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of our church, because they could not endure the persecutions and hardships encountered in Utah.

Mary Dougherty, my father's sister, and her family lived in Farmington for awhile. They lived in the old Jos. Walker home across the road south and west from the old Social Hall. I remember Ezra and Levi and a sister Julia Dougherty. Ezra was fitted out by my father with a team and wagon for a mission to settle on the Muddy River in Nevada. But I believe he later went to California.

Only the fittest survived in Mormonism. Thanks to God, Ezra T. Clark was one of the fittest, and endured to the end of his momentous life. He was blessed temporally and spiritually in following the counsel of Brigham Young. I suppose that he also had inducements like the others to go west after gold.

My father frequently entertained his relatives and helped them out on their way. But he, as advised by Brigham Young, remained at home in Utah. Ezra T. Clark thought a great deal of his relatives, and they are a fine family, but his first duty was to his church. He looked upon Uncle William O. as a father. It was he who as a prominent Elder performed the marriage ceremony uniting my father and mother, and I think baptised him, as he did a number of prominent people in the church. Among them were Reuben Miller of Mill Creek, and Green Taylor of Harrisville, both of whom became prominent and useful members in the church.

Yes, the man who baptised them sought after the

honors of men, and the wealth of the world, and I suppose he obtained both. But they were not lasting. he was quite prominent in the days of Nauvoo, as a preacher and organizer in the church. It was said of him that he was in line for an apostleship, had he remained true to the Prophet and the Church. However, he was offended, lost his zeal, and changed to the cause of temperance in California. He was presented with a gold headed cane bearing the inscription, "Grand