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HAPPY
NEW YEAR

I wish I could say it personally to each of you. Since I cannot let me express my true feelings here. I have gotten a great deal of satisfaction out of what little has been accomplished in this work and through the pages of this little paper. May this new year which is just beginning bring to each of you a measure of happiness you have never known before. May it bring to the family as a whole the knowledge of their ancestors which only now is beginning to come to us. May the way be opened for us to find the names and the identities of all those good men and women who look to us as their only means of salvation. May we, as their heirs, be proud of them and willing to do for them what they can not do for themselves so that when we meet them face to face there may be no blame, no feelings of remorse, no unhappiness. All these things I believe 1954 will bring to us if we work, pray, and take advantage of every opportunity which presents itself to us.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OCTOBER REUNION?

Some of you are undoubtedly wondering what ever became of the Reunion that was discussed for October. I can answer that briefly. Not enough people were interested in it to hold it and it was dropped. Brother Kay Kirkham of the Genealogical Committee of the Church consented to come and speak to us but I wrote to him and stated that it would not be held until later and he said he would try and help us then if we still wanted him. Did I say I wrote to him? It was so confusing that I didn't know what to do until the last minute so I had to call him on the phone. He said to drop it until the family felt the need of it a little more and so I said, she's dropped. He thought we might try again in April but I don't know just how we would go about working it up that soon so I think we better let it go until next October and try again. Anybody want to argue?

WE NOW HAVE OUR FIRST NAME.

To some people the acquisition of the name of one ancestor at the cost of over \$150.00 may seem a little queer. To us I think it is not only money well spent but the beginning of a flood of names which surely must come from it. Our money up to now has been spent in going over unfruitful ground, much of it has been ground that we

had already been over and had the information recorded but either the Genealogical Society has to start from scratch so as to have a solid foundation on which to build or else we did not properly advise them of what knowledge we had. They never did ask us what we already knew and I guess I never did tell them. In any event, they have done research for us in a number of little towns in England in and around the old family home, none of which turned up any information of value until recently. I will quote here from a letter received the other day from the Society: The letter is addressed to Henry E Christiansen, supt of research at the Society in Salt Lake.

Dear Brother Christiansen:

We report to you our efforts on behalf of the above patron's genealogy. We tried to follow as near as possible suggestions made in your letter of 17 Mar. 1952, and first wrote to Bishop's Frome Parish for a check of christenings 1804-1812 for the entry of Thomas Henry Clarke, in case the entry was overlooked previously. Again the results were negative, therefore it seems pretty evident that the ceremony took place elsewhere.

Next we wrote to Acton Beauchamp requesting the same search, but again were disappointed, as no mention of Thomas Henry was made. The Vicar sent the following entries--27 Aug. 1798 Wm Clarke buried. 16 Mar. 1799 Joshua Clarke buried. 22 July 1802 Mary Clarke bapt. 27 Apr. 1803 Martha Clarke buried. 13 May 1803 Wm. Clarke buried, aged 88 years.

Now we wrote to Bishops Frome Parish requesting a search of marriages from 1805 back to 1790 (if necessary) for the entry of Thomas Clarke to Sarah Plain, or other entries of those surnames. We explained that we knew they had a son born in 1805, and we had also received previously from his parish two children of a Thomas and Sarah Clark born 1799-1803 respectively, but we did not know whether they were of our family, therefore required a longer period searching.

This time we received what we required---23 April 1798 Thomas Clarke and Sarah Plain, both of this parish, married in the Church of Bishops Frome. This marriage was solemnized between us, Thomas Clarke (X) Sarah Plain in the presence of Jn Ockey and John Plain (X).

Next we wrote again to Bishops Frome, this time requesting a search of christenings 1781 back to 1766 for the entries of Thomas Clark and Sarah Plain, explaining that according to their marriage entry they were "both of this parish". No entry was found for Thomas Clarke, but we received that of Sarah as given below--24 Jan. 1779 Sarah dau. of Joseph and Susanna Plain bapt. This establishes the Plain line in Bishops Frome Parish, and personal parish research is required next.

At this point we decided to contact the parishes surrounding Bishops Frome for a search of christenings 1770-1780 for Thomas Clarke, and may 1805 May 1806 for Thomas Henry Clarke. Searches were made with results as given below: Evesbatch, no entry. Stoke Lacy, no entry. Stanford Bishop, No entry as required but the following Clarke entries: 31 Aug 1777 Joseph son of John and Sarah Clark, 9 July 1781, Sarah dau. of John and Sarah Clark, 13 Jan 1805 Edward son of Wm. and Jane Clarke. Much Cawarne, No entries, Castle Frome, Not found. One entry of this surname, 21 June 1778 Em. son of John and Mary Clarke. Ullingwick, No entry. Moreton Jefferies, No entry. Lt. Cawarne, No required entry but the Vicar sent the following which could be a sister of Thomas--8 Mar 1772 Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Anne Clarke. Pencombe, No entries. Avebury, No entries. Mathon, No entries. Bromyard, Four entries in period 1770-1780, but no Thomas and no entries in the other period.

28 Aug. 1771 Jane Dau. of John and Sarah Clarke
 27 Dec. 1773 John son of John and Sarah Clarke, 6 Dec. 1774 John son
 of Matthew and Mary Clarke, 12 Mar. 1780 Lucy Dau. of Richard and Elisha
 Bodenham--No entry of Thomas Henry appeared, but we found what could
 be Thomas No. 8, and an older brother of the same name who must have
 died, and a sister. 15 Sep. 1770 Thomas son of Thomas Probert Clark
 and Rebecca, his wife. 30 Dec. 1770 John son of John and Mary Clark.
 (no date) 1772 Ann dau. of John and Mary Clark. 15 Aug 1773 John son
 of Edward and Elizabeth Clark. 29 Sept 1773 Ann dau. of John and
 Mary Clark. 30 Nov 1773 Rebecca dau. of Thomas Probert Clark and
 Rebecca his wife. 19 March 1775 Ann dau. of Edward and Elizabeth
 Clark. 15 Jan 1777 Sarah dau. of Edward and Elizabeth Clark. 15 Jan
 1777 Sarah dau. of XX John and Mary Clark. 5 Feb 1777 Thomas son of
 Thomas Probert Clark and Rebecca his wife. 8 Feb. 1777 James son
 of Henry and Susan Clark. 23 Sept 1779 James son of Edward and
 Elizabeth Clark. 30 Nov. 1779 Thomas son of Henry and Susanna Clark.

At the same time we had been contacting parishes around Acton
 Beauchamp in the count of Worcestershire, for the Christening entry of
 Thomas Clark, 1770-1780, and May 1805--May 1806 for Thomas Henry
 Clarke, which results are below: Suckley--no entry--Alfrick--only
 one Clark entry, not pertinent--14 July 1771 Anne dau. of John and
 Mary Clark. Acton Beauchamp (1770-1780) No entry as required. Some
 Clark entries were received, but nothing pertinent as far as we can
 see at the moment. You will see that the Rector forgot to give the
 name of the child of the first entry, but we did not see any necessity
 for writing back for it. 22 July 1696 Ye son of Thomas Clark by Ann
 his wife. 20 Sep. 1778 Mary dau of Edward and Esther Clarke. 7 July
 1779 John Clark buried. 8 June 1784 Jane Clark, widow, buried. 13
 July 1789 John Clark buried. 29 Aug 1798 William Clarke buried.
 Lulsley, no entry. Leigh w. Bransford, no entry. Powick w. Gallow,
 No entry. Norton, we have waited since last Feb for this reply, so
 have decided to report without it. Kempsey, no entries. Newlands,
 no entries.

If the reply comes from Norton Parish, and there is anything
 of interest, we will let you know. If nothing of interest is found,
 we will report it next time.

Very sincerely,

James R. Cunningham, Chairman.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

You can see from this letter that our researcher has at last gotten
 into territory where our family lived and where there records are. It
 only remains to have those records searched out for us, the names and
 families linked together properly so that the work can be done for
 them here in our temples. As far as you and I are concerned this
 means money. I have no idea how much money it will take to get all
 the information which can be gotten. I do know that it will take
 quite a lot and that the more we have in our account in Salt Lake
 the more apt we are to get what we want. We have still the \$200.00
 in the bank here which I am withdrawing and forwarding to the Society
 for further research. It will keep them going for some time, but
 when that is gone we have no more until the family contributes again.
 I believe that we should begin at once to build up our account so
 that when further money is needed we will have it for them. If we
 only replace this \$200.00 that I am now sending out, it will be a
 good thing to do. If we can get even more I think we should.

A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT MONEY.

It has been an unseemly long time since Publishing a list of the people who have contributed to the fund and the amounts. I will bring it up to date here.

Receipt Number	Name of Donor	Address of Donor	Amount Given
54	1950 Jessie Rousell	Salt Lake City, Utah	5.00
55	1950 Maria Robinson	Salt Lake City, Utah	5.00
56	Vinnie C. Anderson	Grantsville, Utah	5.00
57	Lillian Millward	Grantsville	7.00
58	1950 Chas P. Maughan	Layton, Utah	1.00
59	1950 Vinnie C. Anderson	Grantsville	1.00
60	1950 B.F.Olsen	Cardston, Canada	20.00
61	1950 Gladys Roberts	Grantsville,	1.00
62	1950 1950 Reunion Committee	Grantsville,	35.00
63	1950 Teresa Clark	Declo, Idah	1.00
64	1950 Bernard Price	Idaho Falls	1.00
65	1952 Grant Wrathall	Aptos, California	5.00
66	1952 John R. Wrathall	East Aurora, N.Y.	5.00
67	1952 Mamie C. Mathews	Grantsville, Utah	10.00
68	1952 Chas S. Clark	Oakley, Idaho	5.00
69	1952 1952 Reunion Committee	Grantsville,	37.00
70	1952 Helen Clark McMurray	Burley, Idh o	5.00
71	1952 L.R.Wrathall	Sunmitt, New Jersey	10.00
72	1952 Bernard Price	Idaho Falls, Idaho	3.00
73	1952 Cora Gerrard	Oakley, Idaho	2.50
74	1952 Mable Fuller	Stockton, California	2.50
75	1952 Myrtis A. Hutchinson	Grantsville, Utah	3.00
76	1953 Murray A. Eliason	Alameda, California	10.00
77	1953 Unknown		1.00
78	1953 Lillian Millward	Grantsville	2.00
79	1953 Walter Olsen	Alberta, Candada	10.00
80	1953 Teresa Clark	Decloz Idaho	3.00
81	1953 Claude P. Wrathall	Provo, Utah	1.00
82	1953 Frank Olsen	Alberta, Candada	5.00
83	1953 Bernard Price	Idh o Falls, Idaho	5.00
84	1953 Cora Burmester	San Mateo, Calif	5.00

In addition to the above I have received some money that I dont know who, what, when nor where. I know I'm wrong, but somehow this money was taken out of the envelope and put in the drawer and no receipt was made. I do not know whether it was one contribut or two. Will you please check the above list and if you sent some money that isn't listed there will you tell me how much and who so I can get the receipts and get this money in the bank with the rest.

SOME PICTURES ARE AVAILABLE:

Twice this past summer I received pictures from J. Allen Parkinson in Grantsville, one of John William Clark and one of Thomas Henry Clark and his Wife Charlotte Gayley and their family. These are very valuable pictures and he can get us copies of them in the 8x10 size for about 60¢ each. Will you please let me know if any of you want them and will you, Brother Parkinson, let me know what your photographe can mail them for including postage and the photo mailing envelope? Or shall we send our ovrders direct to you? Colleen Tate also sent me some photographs that some of you might be interested in. One of

them is of the old home of John W. Clark which has now been donated to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers as a place for storing relics. This was done by its last owner, Wm. Clark Jeffries.

Excuse me, Colleen. I said Tate. I meant Kling, Colleen Tate Kling, to be exact. Anyway, in this letter was also a history of Grantsville which I am sure you will be interested in. Colleen found it in the papers of her grandmother, Mary Alice Johnson and copied it for us.

THE HISTORY OF GRANTSVILLE:

In the year 1850, Harrison Severe, with his wife and a family of 3 children together with James McBride with his wife and one child set out from Salt Lake City to find a place to live.

This place seemed to suit them best, because there was plenty of food for their cattle. Two streams of water flowed from the mountains and about ten miles northward could be seen the waters of the Great Salt Lake, the Dead Sea of America.

Here the two men built a house of willows and gave the place the name of Willow Creek. They only lived here a short time when the Indians became so hostile that they thought it unwise to remain until other settlers arrived so they moved to the eastern side of the valley to a little settlement called Pine Canyon.

In the spring of 1851 Mr. Severe and Mr. McBride upon learning that other settlers had arrived here, returned to their old home, where they found five other men with their families. These men were James Baker, Thomas Watson, James Davenport, Samuel Steel and Wilford Rydson.

During this year they built a fort of posts to protect them from the Indians. Then they built a larger fort out of mud and willows and rocks, being ten feet high and three feet thick with port holes and four gates. One facing east, one west, one north and one south.

On Feb 6, 1852 the first white child was born in Grantsville, this being Hyrum H. Severe, now a resident of Burley, Idaho. (Editor's note: Hyrum H. Severe, my wife's grandfather, died in Oakley, about 25 years ago now).

Thomas Watson was the first man to plow in Grantsville, it being in 1851. The same year the first tree was planted by John W. Clark. (Editor's note: This must not be our John W. Clark as our family did not come to Grantsville until a year later) The settlers found the climate to be quite mild, the breezes from the Great Salt Lake causing the snow to melt quickly. There being but little rainfall, irrigation was necessary. Ditches were made, taking the water from the two creeks and scattering it among the farms.

A Church was built which was also used as a dance hall. James McBride and John Biddle came, being the musicians. Later an organ was installed (First Ward Chapel). A school was soon opened but they did not teach all the subjects that are taught today. Arithmetic, writing, reading, spelling, and geography were the only subjects taught then. The first books that the people of Grantsville had were Church books. On Tuesday, Sept 4, 1853 the Grantsville Ward sent in its first report to the Church Presidency. The report showed that there were 215 persons living in the Grantsville Ward. In 1855, the Rocky Mountain locusts destroyed their crops. The only thing they raised was a few potatoes. These they served in every style possible, so no one would perish from hunger.

In 1856 there was another scarcity of provisions. Many of the people were compelled to go to the hills and live on sago roots. The winter in 1856-57 was very severe. Snow fell to a depth of three to six feet. This season the people were blessed with a bounteous harvest, but other things came to disturb their peace.