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A bookleet on Annie Vilate Clark Tanner

Her husband became the first reporter of the supreme court decisions in the state of Utah in 1896 and was later president of Utah Agricultural College at Logan for 4 years. Then he was appointed superintendent of Church School ans assistant superintendent of Sunday Schools for the LDS Church. But he married three more wives after the manifesto, and as a consequence he lost his Church positions. He had a law office in Salt Lake City, but his interests turned to a farm in Cardston, Alberta, where a Mormon settlement sprang up after the manifesto; Annie sold property her father had left her to help buy the farm. While Tanner was one of the foremost educators in Utah and helped many boys get their educations, he looked upon his own children, both Annie's and Josephine's, as farm hands and took them, several at a time, to Cardston to work summers--and longer if possible.

Tanner tried repeatedly to get Annie to sell her Farmington home and move to Cardston, but she held out in order to educate her children. Finally, Tanner told her in 1913 that he would not return and that she was on her own. She rented rooms to transient musicians, and she worked for neighbors-- washing, scrubbing floors, even painting--for 15 cents an hour. Part of her pay was in milk. Later she worked as a nurse in Salt Lake City, mostly 2 weeks at a time on maternity cases. During this period her youngest son Obert worked for and lived with her brother Edward for 5 years; other children worked for her brothers Eugene, Nathan and others. But she kept her Farmington home and was able to conceal her poverty with dignity. All of the children contributed to upkeep of the home, and all finally completed their educations.

Tanner died suddenly as he walked through a park in Lethbridge, Alta. Fourteen years later, with her family grown and her house empty, Annie left her Farmington home and moved to Salt Lake City where her sons heped her buy a new home.

When she was 64 she became a mother again for a while--to the yoing family of her son Levinz, whose wife died. Later in life she wrote a biography of her father, then one of her

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mother, and in her last year her autobiography, which is on the way to becoming a classic of Mormon literature. (2,3,4)

Children, surname Tanner, all but first three born in Farmington, Davis, Utah (1)

193. i. Jennie, b. 30 Sept. 1888, Centerville, Davis, Utah.

194. ii. Myron Clark, b. 20 Sept. 1890, Franklin, F., Idaho.

195. iii. Herschell Clark, b. 8 June 1893, Cambridge, Middlesex, Mass.

196. iv. Levinz Clark, b. 13 Aug. 1895.

v. Belva, b. 9 May, d. 26 May 1897 of whooping cough.

197. vi. Kneland Clark, b. 8 June 1898.

198. vii. Sheldon Clark, b. 29 May 1900.

199. viii. Lois, b. 6 May 1902.

ix. Leah, b. 6 May 1902.

200. x. Obert Clark, b. 20 Sept. 1904.

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