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ORSON R. CLARK HISTORY

Interviewed April 1972 by Keith Martin

Interviewer: Let's first of all start with your grandparents, the name of your grandfather and your grandmother.

Orson Clark: You want to know the names of my grandparents? My grandparents on my father's side was Ezra Thompson Clark and his wife was Mary Stevenson Clark. On my mother's side was Franklin Dewey Richards and Mary Thompson Richards.

Interviewer: Where did the Clarks first of all come from?

Orson Clark: In 1848, Ezra T. Clark with his wife and child left Winter Quarters and came into the Salt Lake Valley, in the fall of 1848.

Interviewer: Was Ezra T. and his wife born in the United States?

Orson Clark: Yes.

Interviewer: Where in the United States did they come from first?

Orson Clark: Around Chicago as far as I know. Ezra T. Clark's father was Timothy Baldwin Clark. Timothy Baldwin Clark, it is said that he built the first log cabin on what is now Clark Street in Chicago.

Interviewer: Where did the Richards come from originally?

Orson Clark: They came along with Brigham Young to the west. Franklin Dewey Richards was the son of Phinehas, who was the brother to Willard Richards.

Lucille Clark: Nephew.

Orson Clark: Nephew of Willard Richards, yes that's right.

Interviewer: Do you know approximately when your grandparents were both born?

Orson Clark: I would have to look it up. I could do that if you really needed it.

Interviewer: We can check and put it in there after. About how old was your grandfather and grandmother, the Richards and the Clarks. when they came with Brigham Young?

Orson Clark: I don't know, I would have to look it up.

Lucille Clark: Why don't you get your genealogy book, Daddy.

Interviewer: Now we can go on to the occupation of Ezra T. Clark.