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Amasa L. Clark being interviewed by his daughter-in-law Mable (Hone) Clark and her son Stephen Hone Clark in 1959, probably 31 January. Contains his Testimony.

My father passed in 1901. He left one old-fashioned dual family that worked together and lived together and used to have their meetings together and got along like one group.

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Each family lost a son on a mission, and despite, and aside from that disappointment

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there have been over 250 years of missionary work done by this double family, and more than 150 years

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of time spent in the temples doing temple work for their people who have passed on, and also to help the living. As a result of father's hospitality

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the family had the privilege of shaking hands with the presidents and general authorities of the church

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and I think I have shaken hands with every one of the presidents of the church since, excepting the prophet Joseph Smith. I was a young boy when I used to visit the home of President Brigham Young with my mother.

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She went to see Sister Young, and it has been a great advantage to have good people come into our home and associate with them.

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We've been, as I said before, we have been rather strong in sending missionaries to do a good work. My father was in England in 1857

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and I heard one man speak something that my father never would talk about but he said that my father was the first elder that he ever heard speak teaching the people to pay their tithing at a time when it was hard to get enough to eat.

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But this man said, your father said, "If you want to get to Zion, I'll tell you the way to do it. Be prayerful and keep the commandments, and pay your tithing",

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and in support of that my father emigrated several scores of people here, and let them work on the farm and pay for the expenses,

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and in that way we met some very fine people who came from Europe here. My father was very successful in business. He used to lend money

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to uh...for education, and for enterprise, and he hardly ever lost any money because he trusted the people and better than that he seemed to know who to trust.

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He had good judgment that he trustworthy and to help each other. As I said before he tried to leave a system of the United Order, and help each other along.

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Some would go on a mission and others would work and help, so that we had a very successful time. I haven't said much about my mother's work, but she was working in the Relief Society of the Stake

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for numbers of years, and associated with the wives of the authorities of the church and our other family did a great work in many, many ways in building up the church.

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Personally, I was working in the Sunday School as Superintendent in the stake for 15 years.

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I was in the bishopric for 15 and a half years as bishop, and I've been working in different organizations, since. At the present time, I am a member of the Great Salt Lake Council in Salt Lake City,

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working in the finance department. I have been it seems to be—it has been my lot many years to be in the collecting game, finance department, and I've enjoyed the work very much.

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I was married to Alice Steed in 1885

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December. She died 10 years later. Two child—two children had passed leaving three sons. Sterling Clark—Burley now,

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Earl Clark—Provo, and Grant Clark died 1940 November. Each of them capable and doing a good work. Grant was very successful in the banking business,

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and they—after Harold went on his mission, the BYU people of Provo wanted to know if they could have him to teach, and that was such a noble profession.

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And brought him into company with great men—good men. I consented to have him teach there, because I realized that to be a teacher is to leave a vestige of oneself in the development of another,

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which is also said to be a touch of immortality. So he has been very successful in the school there. Many responsible activities have been placed in his hands, and they named one of the buildings there a couple of years ago

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the Harold R. Clark building. Because this building is one that he conducted, the school there—store—sold dispensed books for the students

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and made a large sum of money on the profits, and is being thought very much of by the present management of the Brigham Young University. Now let me see. Let me see what else you like to hear about.

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Your present family, Father. Yeah. Yeah.

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I married Susan Duncan Clark, March 31st, 1917. Huh?

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1897. They had five children, Julian and Phyllis, Nellie, Dale and Lewis.

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Lewis passed a year and a half ago,

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leaving five children and his widow in Salem, Oregon. They have been very active in their work. Dale is now working in the cashier of the Davis County Bank.

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And Phyllis had died in the hospital a couple of years ago, and Nell is the wife of D. Alton Partage,

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who is president of the state school in New Jersey, Upper Montclair.

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I have always been anxious for my children to attend to their church duties and have felt a special emphasis on missionary work, and tithing.

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I felt that people turned out in teaching people to give that it comes back to them. I have enjoyed very good health

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very good health. I think if I was at a state one thing about happiness one of the best rules is to be healthy and strong. I think that can be attained by living on simple diets and foods, and natural foods.

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I hear many people bear their testimony about the true work. And then my testimony is that when I hear them, I say I know they're speaking the truth. And I know that it is possible for people to get so closely in touch with the Master's work

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that they are told, and it is proven to them by the Spirit that there is a Creator, there is a heaven and an earth, and that we may look forward to a resurrection

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as we look forward to the rising of the sun the next day. This is my testimony and goodwill to all of my family and associates. And I wish I had a little better time

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to get a better arrangement of these things. But me and my wife love little children. They come to visit us. And we try to practice the golden rule of loving each other and doing unto them as we'd like to be treated ourselves.

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now I enjoy this visit of my relatives here to-

day very much—[they're] doing a great work raising large families teaching them to do right. It's a great it's a great compliment to this these mothers who are here today,

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to meet here and to talk about these things, it's very glorious—and it seems incredible that this voice of mine could be carried on, but I am proud that it can be, and we carry in our hearts a blessing for each other,

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and a spirit of helpfulness all the way along. I don't know what to say, folks, more, although there's chapters to be dealt with about the activities of our children,

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they're doing fine work. That's what. This mother, Mabel, here, holding this instrument in her hands, children are all doing fine, all doing well, and it's a glorious thing to know of it.

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I am a little under the weather at the present time, the doctor says, but I don't have any pain. And I enjoy living very much and working with people, and helping them to make a good record for living.