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ties that your father's two families had to live so far away from each other?

C: I've always understood and I got it from my father that that was it. The first year or two after they were married, she lived around with her folks. That wasn't satisfactory. She went to or three years after she was married before she had any family. Living under those conditions it was difficult for them. It was difficult especially for the second wife.

G: Do you recall your mother ever visiting up at Georgetown at Aunt Alice's?

C: The only thing that I remember there is what my mother has said. When Aunt Alice was moved up there, Father took on some homesteading. They needed more land. Mother went up and lived with Father up there in homesteading that land. As to the family relationship there, I never knew anything. I never heard them say anything against each other.

G: This was before you were born that your mother lived in Georgetown near Aunt Alice?

C: Yes. They had to live on the land to homestead it. As I understand, Aunt Alice had a home there in town, but Mother had to live out on the piece that they were homesteading. Mother did tell of how she would go up each summer for a period of time. It was only a few weeks I think that they had to live on the places in homesteading in those days. Mother would go up with Father and they would live on the place and homestead it. Then they turned that property over to Aunt Alice's family. They didn't take that as their own. It went to that family.

G: Brother Clark, in the literature on polygamy a lot had been written concerning how the first wife was dominant and had more say so in the family. I was just wondering how you perceived that in your particular family arrangement.

C: I don't know that there was ever any dominance. Of course, during my remembrance it was mostly when Aunt Alice was established in Idaho and Mother was established here. They lived that way. Of course, she would come down occasionally and visit her relatives. As youngsters, we didn't know too much about what was going on. We would know she would come and we would meet her and see her. When she got through with her visit, then she would go back. But I've never heard my mother nor I've never heard Aunt Alice make any derogatory statements against each other.

G: You told me about your father occasionally going up on the railroad to Georgetown. Did he continue that for your entire childhood?

C: Until the older ones of Aunt Alice's family got to where they could take care of the property themselves.