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These letters elaborate on how Eliza Avery Clark, daughter of Hyrum Don Carlos Clark, married into the Wilford Woodruff family. Note Wilford was a dear friend to Ezra T. Clark. Avery married Abraham Woodruff, Wilford's son and apostle, as Abraham's second wife. Avery only had one child through Abraham, after Abraham's death from smallpox. Abraham's first wife Helen also died from small pox, both in 1904.

42 Post-Manifesto Polygamy

So it was against this backdrop that, on July 17, 1997, in the Salt Lake City Cemetery, the Woodruff family gathered for an affirmative, unifying reburial ritual. Descendants from Owen and Helen and from Owen and Avery attended the ceremony. Both lines of descendants honored their ancestors and conveyed a love for them. It was Helen’s grandson, Bruce, and Avery’s grandson, Richard, who directed the reburial project, reuniting ancestors and descendants in a common purpose. Perhaps it was in this quiet, shaded Utah cemetery that Helen, Owen, and Avery’s vision of what faithful LDS families could become, if they remained united, finally became a reality.