

Cloward Family Notes

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Two years ago at the Centennial Celebration of the founding of this beautiful state of Utah, and during the commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Mormon Pioneers entering Great Salt Lake Valley, we CLOWARDS and CLOWARD relatives held our first family reunion in Payson, Utah, in honor of our grandfather THOMAS POULSON CLOWARD who was among those original pioneers led by Brigham Young.

For this first reunion, Dr. RALPH ELIJAH CLOWARD, a grandson of THOMAS POULSON CLOWARD, was selected as historian. He presented an account of the ancient and medieval events which led up to the discovery, settlement and building of our great nation. He told how the people settled the eastern shores of this vast continent, and how through their search for new lands, for new opportunities, for new treasures, and through the desire to find a place to worship as their conscience dictated, they pushed westward into the plains, mountains and valleys. This was called the Great Westward Movement. We here today have heard and will continue to hear stories by our parents and read histories and accounts of our grandfathers the Mormon Pioneers, who took part in this great movement.

Dr. CLOWARD further told in his address how through research he had endeavored in vain to connect our forefathers with those who came from the Old Country and to find the origin of our name CLOWARD he told how he had corresponded with Her Majesty's (Queen Mary) Society of Genealogists in England, who had to date found no record of the CLOWARD name as we spell it. The search for the origin of our name still continues. Records available today do not show any CLOWARD family living in the British Isles. We continue to suppose however, that the people who first bore the name, or perhaps bore the name from which the name CLOWARD was derived, first came from there. It is apparent that the first time the name was recorded in history as we spell it was here on this continent.

We have honored our grandfather THOMAS P. CLOWARD who was born in Pennsylvania 10 December 1823, and it is needless to repeat any of those wonderful things which have already been said about him. There are many among those here today who knew him well when they were young and can remember walking and talking with him. Now there are other CLOWARDS of whom there has been little or nothing said or written. I will discuss some of these today.

One of the first records we have of the CLOWARD name in history is in the Archives of the State of Pennsylvania. Between the years of 1734 and 1758 there are five CLOWARDS shown as having paid taxes in English money. Their names are shown as THOMAS, JOHN, GEORGE, JACOB and WILLIAM CLOWARD. These given names are the most common English

given names which bears out the theory that their ancestors might have come from the British Isles. The CLOWARDs on record today include more than eleven THOMASes, four JOHNS, ten GEORGES, five JACOBS and twelve WILLIAMs. We have been unable to date to trace these five CLOWARDs further or connect them with our know grandparents.

About thirty years after the record of these first five CLOWARDs and after the Revolutionary War, the first United States Census was taken. A search of the records of the entire original thirteen colonies has been made and only two CLOWARD names show as being recorded in census of the entire United States in 1790. These two CLOWARDs were both named WILLIAM. One was WILLIAM SR., and the other was WILLIAM JR. I will say more about these later.

Our most distant CLOWARD relative with whom we have certain connection today was JACOB CLOWARD who was born in Maryland 17 May 1790. JACOB CLOWARD was the father of THOMAS P. CLOWARD and also of DANIEL, WILLIAM, JAMES MASON and JACOB JR. All these brothers had large families also. It is JACOB CLOWARD to whom we owe our Mormon heritage and not to any one of his sons. HE was the first and oldest male CLOWARD to be baptized in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) after it was organized in 1830.

The church defines this member of any family as the family heir. Heir in this sense does not mean that he will receive all our earthly possessions when we pass on, for he himself is long dead. But it does mean that he is the genealogical truck, so to speak, of the CLOWARD family tree. One could visualize those born before him as the roots of the family tree, while those born after him could be the limbs and branches of the family tree.

It has not heretofore been determined who JACOB's father was. I believe I have solved this genealogical puzzle in my last six months' research while living here in Washington, D.C. and I am reasonably sure that the facts which led to the solution are just and true. These facts I should like to tell you about, because they are most interesting.

It has already been mentioned that there were only two CLOWARDs recorded in the 1790 census of the United States. These two CLOWARDs lived in the same town in adjacent dwellings. One is shown as WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. and the other is shown as WILLIAM CLOWARD JR. These facts are sufficient justification for us to assume that the younger CLOWARD is the son of the older one. This is how these two men and their families show in the census records:

First Census of the United States taken in 1790. North Milford township, Cecil County, Maryland, Volume, Page 43.

WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. Over 16 years of age and head of the family
1 Male Under 16 years of age
3 Females ages not given. (one of these females is undoubtedly the wife.)

WILLIAM CLOWARD JR. Over 16 years of age and head of the family
3 Females One of these is undoubtedly his wife. Ages not given.

Ten years later in the second United States Census (1800), these two CLOWARDs appear again in the same location. It should be noted that these early censuses record only the name of the head of the family and the number of males and females in the family.

The 1800 census of this location appears like this:

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WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. 45 years of age and upwards. Head of family

1 Male under 10 years of age

1 Females 45 years of age and upwards. (Undoubtedly Mrs. CLOWARD)

WILLIAM CLOWARD JR. 45 years of age and upwards. Head of family

1 Male under 10 years of age

2 Females under 10 years of age

2 Females 10-16 years of age

1 Female 26-45 years of age (Undoubtedly Mrs. CLOWARD)

If we study the family of WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. above we can come to the following conclusions. First, we have already assumed that WILLIAM JR. is his son. He would not be counted or recorded as a member of his family because he resided in a different dwelling and had a family of his own. Second if we note the male child recorded in 1800 as a son of WILLIAM SR., we see that he is under ten years of age. Therefore he was born subsequent to the 1790 census as being under 16 years of age. We can thus conclude that WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. had at least three sons. We can also conclude that he had at least two daughters from one of the 3 females shown in the 17909 census would be his wife.

So if we were to chart the family of WILLIAM CLOWARD SR., it would look like this:

WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. born before 1755

WILLIAM CLOWARD JR. Born about 1770

Female...Name Unknown Born between 1770 & 1790

Female...Name Unknown Born between 1770 & 1790

Male...Name Unknown Born between 1774 & 1790

Male...Name Unknown Born between 1790 & 1800

Let us now turn to a record made by our grandfather THOMAS POULSON CLOWARD. He was a well-educated man and was a beautiful penman. He kept detailed church records on his own family so far as he could remember. He did not know the name of his grandfather however, and referred to him only as Grandfather Cloward and to his grandmother as Grandmother Cloward. Following is an extract of Page 37 of his own "Record of Baptisms, Endowments, and Sealings" made in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This record was copied from his book written in his own handwriting and is exactly as he had it written.

Manti Temple May 16, 1894

#1 William Henry Cloward 18 Dec 1848 St. Joseph, Mo.

#2 George Albert Cloward 25 Dec. 1850 Pottowattome Co., Ia.

#3 Jacob Elijah Cloward 23 Sept 1859 Provo, Utah Co., Utah

#4 Francis Caroline Cloward Burr 25 Jan 1863 Payson, Utah Co., Utah

Sealed to Parents

Thomas Poulson Cloward and Mary Page Cloward

J.D.T. McAllister Sealed

Henry Tilley Witness

Wm. H. Folsom Witness

Lewis Anderson Recorder

#1 Jacob Cloward dead 17 May 1790 Md. 5 Dec 1851

#2 Thomas Cloward " U.S.

#3 William Cloward " "
Sealed to Parents
Grandfather Cloward dead
Gd. Mother Cloward "
Thomas P. Cloward acting for him
Eliza A.C. Loveless " " her
William Henry Cloward acting for #1
Geo A. Cloward " " 2
Jacob E. Cloward " " 3
J.D.T. McAllister Sealed
Henry Tilley Witness
Wm. H. Folsom Witness
Lewis Anderson Recorder

With reference to the second sealing shown above we see that Grandfather CLOWARD whatever his name was, had three sons, JACOB, THOMAS and WILLIAM. We also know from the census records that WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. had three sons, one of whom was WILLIAM. At once we suspect some connection between these two men.

To show further that JACOB CLOWARD had a brother THOMAS, the following is an extract made from the Pension File, Widow Original, No. 11,135 on file in the National Archives, Washington, D.C. The widow ANN PLUCK CLOWARD, wife of JACOB CLOWARD could not read nor write. On 23 September 1876, John McEwan, Notary Public of Provo City, Utah, writes the Commissioner of Pensions regarding the claim of ANN CLOWARD for a pension. The following is a portion of that letter:

"... All the witnesses who were present at her marriage have long since passed away. Can get further affidavits of acquaintance with the CLOWARD family in Delaware. THOMAS CLOWARD, a brother of JACOB CLOWARD, deceased, who was present at the wedding ceremony was alive four years ago in Wilmington, Delaware, but am informed he has died since. Some of his children are living in Wilmington now, but think their testimony of no avail.... Mrs. ANN CLOWARD, the declarant, does not remember the precise date of her marriage, but is positive it was about the first or beginning of February 1815 and before the 17th of said month...."

With the foregoing facts, we have only now to show the connection between this family of three sons and WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. to extend our lineage back one more generation. And we will do this as follows:

Summary of facts

United States Census Records Versus Family Records and others for 1790 and 1800 and 1810

WILLIAM CLOWARD SR.

THOMAS P. CLOWARD's record shows three sons: William Jr. and his father JACOB had two brothers two others THOMAS and WILLIAM.

There were three sons of Grandfather CLOWARD. One of WILLIAM CLOWARD's One of Grandfather CLOWARD's son 3 sons was named WILLIAM JR. was named WILLIAM. 1810 Census records a THOMAS.

Pension file of JACOB CLOWARD shows CLOWARD living in Cecil Co., he had a brother THOMAS living Maryland. This man had a large in Wilmington, Delaware about 20 family, one son of which was 1870 Cecil Co., Md. is adjacent THOMAS JR. to Wilmington, Del.

One of WILLIAM JR.'s brothers was JACOB CLOWARD, born in Maryland born between 1790 and 1800 (17 May 1790). One of WILLIAM JR.'s brothers was THOMAS CLOWARD born about 17?? born between 1774 and 1790 (last two numbers were unreadable on copy this was taken from) Reference: Genealogical Society of Utah Temple Record Index
My final conclusion is that WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. as shown in the first U.S. census of 1790 and THOMAS P. CLOWARD's "Grandfather Cloward" as recorded on an index card to temple records in the Genealogical Society of Utah at Salt Lake City, Utah, and also JACOB's father are one and the same man. With this conclusion in mind, we may now say that WILLIAM SR. is the first CLOWARD with whom we have family connections.

An interesting record of a court proceeding has been found in the Pennsylvania Archives. It shows that a WILLIAM CLOWARD was indicted upon a charge of assault and battery in Chester County in 1757. He came into court on August 30th protesting his innocence, yet said he would not contend against his Sovereign Lord, the King, so he submitteth himself to the mercy of the court, whereupon the court fined him six pence and held that he should stand committed until payment was made. This sounds like our grandparent, doesn't it!!? It might have been the same WILLIAM SR. of whom we have just spoken, because the time of his life and the location do check. Incidentally, the fine of six pence he was charged today amounts to about a dime! However, in those days, barely three times that much was an average man's annual taxes.

I have prepared a small chart to show very simply the family connections of all CLOWARDs of whom we have record to date. It is simple in that it shows the given names of male CLOWARDs' families only. This chart is a draft, so to speak, of a larger and more complete chart I will have prepared before our next reunion. I need the help of everyone concerned to fill in the missing information. You will note that there are a few families and names with no connecting line. These "puzzles" are to be solved in the future.

I would like to tell a little about the families of WILLIAM SR.'s three sons: WILLIAM JR., THOMAS and JACOB. First WILLIAM JR., the oldest son. WILLIAM CLOWARD JR. had a family of four daughters and one son by 1800. (Ref. 1800 census). He might have had more children, but there are no records to indicate this as yet. He was last recorded in the 1800 census. In later census records, there is a JOHN CLOWARD shown living in New Jersey who had no children. The index of New Jersey Wills and Administrations shows this JOHN CLOWARD as having filed a will dated 22 May 1844 which was proved 5 June 1850 in which JOHN gives use of his real estate to his wife ANN and his three sisters, PEGGY, NANNY and BETSY. This JOHN could well be the son of WILLIAM JR. > There are no further records available to show that this CLOWARD family line continued, and there were only ten CLOWARDs shown that we are sure existed. This small family line lived in the east in the state of New Jersey.

The second son was THOMAS CLOWARD. THOMAS had a large family of six boys and five girls. We have records to show that only two of his sons had families. These two sons had relatively small families. There are in all about fifty CLOWARDs whom we can trace on THOMAS's line. The families on this line lived in the east also in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania. Some live in New York and others live in Central America today. THOMAS TUSTIN CLOWARD is the oldest CLOWARD alive today. He is 87 years old and lives in Guatemala, Central America with one of his sons who grows and exports bananas. This son had four boys in World War II. Another of THOMAS TUSTIN's sons is a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force today. A cousin of these CLOWARDs is the Reverend DONALD BRYAN CLOWARD of the Northern Baptist Convention in White Plains, New York. And dear to them all on this line is Donald's sister, ANNA whom they all call Muff. She lives in Wilmington,

Delaware today. My wife and I had the pleasure of having dinner with Muff on Mother's Day of this year. Muff reminds me of CORA CLOWARD LUDLOW. Muff's father was NATHAN DUSHANE CLOWARD, who was very well known and highly respected as a famous musician in the east at the turn of the century. He performed at the inaugural of President Grover Cleveland in Washington, D.C. and directed a chorus of 5,000 voices at the dedication of the Washington Monument.

The third son of WILLIAM CLOWARD SR. was JACOB, our grandfather. JACOB was born in Maryland in 1790. He fought in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Wm. Steels Co. of Pennsylvania Militia. He married ANN PLUCK in 1816 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. His first seven children were born there. He moved his family to Delaware where three more children were born to him -- a total of ten children. The 1840 Census of New Castle Co., Delaware shows JACOB still living there. Sometime during the next ten years he joined the Great Westward Movement, for in 1850 the census records him and his family living in Pottowattomie Co., Iowa with the Mormons. During this ten year period, he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons). Four of his ten children, JAMES MASON, THOMAS POULSON, WILLIAM and ELIZA ANN were also baptized during this time. During 1850-51 JACOB crossed the plains to Utah where he died 5 Dec. 1851. He is buried in Provo, Utah Co., Utah.

One of JACOB's sons died in infancy and one of his daughters died as a young girl. The other eight followed his example by having large families. These children had large families also as the attached chart will show. JACOB's direct CLOWARD descendants include more than one hundred male heads of families to date (1949). The majority of them, like their grandfather were men of the soil, tilling the land and earning their bread by the sweat of their brow. Yet in JACOB's descendants today, there are probably representatives of almost every profession. I believe we are justified in comparing our grandfather, JACOB, with Abraham of the Old Testament. In Genesis, Chapters 12 and 13, the Lord sent Abraham out of his own country into the wilderness and promised him that He would multiply his seed as numerous as the dust of the earth. Was not our grandfather, JACOB sent into the wilderness to pioneer the great west, and was not he blessed with a large and wonderful family?

There have been more than three hundred children on JACOB's line born under the name CLOWARD. If the children of all the female CLOWARDs were counted as well, JACOB's total descendants would number into the thousands. Most all of the fathers or grandfathers of the CLOWARD children on this line lived in Utah at one time. Their families are now scattered throughout the entire Rocky Mountain area. It would be a wonderful occasion if we could gather together in one place all the CLOWARDs and CLOWARD relatives for one grand reunion! However, this today would be both expensive and require long journeys for some. This may not be possible in this life, but it will certainly be possible in the life to come. What we can do NOW TODAY is bring together the family histories of each of our families in order that some day soon they may be published and we can all get acquainted with each other.

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