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Biography of Hyrum Don Carlos Clark by Owen Morrell Clark

1910 during which time he acted as a member of the Stake Presidency in the absence of Wm. W. Burton who was feeble and spent his winters in warmer climates.

About 1898 Father was a County Commissioner in Uinta county being the first man from Star Valley ever elected to that office. He defended Bishop James Brown in his selection of help in his office as County Clerk on the matter of Principle above politics and pushed a man out of a room who came to offer him a big bribe for his vote. All the politicians learned that he would never take a drink of liquor and that he was a man of prayer.

At a big Valley Celebration of three days of Pioneer nature in July 1904 Father was Grand Marshall of the Day. He rode a beautiful high-spirited driving animal, Old Bell, with a new saddle and fancy Navajo blankets and as a tall stately man commanded respect from all and lead in all the parades.

As Chairman of the Finance Committee he directed collections of all means for the building and furnishing of the big Stake Tabernacle which was dedicated 1910 and was the finest building for religious worship in Wyoming. Needless to say he contributed more than any other individual. Also in the construction of a big new building for the Fielding Academy at Paris, Idaho he donated more means than any other man in Star Valley. Not the most wealthy but very liberal. As a member of the Auburn Bishopric he would make up any need to add to all donations in meeting the full assignment for the Ward.

Short-term mission January to June 1927 cut short by Mother's death.

Served over 26 months in the California Mission 1934-1936 being over 80 when released but even at that age no companion could out walk or out swim Father. He dreaded holding street meetings but did so anyway. Meeting some of the Inglewood Ward leaders in 1937 I was told: "Brother Clark, you will never live here long enough for people to love you as much as they love your Father." This was where he served on his last mission in California.

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Another mission photo taken with companion and mission

president and wife.