



kindex®

< Scan QR to view this original record online, or visit <https://ezratclark.kindex.org/s/360269>

Title: **SPatriarch_pg-28.pdf**

Provenance: **Given to April Clark Clive by her father John R. Clark (author)**

Category: **Volume**

Person:

Date: **01/01/1966**

A biography of Wilford Woodruff Clark told through other people called "Springdale's Patriarch", written by John R. Clark.

conducting a meeting in the Temple and was impressed to call Brother Clark out of the congregation to have him pray for rain. He said the prayer which followed was one of the most remarkable he had ever heard, and 'we got the rain.'"5

"Father Clark once told me he had thought about David and Bathsheba. 'Evidently that marriage was supposed to be, as through their lineage the Savior came. Yet I think if they had waited, their plans would have turned out the same without their sinning in order to achieve their marriage.'"8

"I shall always remember his beautiful prayers and his ease and free delivery when speaking from the pulpit. Shortly after returning from my mission, I was sent on a speaking assignment to the Bern Ward with Grandfather. I had previously studied and jotted down an outline while Grandfather had sat in the front room reading the Book of Mormon and writing nothing. He gave an inspiring and well-organized address that evening."12

"We were watching a session of General Conference on TV. One of the Apostles was relating the story of the First Vision and the Joseph Smith story. Looking over at Grandpa, I saw tears running down his cheeks. After the speaker had finished, Grandpa was choked up as he said, 'Today Brother ____ proved himself a prophet!!' I wondered then if I would ever recognize such inspiration so easily."13 [NOTE: Look this up: G.A. Smith or Heber J. Grant?]

Unmentioned above are numerous childhood associations with General Authorities, missionary experiences such as those recorded in a diary kept while in the Southern States Mission, and a multitude of other episodes which made him inquire and grow in the Gospel. He would never have said that he was a chosen man of God, but his striving to be such—whether consciously or otherwise—was the guidepost of his lifetime. At his birth, the Patriarch's namesake and his father's close friend, Wilford Woodruff, was fifth