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Fw: Information on Benjamin Thomas Clark

Benjamin was the only boy in a family with four girls, born to Thomas Benjamin CLARK and Elizabeth Eusden Bell CLARK.

Romantically in love with Ann Shukers, Benjamin had her initials, A.S. tattooed over his heart. He married Ann at age twenty-one. Twelve children were born to them; one died. It is recorded that they lived in a brick house with a tile roof.

Their family lived in Cambridge, England on Castle Street in 1820. They were living at Wray's Lane, Castle End, Cambridge in April 1822. Benjamin was working as a servant in one of the homes in 1823. He was working as a postal boy in 1825. The family was living at Gloucester Lane in Cambridge in 1826; then were back at Wray's Lane in 1828; then back at Gloucester Lane in 1830.

In 1837-38 the family moved to Chesterton, 1 1/4 mile northeast of Cambridge. The River Cam runs through it. Benjamin worked as a brick burner in the brickyard there. They lived at Johnson's Hall (1841 census).

*Michael Howard ( a descendant of Benjamin Thomas Clark) who has lived in Cambridge wrote, "Chesterton is in fact part of Cambridge. I think the main reason for the family moving to Chesterton would be the distance Benjamin would have needed to travel to his work place in Victoria Road from where he was living in Gloucester Lane and Wrays Lane, which are located over three miles away on the other side of Cambridge. Also, the two locations are separated by the River Cam. Whether a bridge existed at that time, I am unable to say. "*

After twenty-eight years of happy marriage, his wife Ann died, leaving him with seven children still at home.

Benjamin then married Ann Southwell Seymour after she joined the LDS Church. She brought with her one son by her former marriage. B.T. and his second wife had three more children. Fortunately for B.T., his second wife's initials were the same as those tattooed on his chest.

Benjamin Thomas Clark (known as B.T.) and his wife Ann Southwell Clark decided in 1852 that it was time to immigrate and join the Saints in Utah. They left Liverpool 23 January 1853 on the ship Golconda~ along with them went Benjamin's son Joseph Clark and his wife Ann; a daughter Elizabeth, "and her husband George Handle and their 1-year-old daughter Elizabeth; another daughter Ann, with her husband Joseph Owen Clark and their two children Mary Ann (5) and George (3); three sons Benjamin (age 16), Charles William (age 12); and Lorenzo (age 5 months); and two daughters, Susan (age 12) and Caroline (age 7). They arrived in the Salt Lake Valley September 18, 1853, at the age of 54 years. He was converted to the LDS Church at the age of fifty from a Methodist congregation where he was choirmaster.

(It must have been somewhat confusing to have TWO couples in the family named Joseph and Ann CLARK -- one son and his wife, and one a daughter and her husband, not a relation to the Benjamin CLARK family).