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NEWTON MACK CLARK (12 JULY, 1882 - 12 MAY, 1972)

HESTER PRICE CLARK (16 JAN. 1877 - 30 JUNE, 1972)

On 13 Jan. 1904, Newton Mack Clark, son of John Marton Clark and Eliza Gentry Clark, married Hester Price, daughter of Josiah and Martha Webb Price. Known as "Uncle Mack" and "Aunt Hester", the couple were born on Spring Creek on property originally owned by their respective grandparents.

In May, 1917, the couple purchased 330 acres of property on Georgia Branch. When Will Duckett moved to Hollywood, CA, "Uncle Mack" leased 270 acres owned by Duckett on Georgia Branch. Over the years, "Uncle Mack" purchased other property in the county and eventually owned/leased approximately 900 acres. He had as many as twelve tenant families on these properties and actually cut the timber and built the houses that those tenant families occupied. When Highway 209 was built in 1927, "Uncle Mack" used a horse and drag pan and dynamite to build the road up Georgia Branch. Prior to that time, access to "Uncle Mack's" property on Georgia Branch was across the Duckett place. After Will Duckett's death, two of "Uncle Mack's" grandsons, Bob and Tom Clark, purchased from his estate the 270 acres on Georgia Branch as well other Duckett property. These grandsons and other descendants still own all the property on Georgia Branch.

As a teenager, "Uncle Mack" worked with his father as a trader. They carried produce to Asheville and brought back supplies which they sold.

He served as an animal doctor on Spring Creek for many years being called out any time day or night.

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Having received a 10th grade education, highest level available during his school years, "Uncle Mack" realized the importance of an education. He supported and worked diligently to build the Spring Creek School. He and "Aunt Hester" often provided room and board for students so that they could attend high school at Spring Creek. All of their children completed the highest level of secondary education available. All twenty-one of their grandchildren have a high school education with over 25% having a college degree.

Religion was also an integral part of "Uncle Mack" and "Aunt Hester's" life. They were always taking their grandchildren to church. The couple were very devoted to each other and died within 49 days of each other in 1972. Both are buried at Slidin' Knob/Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

Their children are:

Raphus Lonzo Clark (21 Oct. 1905 - 13 Dec. 1961) who married Lois Gregory (30 Oct., 1910 - 31 July, 1946) on March 22, 1930. Their children are: R. L., Ruby Jean, James M., Billy R., Al Benton (died in infancy), Warren C., Phillip Josiah (Joe) and Addie Belle.

Wayne Winfield Clark (18 Sept. 1907 - 28 Sept. 1965) who married Pearl Fowler. Their children are: Shirley Ruth, Wayne F., Bobby N., Tommy G. and Nancy Ann.

Myrtle Clark (25 Dec. 1909 - 28 Oct. 1910)

Stella Clark (27 Aug. 1912 -) who married Hardy Blankenship. Their children are: Betty Carol, Jack Douglas (Doug), Mary Christine, Harold G. (Buddy) and Glenna Dale.

Frank Leo Clark (25 May 1917 -) who married Edith Myers. Their children are: Phillip A. (Phil), Roger B. & Barbara L. (twins) and Franklin.

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