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Orson Clark: Well, I had been used to riding those things and sliding off and the like. It was no chore, you just slid off. It didn't just tip upside down, it just slid off you see.

Interviewer: How many horses did your father have?

Orson Clark: He always kept three or four pair.

Interviewer: Were they of any specific breed?

Orson Clark: They did keep one breed for driving horse.

Interviewer: A buggy horse?

Orson Clark: It was a buggy horse.

Interviewer: Was it an English Clydesdale? Did it have a lot of hair on the feet?

Orson Clark: No, it was one of these regular....

Interviewer: Was it a Belgian, Clydesdale,.....

Orson Clark: No, you're in the work horses. Hamiltonians, that was the driving horse.

Interviewer: Yeah, that was the kind that would really go.

Orson Clark: He always kept a good team of horses. She was a roan. That is the one we had on the buggy.

Interviewer: What were the others? Were they common, ordinary work stock?

Orson Clark: Most were the work stock. Percherons.

Interviewer: Did he do any breeding of horses? Did he breed his horses for use?

Orson Clark: Yes, he bred the horses. He bred the mares so that they had colts coming on each year.

Interviewer: Did he keep a stallion?

Orson Clark: For quite a number of years, I don't know how they did them until finally a man from the east came in and brought one. The farmers went as a group and purchased it. It was kept out here in the barn.

Interviewer: Do you remember the breed?

Orson Clark: Percheron.