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Amasa L. Clark being interviewed by his daughter-in-law Mable (Hone) Clark and his son Stephen Hone Clark in 1959, probably 31 January.

This is Amasa L. Clark, Farmington speaking. I'm in a very comfortable room here with my wife, Dr. Stephen H. Clark, and his mother.

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They came here to hear the voice of some of his relatives so he could carry it in his records permanently. I was born on the 6th day of June, 1865

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the 7th of 10 sons and 1 daughter in our family. We had a large family, but we had a good time.

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It's an interesting thing to have lived to the age of 93 and see the progress that has been made in every branch of living.

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I think of the transportation. I think of the stagecoach. In my early days, before the railroad came in, I remember very well there preparing the railroad to pass through our town.

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I remember them driving the spiles on which they were to erect a tank to provide water for the locomotives as they would stop. The trains were small at that time

and to see them now

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it's marvelous, such an improvement. There's been improvement in so many ways, education and the lighting system and the heating system and the various branches of activity and farm life.

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and every branch of life, commercial, banking, bookkeeping, and different devices, it takes a long, many chapters to tell of the advancement that has come.

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We had a large family, but we had a good time. My father liked to have some boys work diligently. He liked work done quickly. He used to encourage us to do so much work and then quit.

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But at the end of the week we used to during the summer time we used to go down to the lake a mile and a half away and take a bath in the afternoon and come home. He was very anxious for us to fill our appointments on time.

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He never talked much to his children. He spoke rather by parables and examples, so we could understand pretty well what he meant. His means of discipline was

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the approval plan. When people did well, he approved of it. And sometimes when things went wrong, he would say, "Huh"—that was his answer to something he didn't like.

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He never liked to hear one child complain against the weaknesses of another. We tried as a family to live a United Order, like the church had planned.

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And so for a long many years, we stored our honey, so to speak, together, and we felt free to buy or sell any material that was on the market.

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And he would approve by his, you know, by his accent what it all meant. I told one of my boys once, I said, I've talked directly to you today, more perhaps than my father would talk to me in years and years.

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He seemed to talk by parables. We know what he meant.

He never talked much about tithing, but when we went to gather produce, he complimented the boys when they said, "Father, we picked the largest potatoes for tithing".

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we have got a field of hay there over in one corner

that's good for tithing. That's the way he spoke about tithing. He talked about the importance of going to meetings. He used to send me out when one of the brethren from Salt Lake City was to meeting

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he used to send me out to tell the neighbors to come to church. He never said much about going to church himself. Mother was rather the disciplinarian in many of those things, like it is in many parts of the United States.

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The mother seemed to take care of the techniques of the home, and my mother was very careful about the chores being done, even in the barn—if the horses were fed and everything fixed up for the day.

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She was very particular that I would not stay away from home at night. She wanted me to be home, and uh, we had a lovely home. Numbers of young ladies and women folks who come to live at our home to do service

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remained there for as long as three years, a number of them, would stay three years at a time, they seemed to feel at home. Father was well known throughout the country,

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and people in traveling, transportation was limited at that time, and many people came to stay all night at our home. And they knew it to be a home of hospitality,

but my father seemed to feel happy, and my mother too,

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in preparing good food for those who came to visit there. He wanted us to go to school the first day, and he didn't want us to stay out of school. He was busy, but he didn't like this remaining out for work.

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he would plan otherwise. When the primary was started, my brothers used to, I was 13 years old. They seemed to give way

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so that I could leave the work and go to primary. I'll talk about primary. Primary was organized when I was 13 years old. And my sister, Aurelia S. Rogers,

there were a number of people in the church

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who had entertained young people but she undertook to visit the families and get the young people together and organize it, she did it under the direction of the bishop

and a couple of the brethren who were to assist

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she had two counselors, and they had no general board at that time so she planned to have classes, and teachers. They made up their own program, but she was very industrious.

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the young people, the young ladies, were taught to do needlework—and the young man would do carpenter work and make models of churches in different buildings...

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she used to have a primary fair, and it was extended—as the primary grew it was extended to other communities, Bountiful and Kaysville. And then it spread and it went throughout all the church.

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But we raised a crop of beans. We had a band organized, a pipe and drum band, and we used to have amusements and organizations and concerts

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which would deal with church history sometimes and other good high moral ideas and plans of living.

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75 years after the primary was organized, they had a great celebration in Salt Lake City. It illustrated some of the activities that she advanced and carried on,

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and it was a large gathering at that time. Sister Rogers was a quiet, unassuming lady, but she was full of fiery determination to do good to others.

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And she was a noble woman, and she gathered to her assistants other noble women who carried on the work.

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Anything more I can say about the primary? Anything you'd like to? You get something about yourself, you play with your band and all those things.

I don't like to say what I did, but I was there.

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I knew Sister Rogers very well because I passed her home many thousands of times, going and returning from work.

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and, uh, I was the Bishop when she passed, and President Heber J. Grant came and spoke at the funeral

and we had a large reception

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and the people came to pay the respect to this noble character who lived through many hardships in early days, as numbers of books have been written to indicate what she did for the work.

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Her father was an educated man, and one of the first chancellors of the Deseret—or the University of Deseret now. And at the present time, one of the buildings on the campus of the University of Utah are named for her father.

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What's the father's name? [Inaudible text]

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Spencer Building it is. I know it just as well as I know my own, too. So much for primary.

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I worked on the farm with the boys. We used to haul a great deal of hay to Salt Lake City and market it there. I went to the University of, I went to the BYU for three terms.

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The next year I went, took a winter course at the University of Utah, and they considered me an alumni student, alumnus student, in both of these institutions.

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Okay.