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

Interviewer: It didn't hurt his position in the community?

Orson Clark: I don't think so. I didn't know of it.

Interviewer: He wasn't ostracized or rejected?

Orson Clark: Not that I know of. There would be some, of course. It was one of those things where he went into polygamy and he had two good women, the finest kind of women. They raised the finest kind of youngsters.

Interviewer: Coming back to the time you went to Oregon. You said that your wife had relatives in Oregon at the time in this area where you migrated to.

Orson Clark: Yes, she had two brothers and a sister up there.

Interviewer: Were they originally from Utah?

Orson Clark: Yes. They reached out. They were farmers and they just reached out. There wasn't anything here for them so they moved to where they could get land and farm it.

Interviewer: Were there many people here that went up there at that time?

Orson Clark: There were quite a few of them from Woodscross. Quite a number of them.

Interviewer: And they all settled in this section of Oregon that you went to?

Orson Clark: In that locality.

Interviewer: So then, you were quite familiar with that before you went up there. You had a good idea of what you were getting into. had you gone up before you made the final decision?

Orson Clark: I made three trips up there before I finally decided.

Interviewer: What led you to go?

Orson Clark: There were two things. One of them was that I was raised on a farm and it was just kind of under my skin. The other was that I could see that my health was breaking under the teaching and church and farming and all. I could see that unless something was done, I would be in trouble. I didn't advertise it, I didn't tell people or anything about it. Just the wife and I knew. So we just pulled off and went. It saved me.

Interviewer: Where did you settle in Oregon and why did you