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

did get the woman baptized who was the wife of this one that had been with him for forty years, we did get her baptized. Of course, the people before us had worked on her you see.

Interviewer: How did you like Florida?

Orson Clark: How did I like it? I wasn't sold to it. The first thing you see, we got there and it was fall. The house, the only place we could rent, was where the people before us had. It was a house up on stilts.

Ruth Knowlton: We know about those.

Orson Clark: Well, you know what they are I don't need to describe that. That cold, you know, came up through there. That winter they had a frost that froze their tomatoes, it was heavy enough. You know that kind of a frost how it comes through those floors.

Interviewer: Oh yes, and wooden walls too.

Orson Clark: We were cold until finally we located one of these electric blankets and we bought that. Then we kept fairly warm. But the place we had to meet in wasn't a conducive place to invite people to come to, other than your lower class of people.

Ruth Knowlton: Where did you meet? Describe the building for us.

Orson Clark: On one of the side streets, there was quite a long building. In that building there was different stores or offices and the like. One of those was set off for a place for us to meet. There was a room there and they had built a little stand, a pulpit. Then in the back of this room they partitioned it off and made two or three little rooms for the kiddies. So that was the thing. There was one mistake that I made in a way. When we left the church down here, we knew one of the men there. He said, "See all you can while you are there." But when we got out there, our instructions were, "Don't you leave, stay right here."

Interviewer: Don't go sight-seeing, yeah that's right.

Orson Clark: So we were afraid to go out and see. So we went tracting rather than sight seeing. On Christmas Day, we did take off and went down around the lake to a girl that I taught in school. her folks were raised here in Bountiful. She was married and there. The fellow graduated along with our youngest son. So we had met them. So on Christmas Day we drove around. He showed us around. He was in the sugar business. Well, there was one thing coming back to this. When we were to be released, we were told to come down to the office. That was not quite into Miami. We went down and they had us stay there overnight. We had a little meeting there. The President said, "If it hadn't been for you