



**JOSEPH SMITH CLARK**

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## **Joseph S. Clark, Oldest Utah Man, Dies At 103**

Utah's oldest man, 103-year-old Joseph Smith Clark, died in a Salt Lake convalescent home Tuesday of causes incident to age.

The elderly pioneer, although hampered by poor hearing and failing eyesight, liked to keep up with the latest world events via the radio and newspaper.

He was born March 21, 1854, in Farmington, the fifth of 11 sons and daughters of Ezra T. and Mary Stevensen Clark.

As a young man he drove a team in the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad grade and tended cattle. For the most part, he educated himself.

When he was 16 years old, Mr. Clark assisted his father and several hundred other Utah pioneers in the settlement of the Bear Lake area in 1870.

On Jan. 17, 1876, at the age of 22, he married Lucy Maria Robinson in the Salt Lake Endowment House, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He later became president of the Davis County Bank which his father had founded in 1892, and served in that position for more than 50 years.

Mr. Clark was also a member of the Farmington City Council for many years and served as state inheritance tax collector for 10 years.

An active member of the LDS Church, he served as a missionary in the Southern States in 1884 and was president of the Davis Stake from 1894 to 1904.

Survivors include five sons and daughters, Mrs. William O. Robinson, Salt Lake City; Joseph S. Clark Jr., Washington, D.C.; Leroy Clark, Murray; Irvin B. Clark, Palm Springs, Calif., and Mrs. Parley Young, South Jordan; a brother, Amasa L. Clark, Farmington; 25 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren.