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Utah's Oldest Man Dies

At 102 — Amasa Clark

Special to the Tribune

Farmington — Amasa Lyman Clark, 102, 231 W. State. Farmington, a banker for 76 years and president of Davis County Bank for 23 years, died Saturday in a Salt Lake hospital.

Mr. Clark was Utah's oldest living male at the time of his death, according to documented evidence of the Old Folks Central Committee, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. One other man claims to be older but his birth is not documented.

Born June 6, 1865, in Farmington, a son of Ezra T. and Mary Stevenson Clark, Mr. Clark was four years old when the first transcontinental railroad was completed at Promontory.

Utah Becomes State

At 27, when the Davis County Bank was organized in 1892, he became a cashier and that same year became Farmington city treasurer, a position he held for 20 years.

At 29, he attended dedication of the Salt Lake Temple, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and two years later saw Utah become a state, and when 43, he was elected mayor of Farmington, a job he held from 1908 to 1912.

And at the "young" age of 80, in 1945, he was named president of the Davis County Bank, a job he held until his death.

List of Honors

Mr. Clark became a member of the American and Utah Bankers Assns. in 1900, was a member of the University of Utah and Brigham Young University Emeritus clubs, of which he was vice president at one time. He attended the former BYU Academy in 1883–84 and the U. of U. in 1884–85.

His honors include the “Service to Mankind” award of the Bountiful Sertoma Club; the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver, and honorary Master M-Man of the LDS Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn.

He also served as treasurer of the Davis County Board of Education for 16 years, Davis County chairman, American Red Cross, and was treasurer of the Davis County chapter, National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 10 years.

In 1900 he became superintendent of the David LDS Stake Sunday School and in 1915 was sustained bishop of the Farmington LDS Ward, a position he held 16 years. That same year, the first Boy Scout troop was organized in Farmington, and organization he remained interested in until his death.

He was a member of the finance committee of the Great Salt Lake Council, Boy Scouts of America, for 40 years.

Mr. Clark served LDS missions to the Southern States in 1887–89 and to the Central States in

1925.

Mr. Clark's daily trips to and from the bank on his bicycle — a practice he continued until nearly 100 — became a traditiono in Farmington. And after he was 100, he walked to the bank daily. He attributed his longevity to this activity, plus continence in eating and eating the right foods.

He married Alice Charlotte Steed on Dec. 16, 1885 in the Logan LDS Temple. She died in 1895. On March 31, 1897, he married Susan Duncan in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died Aug. 2, 1965.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter: Sterling Clark, Burley, Idaho; Dr. Dale D. Clark, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. E.D. (Nell) Partridge, Cedar Grove, N.J.; 36 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Laura Clark Cook, Salt Lake City.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Farmington LDS Ward Chapel. Friends may call at 295 N. Main, Bountiful, Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday at the chapel from 2 p.m. until time of services. Burial will be in Farmington City Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the Farmington Boy Scouts.