

But changed by manuscript reading. The ~~Speculator~~ Scotch Irish.

Joseph Addison Clark (christened Zachariah) of colonial descent, was born in Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois, November 15, 1815. He was the son of Thomas Dyer Clark, <sup>of colonial ancestry</sup> who had moved to the Mississippi Valley from North Carolina. The Clark family lived three or four years near "The Falls" on the Ohio River, <sup>and later</sup> then in Hopkins County Ky., <sup>from and they</sup> married about 1828 to Columbia, Tenn. <sup>at Col J.A.</sup> There the boy was associated in school with William Polk and Polk's cousins the Walkers. While living in Columbia the boy was taken by his father to Nashville to attend the celebration when General Lafayette visited that city. In 1826 the family moved to New Orleans, where J.A. at the age of twelve years <sup>In 1827 (the)</sup> served as tutor to numerous <sup>cousins.</sup> At that time he also becomes associated with Carter and (George) Bonnell, editors of The Argus. Connection with Bonnell in the newspaper business continued for several years at Mobile, Ala., Columbus, Miss., and later in Austin, Texas <sup>where in 1841 they were employed</sup>. Clark read law privately, but being under legal age for license to practice, he continued the study of law at the University of Ala. In 1836 while soliciting sales for Forbes (prospective) History of Texas, Clark met Wm. B. Ochiltree in Lexington, Sumpter Co. Ala., with whom he was later associated in Tuscaloosa. In 1837 he edited a newspaper in Oxford, Miss., whence he went to Louisville Ky., thence to Cincinnati, Ohio, to acquire <sup>printing</sup> a press where he conferred with Senator Daniel Webster.

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In 1836 Clark meets Wm. B. Ochiltree in Livingston, Austin Co. Alabama; reads law, enters Univ. of Alab. study law and engineer. He received the news of the Battle of San Jacinto at Clinton, Miss., where he was soliciting sales of Forbes (prospective) History of Texas. Again edits newspaper at Aberdeen, Miss., whence he goes to Louisville, Ky., thence to Cincinnati, O., to acquire press. At Cincinnati he meets Daniel Webster.

In 1837 C joined his mother and family in Louisville, Ky., where he teaches school two years, at liberty and did not leave until Aug. 15, 1839, with his mother and two sisters he starts from Louisville to Texas, fifteen days by boat captained by Orleans, thence via Schooner to Matagorda, Texas, whence, after the

death of his mother and the marriage of his elder sister to a Mr. Ferguson, he and his younger sister proceeded to Austin via a team freight wagon, where he renewed association with George Bonnell, placing his sister in Peters College at Internville after a business trip back to the States in 1840. Clark was employed to survey land lines in Shelby and Maconches what a country he lay out in July 1841. On Jan 21, 1841 he married Esther (Hetty) D'Spain of French Huguenot stock and an adherant of the Church of Christ. Chiefly thru his wife's influence he was turned from agnosticism to Christianity, after which "to defend the faith against Sectarianism" he added to his activity of teacher, lawyer, surveyor, that of preaching the gospel. In the autumn of 1842 he moved to Patchal (now Titus) County, where his first son Addison (G.V.) was born. In 1844 the Clarks were living at Wastom in Harrison where the second son, Randolph (G.V.) was born. Here a son Thomas Marshall (G.V.) was born. Clark and I think of you and Mrs. [unclear] who is now living in Galveston, and moved to Palestine, and published by him as The Trinity Advocate. In the late 1840s he moved to Galveston, and became associated with Willard Richardson in publishing the Galveston News. In 1852 the family returned to Palestine, and when the Civil War broke out their home was Kentucky town, and He then moved to Johnson County and at the close of the war to 1865 he was Postmaster at the frontier town of Turlock. In 1873 he joined with his sons in forming Addison College, at Lampasas, Texas, where he died.

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