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Sunnyside, Carbon County one year and taught school. I lived in Montpelier, Idaho one year and taught school. Then we lived in Farmington until 1951. We moved to Vale, Oregon. There we purchased a farm and farmed for eleven years. Then when our children were all educated and had their missions, we returned to Farmington in 1962. We were set apart as Home Missionaries for nine months when we were called to officiate in the Temple. We have lived in Farmington ever since we moved back from Oregon.

Interviewer: What have been your aspirations and goals for your life?

Orson Clark: To raise a family, educate them, and send them on missions.

Interviewer: Why do consider these things important?

Orson Clark: There is nothing more important than a family and to have them marry well, live right, raise families, and be able to support themselves.

Interviewer: You mention that all your children went to college and graduated.

Orson Clark: We have six children, five of which graduated from college. The sixth one had two years of college and then served in the military in the time of World War II, then was married. All of them married college graduates. So all we have of the children are eleven graduates and one with two years of college. She now is working in the school.

Interviewer: How many grandchildren and great-grandchildren do you have?

Orson Clark: Twenty-three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interviewer: Concerning your economic condition, what do you have to say about that?

Orson Clark: After we were married, we worked hard. While I was going to school my wife took in boarders. After we got through school, we both worked hard. On January 1st in 1928, I purchased a part of the original Ezra T. Clark farm and I farmed in the summertime and taught school in the wintertime. We worked hard and saved but we were able to accumulate enough that now we feel that we have sufficient means to care for us the rest of our days.

Interviewer: You mentioned that you worked hard, what do you mean by working hard?

Orson Clark: You do hard physical work for long hours in the day. In the days when we were younger, we didn't have the mechanical