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A biography of Wilford Woodruff Clark told through other people called "Springdale's Patriarch", written by John R. Clark.

"One summer, when most of the family was together at Springdale Farm, I addressed my brother Russell by name. Father spoke up, 'Son, call him 'doctor' for that is what he is.' He also emphasized that his son-in-law, Leland G. Larsen, should be called 'Judge' after he had been appointed to the bench."

—Howard N. Clark, eighth child of Wilford W. Clark, 1963

"Once I was cleaning out the irrigation ditches with Bishop Clark. They were full of water and debris. A ballgame was going on in town, so I told W. W. that I was sick and had to get home. An hour or so later, he rode by the field where I was in the ballgame, and called, 'John, I am glad to see that you got well so soon!'"

—John Sorenson, member of Montpelier Ward, 1964.

Father's famous team, Don and John, were loaned to two General Authorities who traveled from Montpelier to the Star Valley Conference in Afton, Wyoming. Apparently the team was driven to exhaustion, for Don appeared to be ill in Afton and dropped dead after arriving back in Montpelier, just shortly after the brethren had caught their train to Salt Lake City. Father was depressed over the loss, and Don's burial in the pasture was the biggest funeral in Montpelier for several years."

—William O. Clark, second child of Wilford W. Clark, 1963

As America's industrial prosperity of the Roaring Twenties soared to increasingly greater heights, farm families, including those at Springdale, found themselves faring less affluently. The unfortunate circumstances of the decade, combined with the absence of most of the Clark boys from the farm and other factors, contributed to Springdale's economic decline in the Twenties. Thanks to "Aunt Millie's" excellent management, the home, the ice cream factory, and the farm all survived; and thanks to the help of newly independent sons, Springdale Farm endured a near-sale in 1926 to pay off the farm mortgage.

By the time of the Great Depression, and as all the children had grown and married, Springdale Farm had largely served its chief intent: that of producing children. Its subsequent years as farm and ranch and proving-ground for other Clark generations were now ready to pass into younger hands for actual management, although Bishop Clark retained his identity as its master until his final years.

[Place younger photo of LeOra and eight brothers here, located in LeOra's biography on pages 14. Year??]