

James B. Clark

1850-1950 Lehi Centennial History

James B. Clark, the third member in the family of Willard Clark and Margaret Boardman was born July 18, 1875, in Lehi, Utah.

His early childhood was very much the same as other boys in other pioneer families. As a small boy he helped with the chores on the farm and took the sheep to the pasture.

He had a good disposition and was inclined to be witty. He was a hard worker and an excellent farmer.

November 20, 1895, at the age of twenty, James B. Clark married Armitta Peterson in the Salt Lake Temple. Eleven children were born of this union: Jennive, Clara Margaret, James Leonard, Ella Armitta, Rhoda Jane, 'Ora May, Elwin Lloyd, John William, Elden Lester, Evelyn and Leath. Nine of the children are still living.

On January 15, 1902, James left his wife and three small children to fill a Mission to the Northern States. He returned December 19, 1903.

After Lehi was divided into four wards, he was named counselor to Bishop John Stoker in the Fourth Ward and served twenty years. It was during his early years in the Bishopric that the construction on the Fourth Ward chapel began. He worked long and hard, the brunt of the responsibility for the building weighing heavily upon his shoulders.

He had many positions of trust in civic as well as in religious life. He was a member of the water board for many years and also was water master.

He died a faithful Latter-day Saint, on August 11, 1939.