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Booklet of Laura Blanche Clark Cook

An interview between Keith Martin and Laura Clark Cook April 1972

Keith I am talking to Laura Blanche Clark and today is April 25, 1972

Laura I wasborn the 30th of January 1880 in F armington, Davis County, Utah. The ninth child of the ten children of my mother Susan Leggett Clark and my father Ezra Thompson Clark. There was one boy Seymour Thompson Clark, three girls Annie Vilate, Sarah Lavina, and Susan Alice Bell Clark, and then four boys John Alexander, Eugene Henry Clark, Nathan George Clark, and Marion Franklin Clark, who died as an infant, and then me, Laura Blanche, and Horace Wells. They rejoiced because I was a little girl.

Keith Why did they want a little girl?

Laura Because there were five boys born before I was.

Keith Did your mother like to make special things for you because you were a little girl?

Laura They say that I was a pretty little girl and mother had some pretty clothes for me to wear.

Keith Did your mother make a lot of clothes for you?

Laura Mother was a beautiful seamstress and she put plenty of ruffles and trimmings and lace on the little clothes that she made.

Keith What is the thing that you remember most about being a little girl with your father?

Laura My father used to come over and eat lunch with my mother every day. One day when I was about four years old I was sitting on his knee, and he told me that he knew the Prophet Joseph Smith; that he associated with him in Nauvoo. He said that he will always know that Joseph Smith was the true prophet of God. This made an indelible impression upon my mind, and I've always known that the Prophet Joseph Smith was a Prophet, that he saw an angel of God, and that he saw in the Sacred Grove God and Christ. Many times I have gotten up and bore my testimony to this.

Keith How did your father get to know the Prophet Joseph Smith?

Laura My father lived in Nauvoo with the Prophet Joseph.Smith, and associated with

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