MARY WARD CLARK

Mary Ward was born in Athboy, Ireland in 1802. She was the daughter of Ann Keane and Mathew Ward. She had a brother Mathew and a sister Bridget. She married Patrick Clark in October 1832 in Ireland.

She was blessed with 3 children: Peter, who was a soldier in the Civil War and was never heard of again, Michael Joseph, and Margaret, who died at 12 years of age.

Mary Ward died on either September 27, 1857 or October 1857 caused by chills. She was buried in Pawtucket Cemetery by a Catholic Church, since she was a devout Catholic. The small church stands in the center of a lot facing East. There is a cement wall running East and West. She is laid to rest about two rods on the left hand side as you enter the East gate. By her side is her daughter, Margaret's grave. Her little granddaughter, Mary Susan, is buried on top of her in the same grave. Mary Susan was placed there before Michael Joseph Clark and his wife Susannah Thompson left for Utah. They wanted to know they were together. There is a headstone "Mary Ward Clarke -- 1857". Some say Mary Ward was related in some way to Abraham Lincoln's mother.