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

growing up, my father had Jerseys or Guernsey. Of course we never had any more than one or two cows at a time. I really like to work with Jerseys. They are small. Jersey bulls are mean sometimes, but the Jersey cows are easy to handle. They are not a great big animal. They seem to be easier to handle than the other cows are. Of course, I haven't had much experience but I had enough to qualify as a milker.

Orson Clark: Are you in a hurry to go?

Ruth Knowlton: I'm a little worried. We have a retarded girl. She is 21 and I think she should be able to take care of herself. But I always feel uneasy when I know she has come home and she doesn't know where we've been or what we are doing.

Interviewer: We'll finish this tape and make another appointment and come and talk to you some more.

Lucille Clark: Well, we're glad to get better acquainted with you. It has been a real pleasure.

Interviewer: I should say so. But coming back to Oregon, how was the irrigation project run.

Orson Clark: Oh, it was like these irrigation projects.

Interviewer: Do you vote for the officers? Did you have a ditch master and all that?

Orson Clark: Yes. We happened to be right at the head of the ditch.

Interviewer: That's good. You never had to worry about water.

Orson Clark: So we did all right. Well I'll tell you though, we moved up there the first year and I rented. Then I bought and cleared that place up and leveled it and subsoiled it and cleaned the thing up and paid for it.

Interviewer: You were dealing with virgin territory weren't you?

Orson Clark: Pretty much.

Interviewer: Never had been farmed before.

Orson Clark: Well, it had been farmed.

Interviewer: Was it dry land?

Orson Clark: It hadn't been intensively done.

Interviewer: That irrigation project, did it come in after World