

# History of Patrick Clark

*told to Lu None Heilesen by Sarah Homer Clark*

*Lu None Heilesen was the daughter of John Roland Clark, who was the son of John Peter & Sarah Homer Clark. John Peter was a grandson of Patrick Clark, through his son Michael Joseph Clark.*

Patrick Clark and Mary Ward were both born in Ireland. They were married in Athboy, Meath County, Ireland, 11<sup>th</sup> November 1829.

Patrick and Mary came to America on the ship *Leslie??*, landing at St. Johns Island, near Canada. They were registered on the ship's list as Mary Clark, spinster, and Patrick Clark, a handyman.

A Catholic Priest cannot have a wife. Patrick brought a large trunk with him, which he took wherever he went [insert by Sarah Ann Balls: I visited with Annie Thompson Godfrey who was related to our Grandmother Susannah Thompson Clark; she told me that when Patrick died her father who was a brother to Susannah, took her with him to Susannah's house. They opened the trunk, which Patrick always took with him everywhere. Inside were Catholic Priest Robes.]

Patrick and Mary moved down to Trescott, Washington, Maine where Michael and Margaret were born.

Their oldest child Peter was born in Ireland; he may have been left there when Patrick and Mary came to America, staying with his grandmother. His Grandfather Clark could have been a ship's captain. The history that came down through the Clark family was that Patrick's father was a sea captain and was lost at sea. It could be that Peter was the three-year-old son who came to America, sailing with his grandfather instead of sending Michael over at the age of three to stand on Irish soil.

Patrick moved to Boston, so that Michael could take music lessons at the Boston Musical Conservatory. They stayed in Boston until Michael had finished with his music lessons.

Their next move was to Providence, Rhode Island, where they lived in a home on Back Street Road. Peter was also listed as living there. Mary died there in October 1857; she was buried at Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Patrick then came west to Utah with Michael and Susannah. They lived in Logan for a short time; this is where our John Peter Clark was born. Patrick moved with them to Virginia City, Montana and then to Helena Montana, and then back to Clarkston, Utah. Michael had built a room on the back of his home so that Patrick could have his own privacies. It was said in the family that Patrick remained a staunch Catholic until his death, and had a temper. When he kneeled to say his prayer with his rosary beads, and the cat would come into his room rubbing against his feet, Patrick would stop praying, cuss the cat out mightily, and then go back to his prayers.

Patrick Clark died on 23 December 1891. He was laid to rest in the Clarkston, Cemetery.

GRAVE MONUMENT  
Clarkston, Utah City Cemetery



Born: 1809  
Athboy, Meathe, Ireland  
Died: December 23, 1891