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G: Brother Clark, tell me where your family was situated and what your father was involved in.

C: After my father was married, he built an adobe house up town. It was located at 111 North Main Street in Farmington. His father was a farmer and owned a home down to about 392 West State Street. In those days, travel was by horse and buggy. Since my father was living uptown, everytime he went to the farm he had to travel back and forth by the horse and buggy. So they decided to exchange homes. My father would live down near the farm, and his father would live uptown. That was when I was about four years old.

G: Where was your father's other family situated at this time?

C: They had been located in Georgetown, Idaho. Father's second wife was Alice Randall of Center-ville, Utah.

There was a large barn west of the house where they used to keep cattle and horses in the basement, and on the top they had hay. When I was about four years old and very soon after they had moved from uptown, I was walking around watching them with the hay as they would pull loads of hay into the barn and unload it and then back the wagons out. On this particular occasion, I was playing at the rear of the wagon. They backed the wagon out which struck me to the ground, and they ran over my neck with two wheels of the wagon. That would crush and kill an ordinary person, but my life was saved. It did cause a lump to come on the left side of my neck, and I carried that for a long time. When I would catch cold, it would enlarge,

and then when the cold was gone, it would go down. In 1947 that lump enlarged, and the doctor launched it and drew liquid from that. I disappeared practically. That was the first time I had been without that lump for all that time. Now the reason it wasn't cared for before is several of the doctors had examined it. They said, "Don't touch it or do a thing with it as long as it doesn't bother him." So that was one of the things I carried through the early part of my life.

I remember there used to be an orchard in the back of the house. In the fall, of course, there were many types of fruit but especially apples. I was a great one for apples. I used to tie something around me which would make a bib in the top of my overalls or shirt. I would carry apples around with me all the time and have them to eat. Or course, when the brothers were working around and had a chance to rest for a few minutes, they would come and eat some of my apples.

G: You mentioned your father's second wife and where she was from. Maybe you could at this point tell me the history behind the marriage as you've heard the stories as to why your father entered polygamy.

C: Father had been married for such a long time with no children. Father was associated with the Authorities of the Church very closely. So was his father, Ezra T. Clark. Ezra T. Clark used to be the stopping point of Authorities going through. Being without a family, the