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A bookleet on Annie Vilate Clark Tanner

110. Annie Vilate Clark. Daughter of Ezra Thompson and Susan (Leggett) Clark, born in Farmington, Davis, Utah, 24 Sept. 1865; d. in Palo Alto, Santa Clara, Calif., 24 Jan. 1942, bur. Farmington City Cem.; m. as his second wife in Salt Lake City, S.L., Utah, 27 Dec. 1883, Joseph Marion TANNER, son of Myron and Mary Jane (Mount) Tanner, b. in Payson, Utah, Utah, 26 Mar. 1859, d. in Lethbridge, Alto, Canada, 19 Aug. 1927 (1).

Joseph m.l) in Salt Lake City, Utah, 15 Nov. 1878, Jennie Harrington, dau. of Leonard C. and Lois (Russel) Harrington, b. in American Fork, Utah, Utah, 7. Nov. 1857, d. in Salt Lake City, Utah, 12 June 1916; 1 daughter (2).

He m.3) in Salt Lake City, Utah, 25 June 1884, Josephine Snow, dau. of Erastus and Elizabeth R. (Ashby) Snow, b. in Salt lake City, Utah, 19 July 1859, d. in New York City, N.Y., 27 Apr. 1940; 4 sons, 3 daughters (2).

He m.4) Carrie Peterson, dau. of Knute Peterson, b. in Ephraim, Sanpete, Utah, 14 Nov. 1870; 3 daughters, first b. in 1903 (2).

He m.5) Lydia Holmgren, dau. of Peter and Johanna (West gren) Holmgren, b. in Bear River City, Box Elder, Utah, 5 June 1875; 2 sons, 1 daughter, first b. in 1907 (2)

Annie grew up as the second child in the second family of a plural marriage. Living across the street from each other, however, the two families enjoyed cordial relationships; Annie's best friend was her half sister, Mary Elizabeth, the only daughter in the first family. Annie attended Brigham Young Academy in Provo, 1882-83, where she met her husband, who was a visiting professor. She married him as his second wife in Endowment House in Salt Lake City. Sixth months later he married again. Soon afterwards he was called on a mission to Europe and to the Holy Land and was gone over 3 years. During that time, as Miss Clark, Annie taught the lower grades at Centerville, Utah School, where her brother Charles taught the upper, and she sent nearly all of her salary to her husband. She also taught in Georgetown, Idaho and in Woodruff and Randolph, Utah. When her husband came home, she assumed the name of Mrs. Wilson and went underground, living from home to home a week or two at a time in northern Utah, in Idaho, and in Wyoming. This was during her husband's tenure as president of Brigham Young College, 1888-91.

Six months before the manifesto of 1890 (signed on Annie's birthday), by which the Mormon Church withdrew from plygamy,

Annie settled in two rented rooms in Franklin, Idaho just over the line from Utah and a refuge for many polygamous wives. She stayed there for nearly a year. Then in 1891 her husband resigned from BYC and went to Harvard to study law; Annie returned to Farmington "to freedom," to live for a year with her mother.

Her husband asked her to join him in Cambridge, but when she got there she found his first wife in residence so she and her two children took rooms elsewhere. Later her husband's health began to fail, and in November 1893 they all moved back to Utah, Annie to a small home in Farmington that

her father gave her.