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Interviewer: Was he active in the church at all?

Orson Clark: Not that I know of. He could have been, but I don't remember of it. Of course, I was just a youngster.

Interviewer: He wrote articles for the Davis County Clipper for years and years in the 1890's.

Orson Clark: I guess so.

Interviewer: I've had a student pull most of those out of the newspapers. I have got quite a collection of his articles.

Orson Clark: He was quite a bright fellow. But I've never heard anything against him.

Interviewer: What kind of a personality did he have? Was he a friendly man?

Orson Clark: He was quite a jovial sort.

Interviewer: One question I did want to ask you. Someone was telling us, I've forgotten who it was, about a store here that used to sell boot-leg whiskey out the back door?

Orson Clark: I don't know anything about that.

Interviewer: I'm just curious about it. I guess that was a generation earlier than yours. They kept on saying that there was some store here that was selling liquor out the back door.

Orson Clark: That's a new one on me.

Interviewer: I've forgotten the name of the store. What about Uncle Amasa?

Orson Clark: Uncle Amasa, of course you know where he lived up here. When the bank was organized Ezra T. was the president. He put A.L. as cashier. Apparently A.L. didn't have a very strong constitution. He tended to be a little sickly. That's the reason his father put him in the bank.

Interviewer: For a sickly person, he certainly lived a long time. Do you know anything about how the bank happened to be organized? Why did Ezra T. go into the banking business?

Orson Clark: I don't know why he went in, I have an idea. Ezra could see the necessity of a bank. Now Ezra T. was quite a progressive man. He was a pioneer, but he was a progressive one. He could see the needs for a bank and so he just went ahead and organized it. In that organization when he could, he got money in. Walter tells me that he was number