

James Edward “Jimmy” Clark

James Edward “Jimmy” Clark was born 25 September 1850 in Brooklyn, Kings, New York.¹ He was christened in the Catholic Church in New York on 10 October 1850.² He the second of three children of John Richard Clark and Esther Clifford. In Ireland, his father had worked as a coachman and fell in love with Hester, known as Lady Day. They left Ireland because they were of different social classes and different religions.³

His father caught gold fever and sailed from New York City to California by boat around the horn of South America. They were shipwrecked and he came in by raft to Grass Valley, Nevada, California.⁴ Hester and the children were living in Brooklyn, Kings, New York, in 1860.⁵ After seven years, John sent for his family. He had to write his father-in-law in Ireland to get his wife’s address in New York as she had moved.⁶

By 1870, Jimmy was a quartz miner, living with his parents and brother Henry in Grass Valley, Nevada, California. His father was a carman, his brother and brother-in-law Henry also worked in the quartz mill.⁷ The family followed the rough mining districts east to Pioche, Nevada, then to Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.⁸ Jimmy was a miner in Lander, Nevada, in 1875.⁹

Jimmy’s brother Henry Clifford Clark was the famous gambler of Silver Reef. He was shot over a card game with Sykes Griffin in Cassidy’s Saloon in December 1878. Henry was shot twice and fell dead almost immediately, Sykes fell on top of him, and Jimmy fell on Sykes. While they were all down, Sykes was shot in the ankle and hip and his skull fractured, and died three days later. Several witnesses claimed that there was so much powder-smoke in the room that they couldn’t see who inflicted the injuries on Sykes. However, it was suspected that the other Clarks were unarmed, Jimmy took away Sykes’ pistol and did it. Jimmy was arrested and held under \$1,500 bail.¹⁰

On the 1880 census, Jimmy was a miner, living with his parents in Silver Reef.¹¹ Jimmy married Susannah Walker “Susie” Fuller in 1890 in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory.¹² She was the daughter (and 28th of 33 children) of Elijah Knapp Fuller. Susie was age 18 and Jimmy was 37, they had four children.¹³ They lived in Park City, Summit, Utah Territory, for a while and then moved to Mammoth, Juab, Utah.

On the 1900 census, James was a silver miner, and they were living with his widowed mother and three children in Eureka, Juab, Utah.¹⁴ In 1904, they moved to Mercur, Tooele, Utah. James died

¹ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

² *Familysearch.org*

³ Per Raenee Haymond, on *Familysearch.org*

⁴ *Familysearch.org*

⁵ United States Census, 1860.

⁶ Per Raenee Haymond, on *Familysearch.org*

⁷ United States Census, 1870.

⁸ *Familysearch.org*, by Raenee Haymond.

⁹ Nevada State Census, 1875.

¹⁰ *Reno Gazette-Journal*, 11 December 1878, p. 1.

¹¹ United States Census, 1880.

¹² Utah Marriages, 1887-1935; Utah County Marriages, 1887-1940.

¹³ *Familysearch.org*

¹⁴ United States Census, 1900.

from septicemia in the Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City in 1906. He was buried in the Calvary Cemetery. Susie married three more times and had an additional child. She died 7 November 1957 in Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah, and was buried in the city cemetery.¹⁵



James Edward Clark (image from *Familysearch.org*)



Jimmy and Susie Clark (image from *Familysearch.org*)

¹⁵ Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.



Left to right: Henry, Susie, James, Harriet, James, and John Clark (image from *Familysearch.org*)



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