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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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"He never swore nor used strong language of any kind. His favorite expletive was 'wonderful.' For example, 'It was wonderfully cold', or 'It was a wonderful pain'."

—Ruby Dorius Clark Rhodes, Russell's wife, 1961.

"I recall telling Grandpa how my high school biology teacher claimed the world's greatest problem was the population explosion. Grandpa asked how many children my teacher had. 'Two; they cannot have more because her back is not strong enough.' He told me to tell my teacher that his wife's back would improve if they had more children."

—Carolee Larsen Harmon, daughter of LeOra, 1960.

Automobiles

"One Sunday morning, Father Clark was to attend a meeting in Montpelier. Dressed for Church, he walked out to his car and saw that a tire was flat. Naturally, he had a bad time repairing it, and he was in a hurry to get to his meeting. He met his frustration by singing, 'Welcome, Welcome, Sabbath Morning' until the tire was repaired, and he started off to Montpelier."

—Percie T. Clark, wife of Homer K. Clark, 1963.

"One of the things I recall is the number of times Grandpa's car ran out of gas when he traveled."

—Myrtle Clark, wife of William O. Clark, 1961.

"Grandpa was always stately and dignified to me, except in one respect: he was a terrible driver. He would back the old blue Chevy out of the garage and tear down the bumpy dusty road with gusto. One time, I was riding with him when we came to a construction crew working on the highway. He swerved off the road. Down into the bar pit we went, and back up onto the road without even slowing down. I thought the end had come, but Grandpa drove on completely unconcerned."

—Emma Fae Clark Farr, third daughter of Homer Clark who was Wilford's seventh child, 1963.

"Father and Mother took Rhoda (LeGrand's wife), Elvira (Howard's wife), and me to Salt Lake City for a few days. Coming home by way of Laketown on the south end of Bear Lake, Father was going too fast and came to a sharp curve. The car did not make the curve and rolled over onto the shoulder of the road. We came to a rest with the car on its side, each of us with our heads sticking through the roof of the car. Mother Clark scolded Father for driving too fast. He replied how lucky we all were to be alive and not hurt. He bowed his head and led us in a prayer of gratitude. We helped him tip

the car back on its wheels and we continued home safely."

—Percie T. Clark, wife of Homer Knewel Clark,
1963.