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"When W.W.C. asked me to speak at the funeral of his daughter, Vera, I told them [the congregation] that her father's chief business had been to rear a family with high ideals."

- Walter E. Clark, son of Wilford's older brother, Edward, 1961.

"Once he told me, 'I would hate to think I had a child who would not do as I requested.' I knew he would request only the right and reasonable, and that his children had that confidence in him. I remember his attitude that no success in life could replace failure with one's family."

- Walter E. Clark, 1961.

Throughout his life, Wilford honored Father Ezra's wish for family unity -- that the family should meet once a year. Two brothers, Ezra James and John Alexander, had died in their mission fields (1868 and 1895). Next to pass away were Timothy (1924), Eugene (1931), Charley (1933), and Hyrum Don Carlos (1938). Nathan G. Clark (1956) seldom met with the survivors. At last, only three of the brothers— all nonagenarians—were meeting, sometimes with their half-sister, Laura Cook, the youngest daughter. Eddie was the first of these to die (1955), then Wilford (1956), and then Joseph Smith Clark who, at death in 1957, was Utah's oldest resident at 103. By 1966 (the first printing of this book), Amasa Lyman Clark (who passed away in 1968 at age 103) and his younger sister, Laura Clark Cook (who died in 1985 at the age of 105), were the sole survivors. Later, Russell B. Clark, Wilford's son, lived to be almost 109! Overall, longevity has been a Clark trait.

[A stellar photo of six of W. W. Clark's sons surrounding LeOra needs to go here -- all are at least in their 90s! Photos are in LeOra's biography on pages 163 and 172.]