

years of age. He insisted that we measure and re-measure several times. He of course was not reckoning with the fact that persons do lose height in their later years.

Father apparently did single me out for some personal recognition when I was on my mission in Great Britain. As he learned of my mission activities including those associated with serving as a district president under the leadership of President Widtsoe, he came to see me with some real potential. He considered that one day I would be called to some high position, such as an apostle, in the Church. Such is yet another instance of the faith and expectation of a loving father for his son.

The two younger members of our family of five children were particularly fortunate in living at home with father when he and mother were settled in Farmington, the birthplace of each of them. Father, apparently seasoned and tenderized in his advanced years, was provided the opportunity to become lovingly acquainted with those at home on a one-to-one basis. My younger brother has reported to me a choice, loving and mutually respecting working and family-living relationship he had never before known.

He came to know father as a warm, fair, friendly, and exciting personality; and to recognize him as a truly outstanding and great man.

Father stood up well under extreme adversity, being reduced to poverty from a status of relative wealth - by overextension of credit, though in good faith, to members of his own family. This tenuous credit situation was exacerbated by a period of adverse economic conditions nation-wide.

Accustomed to owning and managing rich farm lands and a successful dairy in Davis County, large and well stocked cattle and hay ranches in Star

Valley, houses in Farmington, Logan and Star Valley, he found himself at an advanced age stripped of all properties except an old family home in Farmington and reduced to even working for a wage on a daily basis in his home community, when he could find such work, necessary for a living.

Father, to me, was a man of great faith with deep and fundamental religious convictions and standards, and impeccable character. And, these values were observed consistently throughout his life. I have frequently stated over the years that although I may not agree with all of Father's major decisions, I credit him with acting in good faith and in accordance with his best wisdom at the time.

Hyrum D. Clark was my father and I loved, honored and respected him. I regard him as one of the choice select few who were prechosen by Our Heavenly Father for a distinguished and special mission here on earth.

(signed)

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