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

Unmentioned earlier are numerous childhood associations with General Authorities; missionary experiences, such as those recorded in a diary kept while serving in the Southern States Mission; and a multitude of other episodes that prompted Wilford to inquire and grow in the Gospel. He would never have said that he was a chosen man of God, but his striving to be such—whether consciously or otherwise—was the guidepost of his lifetime.

At his birth, the Patriarch's namesake and his father's close friend, Wilford Woodruff, was fifth in seniority among the leaders of the Church (preceded by Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Pratt, and John Taylor). At Wilford's birth, the Church numbered 85,000 souls, and he lived to see and help its population expand by twenty times that number. The significance to the Church and to the Clark posterity of W. W. Clark lies in his unswerving and uncomplicated lifetime dedication to his Priesthood leaders, his Scriptures, and his conscience. His performance in life might earn him the designation of being one man chosen of God.

Line of Authority of Wilford Woodruff Clark

Wilford W. Clark was ordained a High Priest on February 14, 1892, by Joseph F. Smith, who was ordained an Apostle on July 11, 1866, by Brigham Young, who was ordained an Apostle on February 14, 1835, by Oliver Cowdery, David Whitmer, and Martin Harris. The latter three (special witnesses to the Book of Mormon) were blessed by the laying on of hands of the First Presidency, Joseph Smith Jr., Sidney Rigdon, and Frederick G. Williams, to choose the Council of Twelve Apostles. Joseph Smith was ordained an Apostle in 1829 by Peter, James, and John, who were ordained Apostles by Jesus the Christ, the Son of God the Father.1 [See below*]

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1. Personal Records, and Smith, J.F. Essentials in Church History, 1950.

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[Let's put the Montpelier Pavilion drawing, photo, and article here on this page 43. Its community story will be told in the next chapter on POLITICS. It was emailed to me by Frances "Frankie" of the Montpelier Library in Bear Lake County on February 10, 2025.]

Montpelier Pavilion

Construction began on July 9, 1906, by the H. R. Shepherd Company of Paris, Idaho. The total cost was $24,000, with fifty-one percent owned by the L.D.S. Church. The lot on the corner of 6th and Washington Streets was purchased from Stevens Implement Company. Logan architects, Monson and Schwab, designed the pavilion as a dance hall, with a dance floor measuring 60-by-100 feet and having a 24-foot ceiling. The first dance was held on March 17, 1907, and the Nielsen Orchestra provided the music. That event was made "free to the public" and over 1,000 attended.

The Pavilion was also used for basketball by covering the floor with a tightly stretched canvas. The first game was played between Montpelier First Ward and the Paris Ward. The building was leased to the Montpelier schools on November 29, 1922 for $1,000 with option to buy for $10,000. The School Board purchased the building on August 31, 1925. It served the schools for 22 years, and was finally condemned and torn down in 1951.