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Booklet of Joseph Smith Clark

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH S. CLARK

Born March 21, 1854 in Farmington in a little log cabin which was moved from the canyon east of Bountiful where his father first settled in the fall of 1848. Moved to Farmington, spring of 1849 with Joseph Lee Robinson. They were the first settlers there.

Joseph spent his youth herding cows, tending stock and driving teams for grading the Union Pacific Railroad. A considerable part of his early life was spent in the saddle or on foot herding cows.

He was made counselor in the Presidency of the first Young Mens' Mutual Improvement Association organized in Farmington. He was among the first to locate a claim in what was then called the "range," but now called Clearfield. He plowed around 160 acres, the first furrow plowed in that region.

He accompanied his father and others to Bear Lake, Idaho in 1870 pursuant to a call from Brigham Young. There he helped survey and locate the town of Georgetown and hauled the first load of logs into town.

He married Lucy Maria Robinson January 17, 1876, daughter of Oliver L. Robinson and Lucy Miller and granddaughter of Joseph Lee Robinson, first Bishop of Farmington which was then called North Cottonwood Ward, which embraced the territory from Bountiful to the Weber River. Nine children were born to them.

He moved to Georgetown in 1876 and spent 15 years there developing that Pioneer country. The "ranch," as the property there was called was a source of much help in providing beef cattle and dairy products to the Ezra T. Clark family in Farmington which was following the patriarchal order of family life of everything in common. Great herds of cattle under Joseph's direction driven back and forth between Georgetown and Farmington were familiar sights for many years.

Joseph was a missionary to Southern States 1882-84 and the first missionary from Georgetown. He was the first Superintendent of M.I.A. organized in Georgetown. He was a member of the Bishopric most of his life in Georgetown.

He moved back to Farmington in 1891 and was a member of the Stake Presidency under John W. Hess 1894-1904. He was called with his wife as workers in the Salt Lake Temple. He spent many years there, most of which time was in the sealing

room.

He spent several terms as a member of the Farmington City Council during which a water system, electric lights and telephones were installed and an electric light plant built in Farmington Canyon.

He was President of North Cottonwood Irrigation Co. From 1894 to 1904, he was Commissioner for appraisal of inheritance taxes, Davis County, was appraiser of damages to farm lands for the Inter-mountain Smelter Co., and President of Davis County Bank for many years.

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Hotel Utah Jade Room — Saturday, March 20, 1954 — 6:00 p.m.

FORMAL PROGRAM AND PUBLIC RECEPTION

FARMINGTON WARD CHAPEL

Sunday, March 21, 1954 — 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.