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On the same day Joseph Smith gave a written blessing for Sarah Ann that invoked promises for her and the Whitney household:

Oh Lord my God thou that dwellest on high bless I beseech [beseech] of thee the one into whose hands this may fall and crown her with a diadem of glory in the Eternal worlds Oh let <it> be sealed this day on high that she shall come forth in the first reserrection [resurrection] to recieve [receive] the same and verily it shall be so saith the Lord if she remain in the Everlasting covenant to the end as also all her Father["]s house shall be saved in the same Eternal glory and if any of them shall wander from the fo<a>ld [fold] of the Lord they shall not perish but shall return saith the Lord and be saived [saved] and by repentance be crowned with all the fullness of the glory of the Everlasting Gospel These promises I seal upon all of their heads in the name of Jesus Christ by the Law of the Holy Priesthood even so Amen³⁴

To give a summary, on April 29, 1843 Joseph Smith performed a civil marriage between his plural wife Sarah Ann Whitney and Joseph C. Kingsbury who he blessed the previous month. Kingsbury's wife died the previous October six months earlier. This occurred while Emma Smith was on a trip to St. Louis. Emma and Lorin Walker returned to Nauvoo on May 2. That Joseph Smith performed the ceremony that joined Joseph Kingsbury and Sarah Ann Whitney together in mock marriage is known from a record of marriages performed in Nauvoo. The following is from a slip of paper signed by Joseph Smith as an Elder wherein he stated that he performed this marriage ceremony:

³³ Brackets in original. The blessing was also recorded in Patriarchal Blessing Book 1:145 in 1860, LDS archives.

³⁴ "Blessing Given to Sarah Ann Whitney by Joseph Smith. Nauvoo City, 23 March 1843," typed copy, LDS archives.

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