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The Stage is set.

I was in Salt Lake the week end of April Conference. I called Grantsville and learned that Claude Clark, the 1951 chairman, was in town on business so I located him and we had quite a long visit about things. We both felt that there was no more time to lose on the matter of getting the Reunion started. Claude said that he would go back to Grantsville and arrange a meeting to be held during the noon hour Sunday and I agreed to go out and report on it for the Clark News. For that report I take you now to Goldie Lawrence, our family secretary:

A meeting was held Sunday October 8, 1951 at the home of Bro. Roy Brown to discuss plans for the Clark Reunion. The following were present: Bro. Bernard Price of Idaho Falls having come to Salt Lake to attend Conference, General Chairman Claude Clark, Secretary Goldie Lawrence, Lady Chairman Mary Matthews, Refreshment Chairman Lola Williams, Reception Chairman Roy Brown.

Bro. Brown opened the meeting with prayer. Bro. Price stated that \$7.00 was left over from the Reunion in 1949 and in 1950 there was \$37.00 left over making a total of \$44.00. It was decided to leave it in the Clark Genealogical fund rather than to transfer it to a special Reunion fund. It was also stated that in 1949 there were six Clark missionaries in the field to each one of which was sent \$10.00 from the Genealogical fund, although about half of the amount was contributed in a special Christmas Missionary fund. In 1950 there were 4 Clark missionaries and each was sent \$5.00 from the Genealogical fund although about \$7.00 was received from the special Christmas donation. It was discussed whether this practice should be continued and was agreed that it should.

It was felt that not enough record was made during the last reunion of those who attended and it was proposed and accepted that a register be provided so that all who attend can be recorded.

It was decided that the 1951 Reunion would be held Friday Evening, October, assuming that Conference will begin on that date. A permanent executive committee composed of one member from each branch of the Clark family was proposed and accepted. It was agreed that the committee would be appointed by the family at the Reunion.

It was agreed that the Reunion will be held in the Grantsville Second Ward Recreation Hall. The Hall will be opened at 5. p. m.

and a reception committee will be there to welcome family members as they arrive and to help them to register. At 7 p.m. the program will begin. The fore part of the program will be devoted to the business of the family organization and the election of officers. Following that will be the regular Re-union program. After the program supper will be served and after supper dancing and visiting for all.

I JUST NOTICED THAT I MISSED THE DATE ON THE FRONT PAGE.

The Reunion will be held Friday Evening October 5, 1951 if the regular Semi-annual Conference of the Church begins on that date. If the Conference begins on another date the Reunion will be held on the evening of the first day of the Conference and will commence at the time and place above listed.

A LETTER FROM ONE OF THE LOST SHEEP.

My Dear Prices:

About three weeks ago I sent you a letter to Grantsville which turned out to be a poor guess because it was returned yesterday. I looked over the copy of the Clark News again and noticed that you had driven to the Reunion from Idaho Falls. I will therefore try that city. It might be well to include a mailing address in the Clark News if you have space.

(Here's the space and here's the address:)

BERNARD PRICE
1195 Bannock Avenue
Idaho Falls, Idaho

I'm certainly happy that someone is interested in the family of T.H. Clark. I have been for years. I would be very happy to contribute what I know about the family and would at the same time like to have what others have contributed. How do you fit into the Clark family I'd certainly like to know all about it.

Yours,
L.R. Wrathall, Summit, New Jersey

NOTE: My mother was Gladys Clark. Her Father was Thomas Henry Clark. His father was John William Clark. His father was Thomas Henry Clark, the original member of the family to join the LDS Church and come to America.

Dear Bro. and Sis. Price: (The letter that went to Grantsville)

Last week I received some copies of the "Clark News" sent on to me from my brother Taft Wrathall who in turn got them from Cora Brown Burmester. First of all I want to chide the Clark family group for leaving out the large portion of the family of the youngest of Thomas Clark's children. You know we are almost Clarks ourselves. (Editor's note: We consider ourselves properly chidden, now let us chide you for not reporting for duty earlier.)

I talked to Gay last night (My brother John R) and he expressed great interest in your group. You should also contact Grant, I'm sure he would be as interested as the rest. For years I have been a great admirer of Thomas H. Clark, in fact I have collected a few of his

things and have some of his records. I have the original Patriarchal blessing given to him and to his wife, Charlotte Gailley, by Isaac Morley in 1857. I have an old account book in which besides keeping the ward records he has kept his family records of births, deaths, blessings, etc. So many of the things mentioned in the Clark News are recorded here. There is an agreement between him and his second wife, Elizabeth Cowley that if one died before their temple work was done the other would do it. (I wonder if it was done? If not it should be) I don't think there were any children of the union. In fact it was a late marriage. She came from the Isle of Mann according to my mother. This agreement was made in 1871.

He gives the tunes for the parties at Grantsville: 1, Nickerson Reel. 2, E.J. Benson's tune. 3, The Pretty little girl's Rose horn. 4, The Yalerstone. 5, Clark's reel. 6, Island fling. 7, The Blue Bells of Boston. 8, The girl I left behind me. 9, Virginia Hornpipe. 10, The Lady's Perlight. How many do they still play there?

There is a list of the men that went in the "Arme on the Mountains" October 10, 1857 and a good many good old Grantsville Names there are. There are a few personal things. On the back cover this is found: "Oct 14, 1857, Bishop Thomas H. Clark's family had green peas for supper" I can just imagine that evening-I would like to live it with them. Peas in October must have been rare. It is interesting to note he died just 16 years from that day.

I could go on for an hour or so but I must call it off for this time. Please let us know what we can do to become members of your family group.

Your Brother (Clark)
L.R. Wrathall
7 Hillview Terr.
Summitt, N.J.

EDITOR'S NOTES: All you have to do to become a member of our family group is to prove that you are a member. You have done that so you're in. As to the records and information that you have there which belonged to Thomas Henry Clark. Certainly we would like to have true copies of them for our own files and for publication in the Clark News. Can you arrange that for us? Any autobiography or biography of any member of the family, including your own, we would also like to have as we try to publish all such things in the News. We are genuinely glad to hear from this branch of the family as we have had contact from only a few. There are other branches of the family that are still pretty well lost as far as our records are concerned. XX We are trying to compile records here that will show us all of the descendents of Thomas Henry Clark and Charlotte Gailley.

THAT'S MY MIND AND MOTTO By Thomas H. Clark Sr.

Work and earn what you eat, do not lie, steal or cheat.
Keep your heart free from sin, every day look within.

Are you rich? Do not hoard. Have you health? Praise the Lord.
Are you poor? Work and trust. Are you proud? You are but dust.

Are you wrong, live and learn? Are you right? Do not turn.
Every day of the seven let your prayers arise to heaven.

Submitted by L.R. Wrathall

THE MAIL BAG FROM CANADA AND ELSEWHERE. (excerpts only due to space)

Dear Bro. Price:

There has been so much happen since last writing you, I think you should be kept up with the happenings. Our son Gordan Vance Olsen who returned from his mission to New Zealand two years ago married a lovely LDS girl from Alberta Canada. Our daughter Norma Olsen was married to John Clifford French from Alberta Canada. He is a returned missionary to New Zealand. They have a daughter now. A son was born to Edward Weston and wife Margaret Emma Olsen and a daughter was born to Rowan C. Stutz and wife Gladys E. Olsen. This makes twelve grandchildren for us, almost a record for such a short time. One set of twin girls by Rowan and Gladys Stutz.

Our Son Bennie Lamar returned from his mission to Southern States. He had many wonderful missionary experiences. He plans returning to the ByU at Provo. He also plans on getting married to a Miss Lydia Bentwet of Provo at the Salt Lake Temple.

I am still in the Bishopric but of all the work I do I believe I enjoy best being a Temple worker in the Alberta Temple. My wife and I are surely proud of our children and the willingness to work in the Church. Gordon is still kept as a missionary among our Indians near Cardston. Wayne has a very good chance of representing our Province at a big Scout Jamboree in Austria.

Bro. Price, you mentioned in one of the Clark News that you have a photo of Thomas Henry Clark and wife Charlotte Gailey sent in by Brother Parkinson. We would love to get a print of this picture to put in our family book. We have never been sure if Thomas Henry Clark's wife was a Gailey or a Quirk.

B.F.Olsen, Cardston, Alberta Canada

Editor's Note: Bro. Olsen, you are certainly justified in your pride in your fine family. Many envy you your success. Now, as to the picture. I do have a print but perhaps Bro. Parkinson has a negative. If he does, or if the shop where he had his made has the negative they made, I am sure that a great many Clark's would like prints from it. Will you see what copies can be made for, Bro. Parkinson and let me know so that I can publish the information? As to Thomas Henry Clark's wife, or wives. There is no doubt that Charlotte Gailey was his first wife, and the mother of his children. His son, Thomas Henry Clark, Jr. married Margaret Quirk, and this couple are your own grandparents. He was born in Bishops Cleeve, Herefordshire, 10 May 1836. Thomas Henry Clark Sr. was born in 1805.

AN APOLOGY TO GOLDIE LAWRENCE:

I had some other letters here I was going to print but I want to apologize to our family secretary. She sent me the minutes of our meeting and I started to copy them and then took them down to the shop to finish the Clark News and left them there without doing anything. I have copied tonight my memory and not your notes. Anyway, all of you Clarks NOTE THIS: It was decided at the meeting to ask \$2.50 from each family toward the Reunion expenses. Any left over goes into the genealogical fund. So send it in and get your reservations now. Send it to Goldie Lawrence, Grantville, Utah. And if you want the Clark News send your name and address to me, Bernard Price at the address on page 2.