

James Albert Clark

James Albert Clark was born in Lincoln County, North Carolina on 5 December 1847 to William C. Clark and Amanda Area.

The William C. Clark family is listed in the 1850 census as living in Lincoln County as recorded on 6 August 1850. Living in the household are William C. Clark a Methodist minister, age (35), Amanda Clark, age ??, James age 2 and an infant Clingman. Film #444649

The Wm. C. Clark family is living in the Cedar Hill District, of Anson, North Carolina on 15 June 1860 as recorded on page 32. They are in the Ansonville Post Office. Living in the household are Wm. C. Clark, age 45, Amanda 37, James 12, Clingman 10, Kate 7, William 5 and Frederick 5 months old. Again William is listed as a M. E. Minister. Cedar Hill is just north of the town of Ansonville, almost to the Stanly county line.

James Albert Clark joined the military during the Civil War, even though he was quite young. From records found it is believed that he served in at least two different military units. The following statement was found for James Clark, Private, 43rd Infantry, Company I, North Carolina: "Born in Chesterfield Dist. South Carolina, resided in Anson County where he enlisted at age 16, February 25, 1862. Present and accounted for until discharged on May 24 1862, reason discharged not reported. He is also believed to have been in Capt. Hugh R. Garden's Company, Haskell's Battalion, Light Artillery, for South Carolina. This was also called the Palmetto Light Battery. He enlisted 3 February 1864 at Linsey Station, Cheraw, South Carolina and was paroled at Appomattox on 9 April 1865. He is described as being 17 years old, 5 foot nine inches tall, fair complexion, blue eyes and light hair.

It is told by family members that James Albert Clark was at Appomattox at the time of General Lee's surrender. He was 17 years old. It is also said that his father William C. Clark was killed at Appomattox at this same time. If James was in fact there then the story that his father died there is probably true.

Amanda Clark is living in DeSoto County, Mississippi on 15 June 1870, with Post Office listed as Arcabutta. Living with her are James

22, Clingman 20, William 16, and Tick age 12. Kate her daughter is living with her aunts in Oktibbeha, Mississippi, attending school. Amanda is listed as a farmer age 46.

One family source stated that James was a part of surveying the boot heel area of Missouri. Exact time and circumstances have not yet been identified if it is true. This is a clue as to why he later moved to the Missouri area.

On 27 October 1874 James Albert Clark marries Laura Amazon Brown in McLennan County, Texas. This is documented by a marriage record.

Their first son William H. Clark is born in July 1875 in Texas. He married a girl named Mattie and died about 1900. He was living in Hendricksville, Missouri before he died.

A daughter Mittie was born in 1878 in Texas. Mittie died in 1897 in Hendricksville, Butler, Missouri. She did not marry.

Another daughter was born in February or March of 1880 in Texas. If she was named before she died there is no known record of her name.

James Clark and his family are living in Kosse, Limestone, Texas at the time of the 1880 census. This is recorded on 10 June 1880 on page 327 of film #1255317. Living in the household are James, Laura, Willie, Mittie, and an infant girl. They were living next door to both James' brother Clingman Clark and his sister Kate Spears. James' uncle Alexander Area is living with Kate Spears.

Frank Ferris Clark was born on 24 August 1898 in Limestone, Texas. Frank married Daisy May Friday on 6 August 1906 and died 9 April 1967.

A son Alexander was born in 1887 in Texas. Alexander died in 1891 in Butler Missouri.

Due to poor health of his children James Clark moved his family to Butler County, Missouri in 1887.

A daughter Elizabeth was born in 1889 in Butler, Missouri.

A set of twins were born in 1892 in Butler Missouri. They died at birth and were not named. It is believed that their mother died during or shortly after the birth of these twins.

The Stonewall Jackson Camp of the United Confederate Army was organized on 30 March 1896 in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The roster lists J. A. Clark as a member of Gardner's Battery A. N. D. His family remembers that James was quite active in veteran's organizations.

On 1 September 1897 James married Georgia Brown, Laura's younger sister. The marriage did not last long. It is said that Georgia wanted to take the children and things did not work out.

On 25 June 1900 on page 61 of the Black River Township, Hendrickson, Butler, Missouri census James A. Clark age, 47, is recorded living with his son Frank F. age 15. This entry states James was born in South Carolina. Also in the house is a servant, Fredrick Smit. It is also interesting to note that he is the census taker and signed each page of the census for that area. Film #1240843.

In 1910 James A. Clark is living with Edward and Tine Moss but has not yet been located in the census.

On 6 January 1920 James A. Clark is living with his son Frank in Burr Oak, Jewel, Kansas as recorded on page 145 of film #1820535.

Laura Amazon Brown

Laura Amazon Brown was born in Muscogee County, Georgia in 1855. Her parents are Hamilton Brown and Mary Elizabeth Cheatham.

The location of the Hamilton Brown family at the time of the 1860 census has not yet been established.

Laura was living in Louisiana in 1863 at the time of the birth of her sister Georgia.

Laura's brother James was also born in Louisiana on 26 April 1867.

On 20 May 1870 Laura receives a letter from a friend living in Kosse, Texas. At the time Laura is living in Bosqueville, McLennan, Texas.

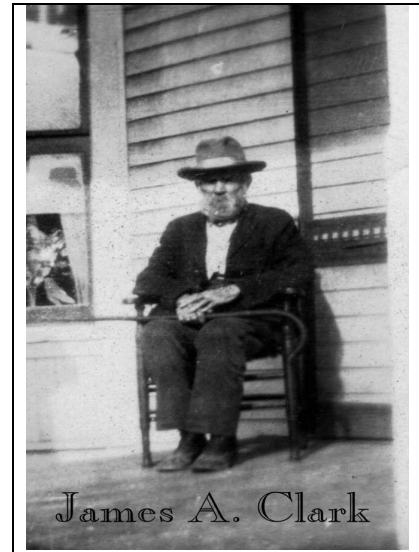
On 29 August 1870 the census records the Hamilton Brown family living West of the

In 1930 on the fourth of April James, age 82, is living with Fred and Jewel Morrison in Black River, Butler, Missouri. Jewel is a sister to James' daughter-in-law Daisy. They are living on US Highway 67.

James Albert Clark died on 26 March 1933 in Poplar Bluff, Butler, Missouri.

He is buried next to his wife Laura in Old Oak Hill Cemetery. The headstones there were placed many years

later by Frank Ferris Clark. It is not known if this is the actual burial spot.



Brazos in Bosqueville, McLennan, Texas, in the Waco Post Office. Page 149 of film #553097.

Laura marries James Albert Clark on 27 Oct 1874 in McLennan, Texas.

See the history of James Albert Clark for the time they lived together.

On the 8th of May in 1880 Laura receives a letter from her mother, M. E. Brown. Laura is living in Kosse, Limestone, Texas and her mother is still living in Bosqueville.

Laura died in 1892 probably during childbirth to a set of unnamed twins. She is believed to be buried in the Old Oak Hill Cemetery in Butler, Missouri. The headstones located there were placed by Frank Ferris Clark many years later and it is not known for sure that this is the actual location of her grave.

Obituary for James A. Clark from "The American Republic" dated Monday Evening March 27, 1933. James A. Clark, 85, pioneer resident of Poplar Bluff and Butler county, died at the home of Fred Morrison, 12 miles north of Poplar Bluff, Sunday morning at 10:30. He had been in failing health several months. One son, Frank Clark of Burr Oak, Kan., survives. Mr. Clark came to this county 60 years ago. He has served as judge of the western district of the county court, held the office of justice of the peace, and later was associated with George Seifert in the real estate business. His failing eyesight forced him to retire from business. His wife died 40 years ago. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at Oak Hill cemetery, located on the old Greenville road. The Rev. Americus Freer of Hilliard will be officiating minister. Phelps service.

Engagements of the Palmetto Light Artillery after the time James A. Clark enlisted:

8 May 1864 PLA in action at The Blockhouse against troops from the Wilderness.

12 May 1864 PLA stands ready at Spotsylvania

1 June 1864 Engaged at Cold Harbour

30 July 1864 PLA participates in the battle of the Crater, using mortars to throw shells at the Union troops who tried to come out of the crater.

7 October 1864 Action on Darbytown road in defense of Richmond.

March 1865 Richmond line at Drewry's Bluff.

7 April 1865 Their last engagement of the war near Farmville, Va.

8 April 1865 PLA given permission to abandon remaining guns, but kept horses in case conditions should improve.

9 April 1865 Lee surrenders at Appomattox Court House and Capt Garden makes his final Roll. The men begin the long trip home.

The Wilderness VA (5 - 6 MAY 1864)

Spotsylvania Court House VA (8 - 21 MAY 1864)

North Anna VA (23 - 26 MAY 1864)

Cold Harbor VA (1 - 3 JUN 1864)

Petersburg Siege VA (JUN 1864 - APR 1865)

Appomattox Court House VA (9 APR 1865)