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These letters elaborate on how Eliza Avery Clark, daughter of Hyrum Don Carlos Clark, married into the Wilford Woodruff family. Note Wilford was a dear friend to Ezra T. Clark. Avery married Abraham Woodruff, Wilford's son and apostle, as Abraham's second wife. Avery only had one child through Abraham, after Abraham's death from smallpox. Abraham's first wife Helen also died from small pox, both in 1904.

Also I learned that Pres. Smith's first comment on receiving notice of Owen's and Helen's death was: "This never needed to have happened. Helen came to me for advice regarding a trip to Mexico I told her it was best she not go. A second time she came to me, I told her again to not go, but she didn't follow my counsil, she went."

[Alonzo L. Taylor's Journal]

Alonzo L. Taylor

Thursday, May 26

The doctor came and examined Sister Woodruff and said she had small pox. Apostle Woodruff asked Elders Pomeroy, Henning, and myself to assist him in the caring for his wife, and Katy is to stay and take care of baby.

Friday 27

Elder Pomeroy and I sat up all night with Sister Woodruff. She is broken out all over her body with small pox. All of the folks left the mission house except Elders Pomeroy, Henning, and myself and Katy Spilsbury who stays in an adjoining room and tends Sister Woodruff's baby. We had to keep an oiled silk on our patients face to prevent pitting. It is impossible to get a nurse to come so we Elders do all the waiting on Sister Woodruff and the kitchen work also. Apostle Woodruff of course takes the lead in caring for his wife and we all are doing what we can for her recovery. It is quite a trying experience.

Saturday May 28

Last night we divided the night into 3 sections. I took the first and sat up till one o'clock. Elder Henning sat up till 3 and Elder Pomeroy the balance of the night. Sister Woodruff is getting better slowly but is broken out quite bad and is very weak. Katy left with the baby and is going to stay at a place over on Guerrero street as it was considered safer. Prest. Ivins, Elders Pomeroy and Harris have been hunting another place to live as they do not want to risk this place any more as mission headquarters. It is quite lonesome here now as we are left alone to care for Sister Woodruff . . . .

Sunday May 29

As Elder Pomeroy had to tend to so much work on the outside it was thought best for him to stay out of the sick room. Bro. Henning and I watched all night last night. He sat up til 10 o'clock and I took the balance