



kindex®

< Scan QR to view this original record online, or visit <https://ezratclark.kindex.org/s/193607>

Title: **1981-interview_p058**

Provenance: **Provided to the Ezra T. Clark Family Organization Library by Bryan Clark, son of the late Ralph Clark**

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

Category: **Volume**

Person:

Date: **11/23/1981**

Orson Clark-11/23/81 -Pg 20

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 re-tarded 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