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Transcript of an Oral History, conducted by Clark S. and Ruth Knowlton of Orson and Lucile Clark

a little garden or have a horse or a cow or something, where maybe you want a couple of acres, it is lovely soil and I have water for it.

Interviewer: It's being farmed right now though isn't it?

Orson Clark: Yes.

Interviewer: So what did you do besides working in the Temple?

Orson Clark: Well, we worked there until I got sick. I had a sick spell there. Of course, that put me out and I was out for awhile. The policy of the Temple was that if you were out a month, I've just forgotten how much, when you are out so long you can just automatically be dropped. It took me a little time to come out of it. So I was just automatically dropped, that was all. After I got up and got going again, then they sent us on a mission.

Interviewer: Where did you go?

Orson Clark: Florida.

Interviewer: What year did you go to Florida?

Orson Clark: 1971 I think it was.

Ruth Knowlton: What part of Florida were you in?

Orson Clark: We were right at the north end of Lake Okeechobee. That is about the center of the state. We were located right there on the north end. We were there all the time were were there.

Interviewer: How long were you on your mission?

Orson Clark: Six months.

Interviewer: Did you do proseltyizing work or were you at work as a Branch President?

Orson Clark: No, it's a funny thing and maybe I shouldn't say this, we were sent out and we went to the office that was there in Florida, the southern part. We drove down and walked in the office there and there were a couple of young Elders there. "Brother Clark, here is this material you'll need and here's a map that will show you where to go. The President will be up to see you." Do you know, we went up there and the president never showed up What were we to do? We were goin on a mission and not a minutes instruction of what they wanted or where they wanted us or anything. The country was new to us. There were a couple of young Elders there that were just waiting for us to come so they could leave. So we did the best we could. I could see and I can see now what we should have done but I've always been taught that when