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Creator Info

Dates: 1894-1895

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Diary written by John Alexander Clark, with entries dating from between February 2, 1894 and January 12, 1895. The John Alexander Clark diary chronicles Elder Clark's mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Palestine, part of the Turkish Mission. Individual diary entries document his journey to his assigned area of service and include brief descriptions of Liverpool, London, Paris, Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, Prague, Vienna, Belgrade, Constantinople, Beirut, and Haifa. In his diary, Elder Clark chronicles his study of Arabic and German as well as his missionary activities. His diary also includes descriptions of the Arab and German communities in Haifa, and descriptions of local sites and the countryside.

Languages and Scripts

English

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Biographical Info:

Biographical History

John Alexander Clark (1871-1895) was an LDS missionary that served in various European cities before he unfortunately contracted smallpox and passed away.

John Alexander Clark was born in Farmington, Utah, on 28 February 1871, to Ezra Thompson Clark and Susan Leggett Clark. He graduated from the Brigham Young Academy in Provo, Utah, and taught school in Minersville, Utah. In 1894, he was called to serve an LDS mission to Turkey. He departed for his mission on 3 February 1894. To reach his assigned area he, according to his mission diary, traveled to New York City where he boarded a ship for England. He arrived in Liverpool and traveled to London, Paris, Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig, Prague, Vienna, Belgrade, Constantinople, and Beirut. He remained in Beirut for almost five months where he studied Arabic and German. In August, 1894, he and his missionary companion traveled to Haifa where he continued his missionary activities. In February 1895, Elder Clark contracted smallpox; he died on 8 February 1895 in the home of his landlady. Elder Clark was buried in a cemetery at the foot of Mt. Carmel.

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