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

The new president was a man from Clinton who had gone up there and was farming.

Lucille Clark: He was First Counselor there.

Orson Clark: His Counselor was Nelson who was in the Bishopric over here in Woodscross. They pulled me into the High Council.

Lucille Clark: Well, he came a day or two after we landed and wanted him to go in the Stake. He said he didn't think it was the right thing because he was a stranger and he felt like they ought to leave him alone for a little while until he got acquainted.

Interviewer: They wanted your service right then, huh? Because they knew of you down here.

Orson Clark: I could see why. They were having a little difficulty with some of the Priesthood organizations, especially the Elders. There at one time, they couldn't get anyone that would teach the Elders.

Interviewer: Why?

Orson Clark: They just didn't get along in some way. Nobody would do it. So the president of the stake sent me over. He said, "You'll have to go over and do it."

Interviewer: Were the Elders supposed to be unruly or hard to control?

Orson Clark: No, there just wasn't the best of feelings, I guess.

Ruth Knowlton: Was that caused because they were living in different areas and there were enough Elders for a Quorum in the stake but not in the ward?

Orson Clark: No, they had quite a group there in the ward. They was just a feeling there of some kind.

Interviewer: A personality conflict.

Orson Clark: But I used to like it, I would go there and teach them and get along with them.

Interviewer: What were the major problems the church faced up there, if any?

Orson Clark: Well, I think maybe they needed more people. But I don't know, they got along quite well. They build their church and did the remodeling in it. They had two men that were quite well to do. Her brother was one and they just went ahead. They wanted to build a church. The authorities down here, they couldn't see it.