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Booklet of Laura Blanche Clark Cook

LC: Yes, there were polygamists.

My sisters told Horace and me not to tell where Father

was when the government marshals came to investigate the polygamists. When they asked, we told them we didn't know. We really didn't know where Father was hiding. When they did find him, he was taken to the penitentiary in Salt Lake for six months and fined him so much money. Mother took us several times to see Father. We didn't know him at first when he looked out of the window with his beard and hair shaved off.

My father was really something. There was a band in

the town. There was sort of a class of them that were into playing instruments. They would always come down to Father's house and serenade him. Father would always hand them a lot of money. They knew that.

LG: Tell me about how your father entered polygamy

LC: Brigham Young sent Father on fourteen missions because Father had money to go and he could leave his family. Brigham Young asked him to go down on this mission to England in 1855. He happened to go to my mother's, Susan Leggett, home. She lived kind of over by the ocean in Lowestoft in the eastern part of England.

When he came home in 1857, he told Aunt Mary. He said, "I met the most wonderful family in England. They took care of my clothes and kept them up and pressed all the time I was on my mission. They washed them. They gave me food; they always had something for me to eat. They took the best of care of me. Mary, there was a beautiful young lady that I met there and her name was Susan." She was sixteen years old then. "Mary, if she ever comes to Zion, I want her for my second wife. Brigham Young has been saying that I have got to have a second wife. That principle has to be brought to the earth." He was only married to Aunt Mary. I think before he had tried to do it, and she maybe didn't want it. But this time he said, "If she ever comes here, I want her for my second wife."

Mother saved up the money to come. Do you know how she came? She came over right in the lowest part of the sailing vessel. She said all the women were sick and vomiting. The little babies were crying. She said it was just a horrible thing. She was six weeks on the ocean. It was slow. The storm came up. After the vessel brought them to New

York, she crossed the plains with a family.

LB: She was twenty-two when she came.