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

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I am in somewhat of a pickle. I have never heard a word from your Father yet; I have looked for a word to know what to do ever since he left. I don't like to write about it for fear they will think they have to keep me. So if I don't hear anything, I guess I will stay at home.

Joseph¹ and boys commenced digging potatoes this morning. They moved back to the cabin last Tuesday and took their big cook stove this time, so it looks as if they were going to stay awhile. I asked Maria² if they were going to stay down there six months and she said, "No, we are not going to stay but a little while." Joseph told me the other day they were going to stay six months.

Eddie³ will likely be here before long to let Amasa⁴ go home, as he will be needed there⁵ before the last of the month.

Charley⁶ does a little better since he came back. He was so saucy I felt like sending him away several times. I read your letter to him and I think he will remember what was in it. He is lots of help when he has a mind to be.

Mother went to Plain City on the Conference train to see about her father's property. Ma and her sister are going to sell the land and keep the house and lot.

I read the minutes of your Conference last evening. They were very interesting. The threshing is all done except one job.

Charley's⁶ father has never been to see us, and I don't suppose he will. I thought maybe he would like to take Charley this winter if I went to Farmington. I have been filling bedticks this afternoon and shall commence house cleaning next week. I want my house clean if I do leave it.

Be good, remember your loved ones at home, and let us hear from you often. Love to Elders and friends, and may God bless you all.

Your True Wife,

Pamelia

1. Joseph Smith Clark, older brother of Wilford.
2. Lucy Maria Robinson, wife of Joseph.
3. Edward Barrett Clark, older brother of Wilford.

- 4. Amasa L. Clark, younger brother of Wilford.
- 5. In Farmington, Utah
- 6. Charley Hess, one of the many children taken care of by Pamela and Wilford; a boy who had no mother.

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[EXCERPTS FROM ELDER WILFORD W. CLARK'S MISSION LETTERS WILL GO HERE. These quotes and narrative will describe some of the joys and challenges of Elder W. W. Clark's mission to the Southern States from 1889-1891: weather, travels on foot, staying with the Saints while counseling them to move to Utah (Zion), the loss of a mission companion, and enduring religious persecution.] [May 1889 - May 1891, followed by visits to Clark relatives in Illinois]

[Dilemma: my copy of WWC's mission journal is fragmented into three parts, with key pages missing -- including his interview with namesake President Wilford Woodruff halfway through his mission. I will add this gem once that journal entry is found.]

Notably, decades earlier when Elder Wilford Woodruff was on his mission in England, Timothy Baldwin Clark oversaw Phebe Woodruff and her child on the Clark farm in Montrose, Illinois. Thus, a high regard had developed between the Clark and Woodruff families. (Should this last historically significant paragraph be referenced, Kimball, as well as young Ezra take care of the Woodruff livestock in Nauvoo, besides Joseph Smith's horses? (Thanks!)

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[MORE EXCERPTS FROM W. W. CLARK'S MIS-

SION to NORTH CAROLINA]

"When returning from the Southern States mission in 1891, Uncle Wilford received \$100 from his father Ezra, asking him to go see the Barrett Bass Clarks (a brother of Ezra T. Clark) at Joliet, Illinois. Uncle Wilford visited all he could locate."

—Heber D. Clark, son of Hyrum D. Clark, who was Wilford's older brother, 1960.

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THE WILFORD WOODRUFF CLARK FAMILY, MONTPELIER, IDAHO (c. 1906)

[HERE WILL GO THE W. W. CLARK FAMILY PORTRAIT INCLUDING NAMES, BIRTH YEARS & DEATH YEARS, all of which were on Page 8 of JRC's original Springdale's Patriarch.]

William O. 1887-1991

Vera Pamela 1888-1941

Wilford "Woodruff", Jr. 1886-1972

Royal D. 1892-1990

PAMELIA DUNN CLARK 1863-1933

WILFORD WOODRUFF CLARK Sr. 1863-1956

Russell B. 1900-2009

Howard N. 1898-1978

Homer K. 1898-1992

Elmer R. 1896-1994

LeGrand 1903-1988

Ernest 1894-1895

LeOra 1907-2009

Gath-ered then to be com-plete.

Now, in rev-e-rence and love for our an-cest-ors a-
bove,

We with hap-py hearts and cheer-ful fac-es meet!

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[A QR CODE WILL BLAST HYMN #307 "In Our
Lovely Deseret" with new lyrics to help us remem-
ber the W. W. CLARK FAMILY in birth order. It was
performed at the Ezra T. Clark reunion in 2007.]

TITLE: "Father Wilford Woodruff Clark's children"
[sung to the tune of "In Our Lovely Deseret,"
Hymn #307]

Fath-er Wil-ford Wood-ruff Clark told Pa-mel-ia,
ma-tri-arch, "Call our mul-ti-tude of child-ren in-
to view!"

Wood-ruff, Will-iam, Ver-a -- here, Roy-al, Ern-est,
El-mer, near!

Ho-mer, How-ard, Russ-ell, Le-Grand, Le-O-ra,
too!"

Clark! Clark! Clark, our no-ble fam- 'ly