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select that particular place?

Orson Clark: Well, she had two brothers and a sister up there. The older brother had quite a large place up there. Like I said, I had been up there three times and seen how their crops grow, how they produce. I just had the desire to go. This brother up there was doing well at it and I figured if he could so well, so could I.

Interviewer: How did the land up there compare to the land here in producing crops?

Orson Clark: It was new land, fertile. It really produced.

Interviewer: How much land did you first buy?

Orson Clark: The first year I was there, I run one hundred and sixty.

Interviewer: You bought one hundred and sixty acres?

Orson Clark: No, I bought eighty. I farmed the eighty while I was there. I cleared it up, it was in bad shape.

Interviewer: Had it been farmed before or was it virgin?

Orson Clark: It had been farmed in a way. Some fruit trees had been on it. They were dead and the people had farmed it in a poor way. Things were littered around. For three months that spring we did nothing but just clear the stuff off and burn it up.

Lucille Clark: Three years!

Orson Clark: Well, the first three months while we were there we just had a bonfire continuously.

Interviewer: Getting rid of trash, huh? What kind of house was there on the place?

Orson Clark: Well, it was livable. The first year we were there it was in a basement house which wasn't at all conducive. But the next year when we bought the place, it was livable.

Interviewer: Was it a wooden farmhouse?

Lucille Clark: It had hot and cold water in the bathroom.

Interviewer: That was very good for that time. Not many farmers had that.

Lucille Clark: It was '53.

Orson Clark: So it was good. After we had moved back here and