

# CLARK NEWS

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This issue of the Clark News is being mailed to five hundred Clark families! Due to the diligence and perseverance of the family officers, and especially of Colleen Kling, the names and addresses of a great many Clark families that were never before known to us have been found.

At the regular semi-annual meeting of the family officers held in Salt Lake City April 5, 1956 this list of names was presented and it was decided that a special issue of the Clark News should be printed and sent to all known members of the family.

It was felt that a great many of these families know nothing of the family organization, its history, its aims and its problems, and that a special issue of the family newspaper would acquaint them with the whole story.

## THOMAS HENRY CLARK

The organization is composed of all lineal descendants of Thomas Henry Clark and Charlotte Galley. This couple were born in England and spent their early lives there. Thomas was born at Acton, Herefordshire, May 7, 1805 and Charlotte was born there January 27, 1803. They were married in 1825 and became the parents of John William, Elinor, Eliza, Hannah Maria, Ann, Thomas Henry, Sarah, Mary Ann and Charlotte. These were all born in England except the last two who were born in Nauvoo, Illinois.

In 1840 Wilford Woodruff preached the Gospel to them and they accepted it and were baptized. Thomas was ordained an Elder and sent out to preach to his fellow Englishmen. He was a successful missionary and baptized many. In 1841 he and his family came to America, Thomas being in charge of a group of emigrating Saints. They arrived in Nauvoo in July of 1841 and endured the hardships which the Church was undergoing at that time. For a living they worked on the Mansion house and made an old blacksmith shop their home.

In 1846 they were driven out of Nauvoo by the mobs, being given only a few hours to leave, and were unable to properly prepare themselves for the long journey to the west. Shortly after leaving Nauvoo Thomas was called on a Mission to Missouri and a year later was called to return to England on a mission. His family lived as best they could, supported largely by the efforts of the oldest son, John William, who worked on a ferry across the Missouri River and also worked in a lumber camp. When the father returned from his mission to England the family followed the Church to Utah and settled in what is now Grantsville. He became Bishop of the Grantsville ward and an influential man in the community. Charlotte died in Grantsville in 1869 and Thomas in 1873.

Some of you may not recognize your connection with the Clark Family merely by knowing who Thomas Henry Clark was. To assist you in determining your relationship more accurately, here is a list of the husbands or wives of the children just mentioned.

John William married Ann Micklewright, Elinor married George Bryan, Eliza married Joseph Stacy Murdock, Hannah Maria married Charles Graham Parkinson, Thomas Henry married Margaret Salina Quirk, Mary Ann married John C. Anderson and Charlotte married John Rowberry.

From this list you should recognize your own particular family.

#### THE FAMILY ORGANIZATION.

The family organization as it exists today actually began seven years ago with the writing of a letter to the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City. I wrote the letter and my name is Bernard Price. I wanted to find out something about my mother's family. I knew her, Gladys Clark, and her parents, Thomas Henry Clark and Rachel Susan Hale, and her brothers, but beyond that I knew nothing. The Society informed me that two different people had done some work on my line and they sent me their names. I wrote to these people and one of them, Ethel Jones, of Wellsville, sent me a brief history of the life of Thomas Henry Clark, the one who was born in England.

Up to that time I had known nothing of him and was so glad to get that information that I felt others would be also, and I published it in a little newspaper which I called the Clark News and sent it out to all the Clarks I knew anything about. I think there were fifteen names on that first mailing list.

The response from this mailing was very enthusiastic, most of the people who wrote in sent me money for genealogical research and many of them sent me names of other members of the family. As new issues of the News were published new response was received and new lists of names. Pretty soon we had enough to send the Genealogical Society some money for the beginning of research in England on our line.

Others sent me histories of other members of the family. These have been published at various times in the Clark News. That same year, 1949, it was suggested through the Clark News that a family Reunion be held at Grantsville. This was done and Reunions have since been held in 1950-1951-1952-1955. The first three were in Grantsville, the fourth in Idaho Falls and the one held in 1955 was in Salt Lake.

In 1955 something that had long been needed in the family was accomplished, an organization. At a meeting of the family held in Grantsville on April 2nd, the following officers were elected.

Honorary President.....	James Edmund Clark
President.....	Saul A. Clark
Vice President.....	Kenneth C. Johnson
Vice President.....	Harold C. Mathews.
Secretary.....	Lucille B. Campbell
Treasurer.....	Bernard J. Price
Genealogist.....	Colleen T. Kling
Editor Clark News.....	Bernard J. Price.

In addition to the above officers, area representatives were appointed from all areas where large numbers of the family reside. These representatives look after the work in their particular areas. A meeting of all officers and area representatives is held every six months. A constitution is being drawn up to establish terms of office, methods of election, etc and will be approved by the family at a regular family Reunion.

## OUR RESEARCH PROGRAM.

To date we have sent to the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake the sum of \$370.00 to be used in research on our Clark lines. To date the returns on this investment have been disappointing, but it has turned up the names of three or four people whom we have been looking for and has extended our known progenitors back another generation. On the other hand we still have some of that amount unused and it is on deposit with the Society. At least we know that the researchers are in the right areas, as the names they have submitted have included a great many Clarks but all are not connected as yet and are not yet established in their proper order. We hope that soon we will find the missing key in our work and get enough connected material to enable us to do some temple work.

In 1950 we established contact in England with the postmaster in Acton, Herefordshire, the old Clark home, but were unable to get any definite information. We had several letters from Clarks there, but none of them knew anything of their ancestors and could not connect in any way with our line. Undoubtedly some of them are members of our family but our problem is one of getting them to trace their own lines back far enough to establish a relationship with us. Perhaps this can best be done by resuming correspondence with them and helping them to see what we want and why we want it, but it was dropped in 1950 for lack of any apparent place to continue.

## OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION

At the last meeting of the Clark officers it was decided to ask all members of the family to contribute to our Genealogical research fund as it is lower now than it has been for a long, long while. It was the feeling of that meeting that if all families who are interested in the progress of this work would contribute a minimum of \$1.00 per year and as much more as they felt desirable, we could carry on the work without interruption. We have recently spent some of our dwindling funds for supplies for records for the living Clarks. Our genealogist, Colleen Kling, now has records of 2,108 family members who are descended from Thomas Henry Clark and Charlotte Gailley. That involves a lot of work and no small amount of genealogical sheets, binders, etc. Just the postage to contact so many people has been unbelievable.

We suggest that all of you who are receiving this issue of the Clark News get down into the family purse and come up with whatever you feel you can give. We have about \$80.00 in the bank now, but I have a request which came in the morning mail from our genealogist for some more supplies and we really need some reinforcements in the financial department.

You may send all your contributions to me, Bernard Price, and the address is 361 G Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho. I am the treasurer of the organization and will send you a receipt for your contribution.

It may interest you to know that all expenditures are approved by the family Presidency and are then sent to me for payment. I assure you that the money is put to the best use possible so far as human ability permits. All receipts and all expenditures are published annually in the Clark News.

So, Come across.

## HOW TO GET THE CLARK NEWS.

In the beginning the Clark News was sent free to anyone whose name we could learn who belonged to the family. When the mailing list got up to three hundred names it was felt that a charge to cover the cost of paper, ink and postage ought to be made. That resulted in a great many people forgetting to send in their subscription money and circulation dropped to the point where we have had regular contact with only about 75 families.

We need contact with all the family and we can't do it except through the Clark News. We know that human forgetfulness makes a subscription price impractical which leaves only one logical solution. Any one who contributes to the genealogical fund proves thereby that he is interested in the family and henceforth I am going to mail the Clark News for the coming year to all who contribute to the fund and such essential expenses as paper, ink and postage can be taken from the fund. I hope this will solve both our problems, as we are really in need of money in our fund and our families really are in need of contact with what the family is doing.

So, come across.

## WHAT ABOUT A REUNION FOR 1956?

At the April meeting of the officers it was determined that the 1956 Reunion will be held in Heber City, Utah. A large segment of the family lives in that area and the reunion will be under the supervision of Mrs. Sylvia Jenkins, 364 East 1st North, Heber City. There is a resort at Heber City where the Reunion will be held and the date will be announced in the Next Clark News. We have not yet gotten confirmation from Sister Jenkins as to the date the resort will be available to us, or at least, the picnic area. It will be some time in July so plan your affairs to be there. Everyone brings his own lunch although we will all eat at the same time. After the lunch there will be a program and a business meeting. Then you can resort.

## ARE YOU A POET?

The family wants a Clark Song. If you can write a song or a poem that can be sung to some well known tune that would express your sentiments about the Clark family, send it to the Song Committee in care of Saul A. Clark, Grantsville, Utah. You won't get a new Cadillac for it but if yours is selected it will be adopted by the family as the Clark Song and sung whenever the family gets together and you will be credited with the authorship. It will also be printed in the Clark News.

## CAN YOU GET CLARK NAMES AT THE TEMPLE FOR ENDOWMENTS?

Frequently I am asked that question and the answer is no. Our research has not yet turned up enough names to make any available but we live in hopes that soon something will cause a break in our stone wall. It could be that great numbers of names would be found as our research gets farther back. If and when this occurs the names will be prepared and sent to such temples as the family desires. In the meantime do what ever you can to hasten that day.

## WHAT ABOUT PRESENT UNEXPIRED SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE CLARK NEWS?

They will be continued as agreed and paid for with the funds already set aside for that purpose.