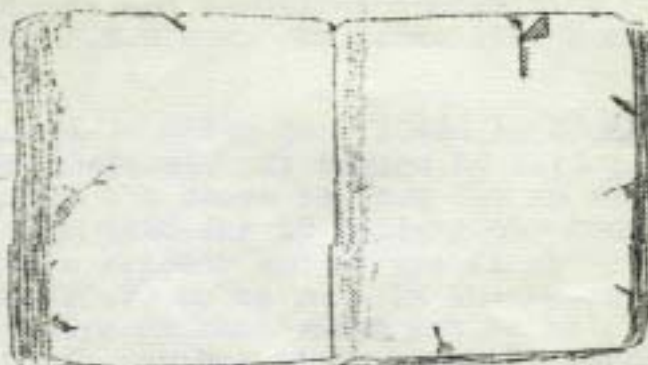


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FROM THE PAGES OF THE PAST.

I think the most interesting bit of information that has come to me since I started to look into the past of the Clark family came to me this past summer. It is an old account book of Thomas Henry Clark's. It was sent to me by Bro. L.R. Wrathall of Summitt, New Jersey.

This old account book contains a little bit of everything. He was the Bishop of Grantsville, and the book contains such church items as Offerings for the Temple for April 1857. The Salt Lake Temple was under construction at that time. The offerings there consist almost entirely of butter and eggs. Butter offerings varied from one to three pounds. Egg offerings from half a dozen to a dozen.

On another page appears the heading, "Cattle turned in for the Soldiers' This was also for 1857 but evidently no one cared to contribute to the soldiers except himself as on Oct 12 is the entry, "Thomas H. Clark, Bishop, one ox, 47½ dollars. and then on November 14 appears Thomas H. Clark, Bp, 3 oxen, 180 dollars."

Another page is headed, Things lent to the brethren in 1858 and an interesting item is "To Bishop W. Young, one pair of leade bars, paid back. Another page is headed, Lumber bought f om T.P. Watson and follows a long list of lumber of which 84½ feet at 6 dollars per 100 feet is typical. Another list says Names of the brethren that take the Deseret News.

The U.S. Government wasn't entirely friendly during those years as it was the time of the invasion of Johnston's Army and on a page headed "December 16, 1858 to Captain Smith, government Officer War Department, To hay to load \$54.25 and one load of straw \$37.35 and another item is 2½ tons of hay for \$50.00." Then follows under date of February 8 "settled and paid for the above."

Under date of Dec 2, 1861 is the note that he had "paid to Reding Allred \$8.45 on my county tax in full for the year 1861" and on Feb 21 "paid to him 9 dollars and 45 cents in a territorial order. paid all up in full and gott the recett for the same."

On one page headed "James Cranshaw's account" appears the following: "March 11, 1861 Brother James Cranshaw entered on his year's work. The agreement was to work faithfull for one year for one hurdred and fifty dollars in cloths and stock or sumthing that would by stock at cash price with board and washing and mending and also if he bought anything not made up it should be made if he wished by my family gratis." Then appear items like "paid to him one pair of shoes 4.00" "paid to him in tobacco .20, paid to him one pair of socks .75, paid one hat and tobacco 5.00, paid on his tithing 15.00, to mending one pair bootta 1.50."

Another interesting item is dated 1867 and is headed "James Ratleffs account for Lumber". It is written in the black ink and the rather uncertain hand of Great grandfather Clark as are all the rest of the entries in the book. Across the face of this account, in purple ink and in a steady and beautiful handwriting are these words "Settled Jan 24/14. J.W.Clark. It looks like someone paid his bill after 47 years.

Another interesting view of the times in which they lived is brought out by the account of one Peter Freadeitson. It begins by saying "this is to certify that I have hired the above to work for me six months beginning in the 25th of March 1865 for 18 dollars per month." Then follows the various items of his account and at the final figuring it says, "Balance due him \$20.50 to be paid in wheate at 5 dollars per bushell." It is not strange that wheat got to be 5 dollars per bushell during the Civil war but it is odd that wages staid at \$18.00 per month. However, a few pages later under date of 1866 it says "Andrew Elison agrees to work for me for 35 dollars per month, his pay to be in stock, grain, store pay and money if I can gett him sum.

I just ran across another page with the purple ink writing across the account and it says "Settled Jan 24/73. J.W.Clark" so I guess the one mentioned above should be Jan 24/74 instead of Jan 24/14 but it sure looks like 14. Anyway, it took him 7 years to pay up.

Here is an interesting item: Grantsville Nov 29th 1871, Utah Territory. This is to certify that as we the undersigned, Thomas H. Clark Sen and Elizabeth Cowley, both of Grantsville do agree and promise to be sealed to each other for time and eternity and further, if anything should happen so that one of us should die, the other will see that the above promise is fulfilled. Signed Thomas Clark Sen. and Elizabeth Cowley." His first wife, Charlotte, had died 2 years previously. The tombstone in Grantsville where they are buried shows Charlotte buried on one side of him and Elizabeth Cowley on the other.

Here is something for you ladies from your great, great grandfather. How to make bread without salatans. (I guess that is what it says) Take greecewood ashes and boile them like making ly then strain it all through a cloth then lett itt cool down then putt it into a bottle and cork it up and keep it cork up so as to keep the strength.

Here is another "Very good for vomiting! Take a little the best store soda and mika a very little epsom salts with it and give one teasonfull once a day. Will sweeten the stomach and cure the person."

Here is another, "Very good for plaisters to draw out inflamation. A little slake lime mixed with olif oil. aply to the place where the pain is. Also a rag dipd in boiling watter and turpentine on the wett rag and place it on the place. Very good to drough out inflamation."

Here is a page headed Grantsville Dec 2, 1864 as the pages are not entered chronologically. It says "The n mber of my cattle turned into brother Rydalch, Cooley and McIntoshes herd. 1 large 5 year old branded T C on the right hip and T H C on left hip. Swallow fork in the right ear, star in the face. 1 four year old red cow branded T H C on the left hip, swallow fork in the right ear. One red chalf, no wite about her, ho marks nor brand on her.

I turned old Tom into the herd. He is a large white ox with some black spots about him and especially about his head and neck. Branded PD on the shoulder and brand one the horn. Croop and slitt in the right ear and under bit in the left.

Under a later date appears the notice that he had also turned Young Tom into the herd. "He is a good ox. Red and star in the face white in the flank." also "One ox name Dick. He is brockelface branded THC on the nigh hip.

There follows a long list of other cattle that went into this herd but there is no need of listing them here. It is interesting to know that the old THC branding iron is out in Oakley, still being used from time to time. I have personally seen many a critter wearing that old brand.

Here's something for you. A list of "The richest men in Grantsville". One W. Rydalah leads the list and his "taxes is 63.33." T.H. Clark is tenth on the list and his taxes were 15.95. W. Martindale is at the bottom of the list of 20 men and he paid 9.05 in taxes. At one side is the notation "Total 44,900.80 dollars" Along this same vein is another list headed "The names of the brethren that promised to pay for a lot for Arcitt L. Hale" and there follows pretty much the same list of names as given in the 20 richest men. Strangely enough only two names paid what they promised, T.H. Clark and his son, John William Clark.

On another page are "The names of the brethren that went in the Arme on the mountains, Oct 10, 1837." The list includes 4 captains of 10, one captain of 50, 4 sergants, 1 major and 23 privates. John W. Clark appears as one of the privates. There are also a lot of other names that since have become Clark names, Parkinson, Hale, Bates, Wrathall, Barrus, Whittle, etc.

Here is an item: Dece. 10, 1859. Bishop Young writes this to inform you that I do not want aney thing more to say to Henry Warble for I do not want him. Mary Ann Clark.

There is quite a lot of space devoted to brethren that owed THC for the Deseret News. Here is an item dated January 25, 1860. George Reddin Due me for the News, Vol 5 and 6, killed by Indians. Due 12.00
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That is about all of general interest in the book except for some very wonderful information about the family, the births, deaths and marriages, blessings, burials, etc. On one page he gives the names and ages of the sons and daughters of Thomas Clark Sr. and Charlotte Clark his wife. At the bottom of the page is this sad note. Ann Clark, Daughter of the above, died Oct 18, 1841 at Nauvoo, Illinois North America. Sarah Clark died Oct 21, 1841 at Nauvoo, Illinois, North America. These two girls lie in the graveyard just below the temple in the city.

The dates of birth and the parents of a great many children he blessed are given. The marriages of his children and the blessing of most of his grandchildren is there too, as most of them seem to have come to him for such blessings. Also there are patriarchal blessings for many of the family. It is a wonderful book and points up the fact that each of you ought to keep your life's story for your descendents to ponder over in the distant future.

Births:

January, a son to William Bryant Harrison and Jolene Reiman.
 Jan 26, Son to David Norton Lawrence and Lois Virginia Pike.
 Feb 12, Dau. to William Boyd Johnson and Daryle Bouck
 Apr, Son to Dr. Wallace Reid Johnson and Mary Cecil Barrus.
 Apr 11, Dau to Victor Glenn Johnson and Berdine Bryan
 Apr 14, Son to Edward Louis Brown and Lena Emily Anderson
 Apr 17, Son to Grant Reed and Mamie Ruth Brown
 3 May, Dau to Reed Russell and Joyce Fidler
 7 May, Son to Paul Selleneit and Louie Anderson
 14 May, Twin girls to Glade B. Horner and Yvonne Hicken.
 21 May dau to Don Henning Johnson and Jeanne Jefferies.
 31, May Son to James Kay Jefferies and Willadean Russell.
 13 June, Son to Joseph Allen Nelson and Marjorie Allen
 18 June dau to Leo Jefferies Williams and Ruth LaMae Barrus.
 Aug, Son to Maxwell Anderson Johnson and Erma Margrethe Andersen.
 Aug 18, Dau to Bernard Price and Lois Hunter
 13 Sept, Son to Kenneth Frank Durfee and Norell Richins.
 17 Sept, Son to George Edward Nelson and Elaine Duffin
 Son to William Daly Hurst and Dolly Johanson
 6 Oct dau to Saul Anderson Clark and Agnes Ellen Barrus.

Babies were also born to Robert McCausland and Anne West, to Charles Eldon Gentry and Yvonne Bryan, Donald Clark and Janet Hales, to Thomas Clark and Norene Mackay, to Jerrald Palmer and Merle Fisher, to Kenneth Lynn Jefferies and his wife whose name we do not have, also a son to Eugene Wilkie and Jean Jefferies. No dates known.

Marriages:

20 Mar. Glade B. Hall and Suzanne Hunter Johnson.
 18 Jun. John Denoel Johnson and G. Virginia Barrus.
 10 Sep. DeWayne Wilcox Perkins and Beverly Johnson.
 16 Sep. Donald Sterling Halladay and Mary Ann Wright.
 3 Sep. Glen Pierce Willardson and Helen Elizabeth Matthews.
 No date. Kenneth Frank Durfee and Norell Richins.

Deaths:

15 May. Sonja Horner, twin daughter of Glade B. Horner & Yvonne Hicken.
 November. Eugene Grover.

For the above information we are indebted to Colleen Kling. If you had a baby or got married or lost a member of your family and it is not listed here, Don't blame Colleen. I don't know where she gets all the information she does get. But if you'll send it to me, or to her, I'll see that it gets in future issues. That goes for 1955 too. Oh yes, Rex Price and Kathryn Kelly are not on the above list, for two reasons. One, I forgot them, and two, they haven't had their baby yet, but they will have before you get this.

Miscellaneous information:

We now have the records of 1,259 descendants of Thomas Henry Clark and Charlotte Gailley yet the lines are far from complete. We have so many sheets missing that it would take several pages just to list them. Colleen estimates that there are approximately 1,000 whose sheets we do not have. If you have not sent us your family group sheet, please do so. Just send it to Bernard Price, 1195 Bannock Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

In this issue of the Clark News going to about 300 families we ought to find a lot of hidden treasures. Send us anything you know about the family, living or dead.