

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

After Uncle Wilford's twenty-first birthday (which was observed while he attended the Brigham Young Academy at Provo) my parents received two letters: The first letter, from Wilford's Mother, brought a birthday photograph of him. My Mother (Eliza Porter Clark) wrote his Mother (Mary Stevenson Clark) and commended the handsome appearance of her son. The second letter was from our Uncle Joseph, living in Georgetown, in which he said of his brother that "Wilford is trying to corral the Dunn heifer on Three-mile Creek."¹

Pamelia Dunn was born 4 April 1863 of John Barker and Julia Ann Meguire Dunn in Plain City, Utah. She lived there for one year until the family moved to Idaho, eventually settling on a farm in Three-mile Creek, midway between Georgetown and Bennington. Pamelia attended Bennington Schools. While she had no college education, she often substituted for teachers in Georgetown in her late teens and early married years.

The following is recalled about her parents:

Old John Barker Dunn was a great character; he and his wife were real pioneers. I played the trumpet in an orchestra we had, and he would "call" for the drills. His son, Jesse, also played in the orchestra.

John Dunn was a great hunter. I recall his having a bear at his place which he caught alive, but nobody knew how he caught it. One night at a dance during the intermission, I asked him to share his secret about how he caught the bear and brought it home alive.

He confided that he had set a trap for it in a bayou of the Bear River, baited the trap, and waited. He caught the bear, dug some trenches into the mud leading to the trap, and rolled his wagon backward to the bear. After coaxing it into his wagon, he took it home.