

## **WILLIAM CLARK.**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

William Clark was born in Worcester, England, July 26, 1825. He came to America in 1848, and followed the avocation of plasterer in St. Joseph, Missouri, for several years. He married Emily K. Bryant just prior to leaving England, September 20, 1848. The year following, his wife died in childbirth.

During the winter of 1851, he married Mrs. Jane Stevenson Ross. The following spring they started for Utah, crossing the plains by ox team, and arriving in Salt Lake City in the fall. In the fall of 1853 he arrived in Lehi, three years after the first settlers.

Probably no one has done more in a material way towards the city's upbuilding. Hardly any industrial project was ever commenced in the city without his assistance.

He was a pioneer plasterer, doing this part of the mechanical work on most of the early homes and public place. He was one of the most successful farmers, and was one of the first Lehi citizens to engage in the sheep industry. He was an organizer and director in the People's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, the Lehi Irrigation Company, and the Lehi Commercial and Savings Bank.

He served several terms in the City Council, was road supervisor for a series of years, and served a long time as pound keeper. He was also an active worker in a church capacity, filling a mission to England in 1880 for the Mormon Church, and serving as a counselor to Bishop T. R. Cutler' until Lehi was divided into four wards. At the time of his death he was patriarch of the Alpine Stake.