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

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"When W.W.C. asked me to speak at the funeral of his daughter, Vera, I told him that her father's chief business had been to rear a family with high ideals."3

"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."3

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). Timothy (1924) and Eugene (1931) passed away next. Half-brothers Charley (1933) [or Hyrum Don Carlos (1938)] and Nathan (1956) seldom met with the survivors. At last only four 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), 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.

1. Heber D. Clark, son of Hyrum Don Carlos Clark, 1960.

2. Roy A. Welker, friend of John Barker and Julia Meguire Dunn, 1964.

3. Walter E. Clark, son of Edward Barrett Clark, 1961.

4. Joseph Smith Clark, older brother of Wilford.

5. Lucy Maria Robinson, wife of Joseph.

6. Edward Barrett Clark, older brother of Wilford.

7. Amasa L. Clark, younger brother of Wilford.

8. In Farmington, Utah.

9. Charley Hess, one of the many children taken care of by Pamela and Wilford; a boy who had no mother.