

*1) Capt. Alvin Clark 1852

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The Alvin Clark Company left Sugar Grove, Mercer County, Illinois in April 1852. Their journey is documented in a publication called Across the Plains and Beyond by Ruth Conard, a descendant who reportedly was working from the diary of Alvin Clark. The publication is written as a narrative and while it may be of interest to descendants it is not for the serious researcher.

The company began their journey west from Kanesville (Council Bluffs), Illinois on May 5, 1852. They reached Fort Laramie June 15 and Independence Rock June 25th. They arrived at Pacific Springs July 12th and Soda Springs July 17th. The rest of the publication does not mention dates except for the notation that they reached Burnt River August 23 and Oregon City October 2, 1852.

On the Oregon Donation Land Claim applications the arrival dates vary for the various company members from September 28 to October 2. The women and children of the company reportedly went down the Columbia River while the men took the Barlow Road. The first half of the publication addresses the journey and the members of the train, while the second half focuses on the timeline after arrival and Clark's religion and attempts to establish a church. Their destination was Benton County where they hoped to join family members who had made the trip in previous years.

Deaths:

1. Mary (Miller) Moore Clark died 10/12 Sep 1852 at Willow Creek
2. John Clark Long died May/June in Nebraska
3. Katie Rice 13 Sep 1852 at Willow Creek

Members of Clark Train

I. CLARK, Capt. Alvin (17 May 1805 New York-25 Aug 1880 Clark County, Washington); s/o John Clark and Anar Gibbs

2nd wife:

MILLER, Mary (24 Apr 1818 Wayne County, Indiana-10 Sep 1852 Willow Creek on the trail) d/o Isaac Newton Miller and Martha Beard

CLARK, Dewitt Clinton (1841 Illinois-30 Sep 1903 Puyallup, Washington); s/o Alvin Clark and Laurinda Gibbs

CLARK, Edmond Howard (12 Apr 1842 Louisa County, Iowa-14 Oct 1914 Yakima County, Washington); s/o Alvin Clark and Laurinda Gibbs

CLARK, Emeline (14 Jun 1834 Illinois-15 May 1907 Marion County, Oregon); d/o Alvin Clark and Laurinda Gibbs

CLARK, Hannah J. (10 Nov 1845 Louisa County, Iowa-); d/o Alvin Clark and Laurinda Gibbs

CLARK, Helen Clara (17 May 1850 Mercer County, Illinois-21 Jul 1918 Walla Walla County, Washington); d/o Alvin Clark and Mary Miller

CLARK, Henry Clarence (17 May 1850 Mercer County, Illinois-15 Oct 1904 Garfield, Whitman County, Washington); s/o Alvin Clark and Mary Miller

II. HARDIE, Hiram (21 Mar 1807 Stafford, Orange County, Vermont-09 Oct 1852 Benton County, Oregon)

wife: MILLER, Elizabeth (01 Sep 1816 Wayne County, Indiana-12 Sep 1862 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon)

HARDIE, Joseph Kellogg (17 Jun 1838 Millersburg, Mercer County, Illinois-04 Apr 1908 Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon)

HARDIE, Lucinda Ann (28 Jul 1844 Millersburg, Mercer County, Illinois-18 Jul 1893 Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon)

HARDIE, Mary (08 Nov 1839 Millersburg, Mercer County, Illinois-25 Mar 1900 Benton County, Oregon)

HARDIE, Taylor Jasper (1848 Mercer County, Illinois-aft 1860 probably Benton County, Oregon)

III. LONG, Gabriel (24 Feb 1827 Wayne County, Indiana-25 Jan 1908 Kings Valley Benton County, Oregon); s/o Gabriel and Sarah (Whitten) Long

wife:

RICE, Phebe Ann (15 Aug 1823 Tolland County, Connecticut-c1860 Benton County, Oregon); d/o Daniel and Sally Rice [note: one researcher gives the mother's name as Sarah "Sally" Sweet

LONG, Emma Catherine (1850 Illinois-bef 1860 Kings Valley, Benton County, Oregon); d/o Gabriel and Phebe Long

LONG, Mary Asanath (1849 Illinois-c1870 Benton County, Oregon); d/o Gabriel and Phebe Long

IV. LONG, Ransom (24 Dec 1812 Kanawha County, Virginia-05 Apr 1898 Garfield County, Washington); s/o Gabriel and Sarah (Whitten) Long

wife:

CLARK, Bertha Rosetta (10 Apr 1818 Hamilton County, Ohio- 27 Jun 1886 Garfield County, Washington); d/o John Clark and Anar Gibbs

LONG, Cyrus Jefferson (23 Jan 1838 Fulton County, Illinois-c1910 Grant County, Washington); s/o Ransom and Bertha (Clark) Long

LONG, Cynthia Anar (27 Jan 1840 Sugar Grove, Mercer County, Illinois-11 Oct 1922 Garfield County, Washington); d/o Ransom and Bertha (Clark) Long

LONG, Joel Milton (06 Oct 1847 Sugar Grove, Mercer County, Illinois-14 May 1917 Yakima County, Washington); s/o Ransom and Bertha (Clark) Long

LONG, John Clark (10 Apr 1842 Mercer County, Illinois-1852 Nebraska); s/o Ransom and Bertha (Clark) Long

LONG, Mary Amanda (01 Feb 1845 Sugar Grover, Mercer County, Illinois-); d/o Ransom and Bertha (Clark) Long

MOORE, Isaac Miller (c1840-): s/o William and Mary (Miller) Moore; emigrated with mother and step-father, Alvin Clark

MOORE, Thomas (c1837-): s/o William and Mary (Miller) Moore; emigrated with mother and step-father, Alvin Clark

RICE, Catherine Susan "Katie" (23 Nov 1815-13 Sep 1852 Willow Creek); spinster school teacher and sister of Phebe (Rice) Long; d/o Daniel and Sally Rice [note: one researcher gives the mother's name as Sarah "Sally" Sweet