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"When I go, there will be no division of their property up there or ours down here to go to the other. They have had theirs and you will have yours." It was all willed to us. Before he died, we know what was going to be ours and who was going to have what. It was the same up there. As far as I know, everything from up there went there and everything from down here went here. As far as equality in accounts, I don't know anything about that. I don't know whether they had more or less.

G: How would you characterize the difference between your childhood and that of a monogamous family here in Farmington? You had friends here in the neighborhood who weren't polygamists. Your own family life wasn't any different from theirs because the other family was so far away. Wasn't it almost for you like being born and raised in monogamy?

C: Yes. In my day at least, we never saw any differences. In my early days from around 1900 even 1910 this community was just a little community set out here of stalwart people who settled here and lived here. There was very little change. Everyone knew everyone else. At one time I knew every family in Farmington. I was in the bishopric and I knew every family in town. And now I'm a stranger in Farmington. I don't even know my neighbors across the street. I've met them, but they're outsiders. They don't show any concern about wanting to associate and they don't go to church. So we live and love them, but we don't have any relationship. In living here the polygamy didn't bother us, and I don't think it bothered any others. In fact I guess there were some that never knew that my father had two wives. Some people my age that grew up

didn't know that.

G: Your peers that you went to school with had no idea that you had half brothers and sisters.

C: No. before we went to school, this street out here, State Street now was Clark Street. Grandfather Clark owned both sides of the street here for two blocks up to the 200 West. On the south side of the street, he built a home for one wife and her children and on the other side he built homes for the other family who wanted to work and live there. Of course, I knew which home was for which one, but I've never heard people say which was for which wife. All of these people living in these homes all had youngsters and we all lived together and played together and worked together and went to school together. I remember we would sit there and the whole row would all be we Clark relatives. They were not necessarily Clark in name because some were Knowltons and some were Hesses or something like that but they were all cousins. We all associated and played together.

G: Tell me about a little bit of your later life. Tell me about your courtship with your wife and then your eventual work and profession.

C: I could take the profession there. Being on the farm this way with Father, there was a lot of work to do. We used to work hard. I had two brothers from my mother. There were three boys. We worked hard,