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Orson Clark: He owned quite a lot of land. he wasn't rich but had the necessities of life and enough to sustain himself and the families.

Interviewer: What were his aspirations and desires in life?

Orson Clark: To be an honorable citizen, to be of service to the community and to his church.

Interviewer: Did your father and mother have any particularly close friends who they did a lot of things together with?

Orson Clark: The president of the stake who was Henry H. Robinson. He was well known in the county and had many friends. Very few, if any, enemies. At one time he knew personally nearly all of the grown people in south Davis County.

Interviewer: Now let's take on your own personal life. First of all, where were you born?

Orson Clark: I was born in Farmington. I attended the elementary school in Farmington. I went one year to the old LDS High School and then attended the Davis High School in Kaysville. I was a member of the first graduating class in the Davis High School. I played on the Davis football team and on the Davis basketball team. After graduating from high school, I attended four quarters at the Utah State Agricultural College. There I was on the freshman basketball team. Then I transferred to the University of Utah and graduated in 1925.

Interviewer: How many were in your graduation class from the University of Utah?

Orson Clark: I don't know.

Interviewer: What was the date you were born?

Orson Clark: August 14, 1898.

Interviewer: How old were you when you started school?

Orson Clark: Six years old I guess, six or seven.

Interviewer: The school building you went to when you were in elementary, what was it like?

Orson Clark: It was an old, red-bricked, two-story building with a big belfry in the top that they used to ring to start school in the morning, recess, and noon.

Interviewer: Did they have the school separated into different