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Chapter One

LIFE SKETCHES IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIFE OF ALICE RANDALL CLARK

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Alice Randall Clark was born of pioneer parents, Alfred Randall and Margaret Elizabeth Harley. Alfred and Margaret were married at winter quarters by President Brigham Young January 31, 1848. Brother Randall had prepared to come to the west with the first company of Saints but a broken leg prevented this move. Instead he let Brother Heber C. Kimball have his outfit and they waited until the following year, coming to Salt Lake in 1848. Alice was born in Centerville, Utah, on the 21 of December, 1863; the sixth child in a family of seven children, two boys and five girls. The following quotations are taken from Alice Randall's own autobiography:

"In my girlhood, or childhood I should say, I was somewhat of an athlete. I could run faster, jump the rope longer than any girl or boy on the playground and I liked to swing higher. One large barn had a swing where some would pull ropes to swing us. I was never satisfied until I swang out far enough to see over the barn.

"Another sport, when a girl, was to climb a high hill east of our home. I would climb higher than anyone else to get to run down. I had done so much of that that one time I ran down a board where B. H. Roberts was shingling his house. I knew no fear until I heard him sort of scream. I had to go on then but had to turn to save going into a fence and ran more than the length of half a block to get stopped.

"There is a little item that might give you an idea of pioneer life: I think one of the earliest recollections I have of anything is one evening I would sit up until Mother finished a pair of shoes she was making for me out of old pants so she could