

PERSONALITY COMMENTS

Temperament and Humor

Once I was cleaning out the irrigation ditches with Bishop Clark. They were full of water and debris. A ballgame was going on in town, so I told W. W. that I was sick and had to get home. An hour or so later he rode by the field where I was in the ballgame, and called, "John, I am glad to see that you got well so soon!" -John Sorenson, 1964.

In July, 1887, my folks (Hyrum and Eliza Porter Clark) wrote the Clarks in Georgetown of the arrival of their second son (myself). Uncle Wilford turned their card over, wrote exactly the same words, and sent the card back in an envelope (note: second son was William O. Clark).

-Heber D. Clark, 1960.

"Walter, I see why your kids turned out so well: they are such a contrast from you!" -Walter Sullivan, 1964.

Only once did I hear WWC speak sharply. One spring he had been away when it came time to use the water for his meadow; the meadow was not watered. He sought another chance at the water on the basis of some issue which he thought was just and fair. He was told by the water commissioner, "You should have stayed home and attended to business." Uncle replied, "I will have you understand it is my business when and where I go!" -Walter Clark, 1961.

Coming home late from Mutual one evening while Grandpa was in charge of us three he asked me, "Granddaughter, what time does MIA let out?" And then he told me how his own daughter (my mother) came in late one evening, and when he asked her 'Daughter, what does the clock say?' she answered, 'Tick, tock; tick, tock.' -Carolee Larsen Harmon, 1960.

When it came to telling colored jokes, speaking evil of others, losing his temper, or interfering in the business of others, WWC was eccentric. Deviation from many of the commoner things of the world can be a mark of good character.

-Leland G. Larsen, 1956.