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Ruth Knowlton: Can you remember any experiences of him learning to drive it?

Orson Clark: Yes.

Ruth Knowlton: Tell us about it.

Orson Clark: We'd go laughing a lot. There was a fence along there, and when he went to back up or something, he'd go, "Whoa, whoa, whoa!" It wouldn't stop, it wouldn't mind him!

Ruth Knowlton: I can just see him pulling on that wheel. How many calamities, or experiences like that did he have before he finally was able to negotiate?

Orson Clark: Oh, I think that was the one that taught him the lesson.

Lucille Clark: He learned he had to put his foot on the brake.

Interviewer: How old were you when you first drove?

Orson Clark: That was the first car I drove, I guess.

Ruth Knowlton: How did you learn how to drive it?

Orson Clark: Just by watching the other folks and getting it.

Interviewer: How old were you before you owned your first car?

Orson Clark: I had been married for....how long? Oh, 26 or 27.

Interviewer: What make was it?

Orson Clark: An old Model T.

Interviewer: I remember those.

Orson Clark: What was it, \$150 I paid for it. That took us for several years.

Interviewer: You know, it's interesting, I remember back before World War II when Model T's were selling for five or ten dollars and no one wanted them. Right now if you had a Model T in good operating order you could sell it for thousands and thousands of dollars. I wish I would have bought about 25 of them, they were a dime a dozen. Everybody was getting rid of the Model T's and the Model A's.

Lucille Clark: It was when we went up to Montpelier that you bought it. You had taught one year down in Carbon County and then he bought the Model T. What was it, \$150?