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We were never without milch cows. We would milk from six to twenty-six cows twice each day and the separated cream was sold leaving the skim milk for feed for calves and pigs. The pigs and the cream and the potatoes and the wheat provided the family income. Cattle raising was our business, but the profits from the business were not included as one of the sources of income.

I had thought to omit the circumstance of mother's life which prompted this last statement, but a number of people have suggested that to relate the state of affairs might do as much or more to exemplify the character and loyalty of Alice Randall Clark as anything I have written. Furthermore, it is noticeable that I have said very little about my father. To associate him with this particular circumstance and no other would be quite unfair. So, as a prefix to the "cattle raising" affair, I shall attempt to include some comments and deductions which I think will be meaningful and fair.

In the first place, this compilation was to be and is about mother and includes observations which I feel reflect her personality, her nature, her ambitions, her achievements and her loyalty to her deep convictions including her loyalty to the Church, the Church leaders, and to her husband.

In the second place, as a youth I was not well enough acquainted with father to write about him now. I hardly knew him as most people know their father--and this in spite of the fact that I lived with him for something over a year when I was about fifteen years old--until we became acquainted as adults. At this late date I would, on occasions, get him in the car with me and take him over the trails he had traveled, where he had driven cattle from Idaho to Utah, or into Wyoming where his father had acquired land.

On these occasions, he would fill me in on many events and actions taken by the Church leaders, particularly pertaining to their decisions regarding men who had not been fully in accord with, or had been mis-led regarding the Church's changing stand on polygamy.

Before I proceed further about father and the matter which will touch on this extremely provocative area in mother's life, let me call attention to the attitude which guided one's life and set the pattern for his thinking at the time when father was an adult:

In the early years of the Church loyal members were expected to, and did, follow the counsel of the Church leaders without question or criticism. These loyal men built their lives around their leaders; other interests, including the family, were extremely secondary. One's family meant something different in those days.