the great work that the Prophet Joseph Smith performed and for those who have succeeded him. Especially we thank Thee for our beloved President David O. McKay, Thy mouthpiece to us in this present day. We pray that Thou wilt bless him with health and strength, vigor and vitality, and with the spirit of his calling.

Bless with him his counselors, President Richards, President Clark, also the Quorum of the Twelve and the Patriarch to the Church. We uphold and sustain them as prophets and seers and revelators and pray that Thou wilt bless them with the spirit of their callings, together with all the General Authorities and General officers of the Church, those who preside in the various stakes and wards, quorums and organizations throughout Thy Church, especially the Patriarchs throughout the Church, those who hold the sealing blessings of Thy people, even the Holy Spirit of Promise, whereby the people are sealed up unto the day of redemption that they may not fall, notwithstanding temptations may come upon them.

To this end we pray that Thou wilt inspire the youth of Israel to go to the stake patriarchs to receive their blessings, that they might be prepared to resist the temptations of the adversary, that they may lay a foundation in their youth to prepare them for the great work that lies before them in bearing off the Kingdom when it shall rest upon their shoulders.

We pray that Thou wilt bless the mission presidents and those who are laboring under their direction, that the Gospel might be extended to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, that the

honest in heart might be gathered out.

We thank Thee for this goodly land, choice above all other lands, which Thou hast preserved for Thy people.

We thank Thee for the Constitution and these men that Thou hast raised up to frame this Constitution, and pray that the same spirit which endowed them may rest upon the leaders of our government today, that they may carry out the principles of this Constitution and grant freedom and religious liberty, and freedom to worship to all the people of the world. We pray that Thou wilt bless them that they may live lives of righteousness, that they may set an example before the people of this nation that they may seek to serve Thee, the God of this land, that they may enjoy the blessings promised and not be brought into bondage by their own nation or other nations which may be arrayed against them.

Now Father as we dedicate ourselves unto Thee during this Conference and especially this opening session, with President McKay giving his opening address; may Thy spirit rest upon him that he may lay a foundation upon which the other speakers may build, that the Saints may be fed the bread of life, that the people of the world may be warned of the judgement that are coming upon the earth and the blessings to be enjoyed through obedience to Gospel principles.

Unto this end, Father, we dedicated ourselves and all we have, unto Thee, to Thy service, and pray that each one of us may serve where we can do the most good. Grant that in our homes and in the various ministries in which we labor we may take the spirit of this

conference as well as the letter of it to them, that the Saints may be more united and diligent and faithful in keeping Thy commandments and setting an example before the world that will prove to them that we are Thy people.

These blessings we humbly pray for in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, Amen.'

Minutes of High Priest Meeting 1942

Taken from the minutes of the High Priest's regular quorum meeting, held in Pioneer Stake Hall, Sunday, December 27, 1942.

Commenced by singing, "Where the voice of Friendship's Heard;" prayer by Paul H. Berger of Poplar Grove Ward.

Elder William J. Koew sang, "Thanks Be To God", paraphrased by Sister Zeldah Howard in honor of Patriarch Frank B. Woodbury, whose 75th birthday was being commemorated. Elder Koew was accompanied by his daughter, Sister Marie Koew. Counselor James D. Thorn then read the words written by Sister Howard.

Patriarch Woodbury then discussed the subject, "Friendship". He mentioned among his earliest friends in St. George, where he was born, Elders Erastus Snow and Anthony W. Ivins. Brother Woodbury quoted many poets and philosophers on the value of Friendship. He recalled that in his early young manhood President Brigham Young, John Taylor, George Q. Cannon and others visited St. George, and on such occasions the children of the community would line the streets for blocks to greet and welcome the visitors. He told of coming to Salt Lake when 17 years of age to take a position with the Deseret News, as a Apprentice Printer. Here he labored 51 year. Since his retirement from the News, he has worked in the Temple and as a Patriarch in Pioneer Stake.

He discussed his various activities as a Church worker in the Seventh Ward, paying tribute to many of his associates, who had been an influence for good, in the early years of his life.

He was a member of the first High Council of Pioneer Stake, in which time he was also a Patriarch. Elder Woodbury said he had known all the Presidents of the Church, except the Prophet Joseph Smith. For two years he had been privileged to serve as Patriarch in the Church Office Building, giving over 700 Patriarch Blessings, besides special blessings. He expressed his gratitude for the many blessings he had received, and for his many friends, who had encouraged and helped him in his various activities.

Elder Alfred C. Thorn spoke, saying he had been intimately acquainted with Brother Woodbury for a great many years. Being about the same age, they had been thrown together a great deal in their Church work. They always had great love and respect for each other. Brother Woodbury could not be other than a good man, for he had a splendid background; a fine father and a noble mother. He belonged to an outstanding family, and his conduct through life has reflected credit upon his forebears. He was dutiful and obedient to every call, and was greatly beloved for his sincerity and devotion to the principles of truth. In the speaker's opinion, Brother Woodbury had been highly successful for he had been true and faithful to every trust.

Elder Thomas E. Wilding spoke of visiting the Idaho Falls Temple, at the laying of the cornerstone recently, where he and Brother Woodbury were sitting on a raised platform, prepared for the special occasion, and when the list was read of those who should occupy places on the platform, the Patriarchs were not mentioned; whereupon Brother Woodbury gracefully retired from the

seat he occupied. Elder Wilding paid tribute to Elder Woodbury by quoting from Psalms: "What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the Son of man that thou visitest him; for Thou hast made him a little lower than the Angels, and hast crowned him with honor and glory.

Additional brief tributes were paid to Elder Woodbury by Alexander Buchanan, Jr., Carl Nemelka, Otto Dorney, Wm. Cooke, President Wm F. Perschon, Carl Nelson, his son George L. Woodbury, Edward H. Eardley, President Joseph F. Pratt and Counselor James D. Thorne.

The benediction was pronounce by Elder Joseph McPhie after singing, "God Moves in a Mysterious Way".

Recollections of the Deseret News

Well do I remember the 7th day of March, 1885. The day I entered the old adobe building located just east of where the Hotel Utah (Joseph Smith Building) now stands, to begin an apprenticeship of five years to learn the printing trade with the Deseret News. I began by sweeping the floor and pulling proofs of the type that was set by other employees. I was the victim of many practical jokes, being sent on errands to borrow such things as italic shooting sticks, left handed keys, and other non-existent articles, for I was a green country boy, dressed in overalls, who had never before seen inside of a printing office. My predecessor as "Printer's Devil" was Franklin M. Anderson, a fine young man of great promise, whose life was cut short in the bloom of young manhood while browsing a railroad track in a blinding snow storm, and he it was who coached me in the various duties in that capacity.

In the above mentioned adobe building, is housed the press room on the ground floor, and the job printing and the newspaper composing room on the second floor, with an attic above used as a store-room, wooden bridge, extending from the composing room to the book binding department on the second floor of the latter structure. On the same floor is where the bindery was located and the type cases where the type was set for the Woman's Exponent, and also the office of J. Z. Stewart and a Spaniard named Owie, who were engaged in translating the Book of Mormon into the Spanish language. It was my duty to pull proofs of the type set for the

Book of Mormon in the Job Department and carry them across this old bridge to these men for them to read and correct; also to take proofs of the type set by the Misses Esther and Jessie Davey for the Woman's Exponent and carry them to the office house just east of the printing office, and behind the high cobblestone wall encircling the entire city block.

On the ground floor of the main stone building were located the business office and the editorial office of the Deseret, and in the basement was the Commissary Department, where old Brother Grimedell dispensed such articles as flour, molasses, honey, vinegar and other produce and merchandise which was received in payment for subscriptions to the paper and printing, to the employees, in exchange for salaries or wages. Above the bindery in this building was also an engine which operated the printing presses was located at the south enclosure extending from the building to the cobblestone wall and was operated by Henry Pearson, the Engineer.

In 1885 Thomas Edward Taylor was Business Manager. John A. Evans was Book Keeper, and Ralph Cutler was in the office then or soon after. Charles W. Penrose was Editor, but due to his absence in the Mission Field, John Nicholson, Associated Editor, was in charge or as Telegraph Editor. George C. Lambert was also connected with the Editorial Department for a while and was later transferred to the Business Department, where he served as Assistant Manager, and later as Superintendent until 1892, when the plant was leased to the Cannon Brothers.

My understanding was that I would have to sign an agreement to serve an apprenticeship of five years, at a weekly wage of three dollars the first year, with an increase of one dollar per week each year, but the papers were never ready for me to sign and after the termination of my apprenticeship a certificate was issued to me, written by John C. Evans and signed by George C. Lambert, as Manager, certifying that I had been faithful to the terms of the oral agreement. The first two years were served in the Job Printing Department, under the foremanship of Joseph S. Tingey, from whom I received valuable training in the art of printing, and also in the forming of character through proper habits.

Henry McEwan was foreman of the Newspaper Composing Room, serving until 1887, and on February 12th of that year, the men in that department surprised him at his home and presented him with a silver set. Some others in that department were Joseph Bull, John Priestley, Alexander McMaster, Thomas Roberts, Andrew Cowan, and Robert Aveson, who later served as Foreman for some time, being succeeded by Charles H. Hyde and S. H. Harrow, who served until about 1921, when he was made Superintendent of all Mechanical Departments, and Frank B. Woodbury, Assistant Foreman, acted as Foreman for one year and one-half, when on account of a nervous breakdown he was succeeded by Donald A. S. Priestley, who in turn was succeeded by Junius Harrow. The Mailing Department was pressed over by James Freebairn and later by Ernest Brown.

In October 1891, I left for a mission to the Indian Territory and in October 1892, the News plant was leased to private parties

and John Q. Cannon became Editor and Abraham H. Cannon, Business Manager until his death in 1896, when John A. Evans became Acting Manager. On my return from the Mission Field in 1893, I learned that on account of the depression, the News Management was not able to pay the Employees in full and a large amount of back pay became due them, and continued to increase until Lorenzo Snow became President of the Church, when the lease was terminated and the News Plant was returned to the Church. On January 1, 1899, Horace G. Whitney became Manager and Charles W. Penrose again became Editor of the News, and the employees were paid up in full.

On Thursday, November 14, 1901, employees of the News held a meeting for the purpose of organizing a Mutual Aid Society. Committee was appointed to draft by-laws and on March 15, 1902. Bi-laws were adopted and the following officers were chosen: S. H. Harrow, President; George Buckle, Vice President; Wm. A. Cowan, Joseph S. Tingey and John A. Evans, Executive Committee; Frank B. Woodbury, Wm. B. Martin, and Charles E. Rose as the Committee to visit the sick; R. F. Aveson, Fred Muggleston, and Joseph A. Anderson as the Soliciting Committee.

Prior to moving from the old building that stood where the Utah Hotel now stands, to the Deseret News Annex across the street, a Banquet and Ball was held in the Annex, on Saturday, June 20, 1903. Tables were set on the sixth floor, and the seventh floor was used for dancing. Over two hundred were present and an enjoyable evening was spent. It was reported that the News then had one hundred and sixty-five employees, besides their special

correspondents. The total number receiving compensation from the News is about five hundred. The News continued to occupy the sixth, seventh, and eight floors of the Annex until 1926, when the present home of the News on Richards Street, was completed; and on June 7th of that year, a Banquet was held in the new building prior to the removal of the plant there.

On Saturday, August 15, 1903, the last edition of the paper went to press at 2:30 A.M. and the work of moving the Newspaper Department from the old adobe building to the eighth floor of the Deseret News Annex was begun. Work was continued until 9:40 P.M., then resumed Sunday Morning and continued until 5:00 P.M. with only ten minutes for lunch.

At the end of 1903, use of Script was discontinued and employees were paid in cash after January 1, 1904; and on October 18, 1904, the News began the publication of three editions daily, the first about 1:00 P.M.

One of the most impressive experiences in my 51 years with the Deseret News occurred in connection with the big parade in Salt Lake City July 4, 1887. The Deseret News entered three floats in the parade. The first was to represent the manufacture of paper in the paper mill. It depicted the manufacture of paper and carried bundles of the product produced at the mill in the mouth of the Big Cottonwood Canyon. The second to represent Job Printing by the News Press. It depicted Job Printing circulars and had a "Little Gordon" press in operation, printing circulars to distribute to the crowds lining the streets. The third to demonstrate the

binding of books by that department of the News. It carried machinery and personnel to show the process of Book Binding. The ground within the property was paved with rough cobblestones, and as the lead float started through the huge gates into the street, the jar caused by bouncing over this rough surface loosened the paper and sent some of it tumbling off the wagon. The second float then started out, but before reaching the street the "Little Gordon" press was overturned. It was damaged to such an extent that the circulars could not be printed. The Book Binding float fared no better than the other two, as the jolting sent a piece of machinery to the ground, causing it to be broken.

We didn't accept these mishaps as disasters, however, as all three floats joined the parade down Main Street, or East Temple Street, and east to Liberty Park, where an elaborate Independence Day Program was carried out.

On June 15, 1910, a picture was taken of News Employees who had served over twenty years, which showed S. H Harrow, Foreman; Frank B. Woodbury, Assistant Foreman of the Composing Room; Joseph S. Tingey, Foreman and Charles H. Hyde, Assistant Foreman of the Job Printing Department; George Buckle, Foreman of the Book Binding Department; Charles E. Rose, Foreman of the Job Press Department; Ernest Robbins, Foreman of the Stereotyping Department; J. M. Sjodahl, Editor; Walter J. Lewis, Manager of Book Store; Also Hugo Peterson, John D. Ford, Edwin F. Perry, H.J. Jensen, Andrew S, Cowan, Joseph A. Anderson, Henry Pearson, G. Adolph Brox, Arnold Reiser, Charles H. Abbott, and Herbert L. Penrose.

Frank B. Woodbury's Lines to His Mother

- 1 O, mother, dear mother, with hair growing white,
Thy children and grand children greet thee this night,
With thy heart ever pure, and thy faith ever strong,
Thou art crowned midst thy children with a glory unsung.
- 2 Full seventy winters have passed o'er thy head,
Since the sunlight beheld thee in thy soft cradle laid:
And those years, oh! how full of devotion and truth,
For the cause which thou cherished when only a youth.
- 3 What a life full of labor and toil thou hast spent:
Sometimes working humbly in sweetest content,
Thy children to train in the fear of the Lord,
Teaching them to seek first for the kingdom of God.
- 4 Oh! the long weary hours thou hast spent at thy wheel,
Or with needle in hand, till thy senses would reel;
And the many long nights thou thy vigil hast kept,
O'er the cot thy children, who restlessly slept.
- 5 Yet oft wast thou called from thine own cradle side,
To nurture the sick, who, but for thee, had died.
Thus in labors of love and of duty thy days,
Were spend in a manner thy Maker to praise.
- 6 Till at length thou wast called to a labor divine,
In the house of the Lord did thy heart strings.
Round the helpless, who could not their own labor do,
But looked to such hearts as thine own, pure and true.

7 The light of the life now grows brighter each day,
For thy work is a star, shedding light by its ray,
And the years as they roll will add luster more bright,
As the bright star of morning gives place to their light.

8 Dearest mother, we thank thee for what thou hast done,
Our life are but feeble, our hearts must atone;
And here do we lay, at thy feet as our shrine,
Our love in return for that pure love of thine.

9 'Tis little we give for the blessing of life,
Which we have received by thy toil and thy strife;
Yet with thy bright example our footsteps to guide,
May we hope in the Heavens to dwell by thy side.

Tributes to Frank B. Woodbury

A man's life is not measured by years,
Or by the amassing of great wealth,
Nor is it determined by travel,
Or an enjoying of long health.

"His" days are not depthed by the dollars,
Made in successful business deals,
Nor does his worth come from possessing
Several shining diplomaed seals.

Man's worth is determined by service,
That helps follow men on their way,
The kind that makes living easier,
More rich and abundant by day.

How much of yourself you have given,
What a large Book of Deeds you have bound,
How great must be your satisfaction,
The rewards that your service has found!

Zelda Davis Howard

The following words were written to the tune of "Thanks Be To God"
by Zelda Davis Howard, and sung by Wm. J. Koew at the High Priest
Quorum Meeting, on Sunday Dec. 27th, 1942 - the 75th Birthday of
Frank B. Woodbury. He was honored by the Quorum at this meeting.

Thanks be to God for men like you,
Your ways of love and service true;
For ev'ry deed of good you do,
Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God for ev'rything
Of courage, hope and faith you bring;
For all the cheer with which you sing,
Thanks be to God!

Thanks be to God for men of might,
For such as you who choose the right,
The climb that leads to life and light,
Thanks be to God.

For all the joys that now is ours - Thanks Be to God!

On this last Father's day, in June, his daughter Lillian W. Wood,
wrote these words:

Dear Father, on this father's day
We want to let you know
How much you mean to all of us,
As on our way we go.

You've been a fine example
Of how we all should live,
So patient, kind and honest too,
As of your time you give.

You are an inspiration
To those who know you best,
And those who follow where you lead
Will meet the highest test.

He has seemed to be the favorite "Uncle" to all of his nieces and nephews; many of whom have stayed at his home and been made welcome by Mother and Father while attending school, working, or whatever had brought them to Salt Lake.

One nephew wrote recently: "Uncle Frank, we here in Dixie (St. George) have always loved and admired you so much for your faith and good works all your life and your inawavering desire to do good and be of service to others. Wish more of us could pattern after you and benefit through your fine example. One of the highlights of our Woodbury family reunions or parties was to have you and your family come from Salt Lake and add to the fine family spirit here. The reunions were never complete unless you and Uncle Angus were present."

Numerous messages have been received from Relatives and persons form both Pioneer and Salt Lake Stakes, thanking him for the wonderful Patriarchal Blessings which he has given to them, and what an inspiration he has been to them throughout their lives.

Such expressions have been made as "He is a man without guile"; "He is a Man of God".

He and his wife Lilly, were the parents of 6 children; George and Harvey both died. There were 23 Grandchildren, and 57 Great Grandchildren. The grandchildren and greatgrandchildren are scattered through the United States, and one Grandson is in the Army in Germany, and another on a Mission in New Zealand. Three years ago (1961) last August, he traveled by Jet to Honolulu, with his Daughter Nettie, to see his 52nd great grandchild and visit with the family. This was quite an extreme in travel compared with the time he road on horseback from Leeds to St. George, trying to get there faster than the Stage, to attend his Father's funeral. He arrived there as the funeral was closing, and had to be lifted from the horse. Also, when he rode in a White Top wagon to St. George from Lund - the farthurest the train would take him.

LDS Biography of Frank Bartlett Woodbury

Woodbury, Frank Bartlett, a High Councilor in the Pioneer Stake, Salt Lake City, was born Dec. 27, 1867, in St. George. Washington Co., Utah, the son of Orin Nelson Woodbury and Ann Cannon. He received an ordinary education in the common schools of St. George, and at the age of seventeen he became an apprentice at the "Deseret News" Office, and after serving five years he remained in the employ of the "News" as a journey man printer. In 1891 (May 27th) he married Lily Druce Lambert, the eldest daughter of Chas. J. Lambert and Lily Druce. This marriage has been blessed with six children. In 1891-1893 Elder Woodbury filled a mission to the Indian Territory, laboring in the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole nations, part of the time he also acted as clerk of the mission. After his return home in October, 1893, he resumed his labors at the "Deseret News" office. He was baptized March 2, 1876 by Walter Granger, ordained an Elder March 10, 1882, by David H. Cannon, acted as secretary of a Deacon's quorum, was a teacher in the Seventh Ward Sunday School for many years, counselor in the Ward Y. M. M. I. A. from 1887 to 1889, and president one season. He acted as Ward clerk from 1894 to 1906 and was a home Missionary in the Salt Lake Stake about one year. He was ordained a Seventy April 2, 1891, Brigham H. Roberts and set apart as a president in said quorum March 28, 1901, ordained a High Priest and set apart as a High Councilor in the Pioneer Stake March 25, 1904, by Rudger Clawson. His wife Lily D was set apart as the first Stake Relief Society Librarian in the Pioneer Stake Dec. 8, 1906.