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Interviewer: Were there many flocks of sheep in Farmington? Did many farmers have flocks sheep?

Orson Clark: No, very few sheep.

Interviewer: not like it was in South Salt Lake County.

Orson Clark: Another thing was these silk worms.

Interviewer: Yes, I wanted to ask you about that.

Orson Clark: The food for these silk worms were these Mulberry trees. There used to be two of them.

Lucille Clark: They were great big ones. Then there were some others over on the other house. When I was a youngster, there was an old adobe house, two story adobe house. In the top story they had these silk worms. They would carry the leaves up and feed them every so often. Of course that wasn't my work, but I have seen them do it. They raised quite a lot.

Interviewer: So they produced silk and sold it from here?

Orson Clark: Yes.

Interviewer: Were there any other industries that you can remember, Orson, when you were growing up that provided employment for people here?

Orson Clark: There is Lagoon. That was the only in-

dustry. The railroad, there was employment on the railroad.

Interviewer: When you were growing up, how many stores were there in Farmington, do you remember?

Orson Clark: Grocery?

Interviewer: Any kind of store. Grocery or other kind.

Orson Clark: They had three.

Interviewer: General stores?

Lucille Clark: There was only one up there by the church.

Orson Clark: Yes, there was that one and then there was the J.B. Woods and then there was the Mercantile.

Interviewer: Who owned the one by the church and the Mercantile?