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tools and machinery that we have now. So we had to do it by hand and with the help of horses. We plowed and walked behind the plow. We walked behind the harrow and the drill. Then at harvest time, we had the horses to mow the hay and rake the hay. We would pile it by hand and pitch it on the wagon by hand. We would take it off either with a hay fork or by hand. We sold much hay when I was at home before I was married to the places in Salt Lake where they had deliveries. We would take a load in three times a week. I started to driving a load when I was sixteen years old. I would take a load of hay into Salt Lake which would be from about twenty-five to thirty hundred pounds. We would unload the hay by hand up into the top of a barn and come home. That was hard work.

Lucille Clark: And the roads weren't hard surfaced either.

Orson Clark: No sir, there weren't hard surfaced roads. During the wet times of the year it was difficult. The ruts were deep and it was hard to get there without tipping over.

Interviewer: Did you ever have any mechanical problems with the wagon as you were going on that trip?

Orson Clark: I tipped a load of hay over one time out by the St. Mark's Hospital. It just happened to be that my older brother had another load. We were taking two loads in that day. He was just ahead of me. When he saw the load go over, he parked his load and came back and pitched it on while I loaded it and then we went on. That's hard work.