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



Perhaps one reason why he succeeded as a mediator, neighbor, and popular churchman was because:

"He knew the fundamental tenets of Catholicism and of Protestant sects; likewise, he knew the Reorganized Church. He had the answers and refutations of each. While he was firm in preaching and living the principles of the restored Gospel, I doubt that he ever became offensive in doing so. His missionary life had been years of love for his fellow men."

- LeOra Clark Larsen, 1961.

"W. W. Clark spoke at the funeral of our seventeen-year-old son in 1925. His address was not so complimentary as it was prophetic. It was not his nature to be as flowery as it was to give something substantial to think about. His remarks gave my wife and me great comfort in our hopes of seeing our son again. That is one of the reasons he was such a good Bishop."

- Roy A. Welker, 1964.

"Upon being released after serving as Bishop in Montpelier for nineteen years, Wilford was asked what his plans were. 'I am going home now (to Georgetown) and to rear my children on the farm.'"

- Rhoda Kunz Clark, 1962.

After his release from the bishopric, "back home" in Georgetown, Bishop Clark served the church in less prominent but equally important roles. He served six more missions, especially in his final years. He was the Patriarch of the Bear Lake Stake from 1943 until his death in 1956. He was always available as a counselor and helped anyone in need.

In his missionary labors, he was known as an energetic Elder, even by the companions assigned to him who were often one-fourth his age. His California Mission president, when asked about Elder Clark as a courier of the Gospel, replied that "the young Elders often said he walked them to death."

- Oscar W. McConkie, Mission President, California Mission, 1963.

Other quote-worthy recollections:

"Once when I was at the Mesa Temple, President Pierce asked me to come to the stand with him. He told those assembled that I was the son of Wilford W. Clark. He recalled the day when he was conducting a meeting in the Temple, and was impressed to call Brother Clark out of the congregation to have him pray for rain. He said the prayer which followed was one of the most remarkable he had ever heard, and 'we got the rain.'"

-Royal D. Clark, fourth child of Wilford and Pamelia, 1964.