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politics never divided the people like it did in some areas. Were there any families that had a bad reputation in the town, when you were growing up?

Orson Clark: Well, I couldn't point any out.

Interviewer: I don't want you to name any families, but were you aware of families that had a bad reputation in the community? Some that other families sort of looked down upon?

Orson Clark: Not that I know of, there could have been.

Interviewer: You were not aware of it if there were. The only reason I ask is this, my father once told me that there was a Wilcox family and one of them was part Indian. There had been an Indian boy, I guess. He said that the children were not expected totally in the community. He remembers that the children sometimes teased and things like that. Do you remember anything of that?

Orson Clark: Yes. Ezra T. Clark was responsible to raising a little Indian girl. Indian Annie was her name. She married a Wilcox. They lived way up on the hill. You can see the place sometimes. That's where they lived. They had some boys. I don't know that the boys ever went to school, I guess they did but I don't remember them.

Interviewer: My father said something about that they were not fully accepted in the community. He just made a comment and I didn't pick it up. We were just driving by and I was asking him about the early history of Farmington. He said there was a family up there and the wife was an Indian girl. He didn't even tell me that she had been raised by Ezra T., he just said that she married a Wilcox and they had boys. He said they were looked down upon in the community. Hardly any of them were active in the church.

Orson Clark: I don't know that they were active except in one way. They were athletic minded. Every year on Decoration Day they used to have bicycle races from Salt Lake to Lagoon. These Wilcox boys would nearly always win. They were stout, big fellows. But I have an idea that they mostly stayed by themselves. You would see them downtown and the like. I don't know that they were ostracized at all, but I don't know that they mixed with the people.

Interviewer: Whatever happened to them?

Orson Clark: Well, the parents died and finally the boys moved away. They had one girl and she was just loved by everybody. She was a beautiful girl. I remember she used to come and see the folks there when I was growing up. But I think there could have been a little distinction there, because they were partly Indian. They had the dark skin and features.