

## DANIAL PORTER CLARK

By Dorothy Clark Ward

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This time he took his wife and child, Edgar Leonidas (my father). Just this side of San Bernardino another child was born to them. They named her Sarah Melissa.

In 1857 the colony was called back to Utah, father was then about ten years old. Grandfather had quite an influence for good with the Indians.

After leaving California and on their way back to Utahville he was absent from camp for a short time, some Indians became very angry about something. They had come upon the group of saints and were ready to attack them with bows and arrows. When he arrived, although he could not speak their language, he noticed and maneuvered to make them understand that the white people wanted peace. They finally understood and handed him their arrows.

Grandfather arrived in Parowan, February, 1858.

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Yankee Meadow and the surrounding country. They had a summer dairy, milking hundreds of cows, making butter and cheese for themselves and others for the winter months. The women folk, including my mother, worked very hard. This meadow has just the past few years been banked up, a large dam has been built it is now known as the Yankee Reservoir.

Daniel Porter Clark died April 17, 1885. He has numerous dependents on posterity.

#### SARAH MILISSIA HAKES CLARK

Sarah Milissia Hakes Clark, daughter of Weeden Vander Hakes and Eliza Aranda Beebe. She married Daniel Porter Clark in Illinois. Grandmother was a school teacher before she married. She not only had a good education for those days, but was gifted with handy hands. She was an excellent seamstress and did many kinds of needle work. She left a great many valuable papers and other valuable things, but to our sorrow they were destroyed. So we will be deprived of many things we might have learned.

She was 1st counselor in the first Relief Society organization in the Parowan Ward.

I have mentioned her many times along with Grandfather in his history and what she accomplished as a help mate to him. I do not believe it will be necessary to repeat them again.

I remember as a child that she was very kind and I loved her dearly.