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Ruth Knowlton: What about Uncle Amasa's?

Orson Clark: Uncle Amasa is one that you don't get much out of.

Ruth Knowlton: Now, Uncle Wilford's yes.

Orson Clark: Uncle Wilford's probably is.

Interviewer: They are organized.

Orson Clark: I don't know about Uncle Charlie.

Ruth Knowlton: I think there is one, but how active and how well going it is, I don't know. You could talk to Elsworth. Elsworth would be the one to talk to about that.

Orson Clark: We meet once a year. Last time, we met up in Highland Park. The son-in-law has a lovely place up there. We were there for two or three days. We had our organization. I'm not as active as I should be now I guess. It kind of took the props out from under me when they said, "Four generations and then go on if you want to."

Ruth Knowlton: I think it was misinterpreted in the newsmedia and in the church organs, the Ensign and so on. Because it was soon after that when everybody said, "Oh goody, I can lay back. I don't have to do that." When I read an article as an editorial from President Kimball saying we were still responsible for our own families. it didn't let individual members off the hook. We still had to do our own research, we still had to keep going. It just meant that the church with the computer system had a way of helping the Temples keep busy, to get the work in. Well, you couldn't get that over to anyone. I had a very difficult time with my brothers who were on High Council and so on. "Oh no, it's over with. You don't understand." You know, they didn't listen so I let it go. But they have had almost how many years, about three or four now haven't they, that they have had to work on the members of the church to say, "Get back there and start doing your genealogy." And I think this last four generation is another way of getting the people going on it again.

Orson Clark: That's what I guess they want. But another thing that kind of upset it. The fact when they said, "Get everyone, this work has got to be done for everyone. Get very person that has lived and died." I can see where with these machines that they are going in and getting the names and the like. Our second boy, Ralph, lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. In his stake, he is in charge of it. He has told us how many names they had sent in. They are getting tremendous amounts of names.

Ruth Knowlton: Well, it's great. I think that it is going to help, it is going to aid you to link up your families. It could help you