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

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Orson Clark: Coombs.

Interviewer: Did Coombs own both?

Orson Clark: No, they owned the one.

Interviewer: Which one did they own?

Orson Clark: The one up by the church. The one downtown was J.D. Wood. Jonathan D. Wood. Then there was the Mercantile. Farmington Commercial Merchandise.

Interviewer: Who owned that one?

Orson Clark: I think it was kind of a concern business where several people were involved.

Lucille Clark: President Robinson?

Orson Clark: He was the manager.

Lucille Clark: Robert Griffith had one on the west side of the street, down where the bank is now.

Orson Clark: Well, that was later.

Interviewer: Were there other stores in Farmington at that time?

Orson Clark: There was a drugstore.

Interviewer: Who owned that one?

Orson Clark: Walter Rampton. Then there was a livery stable. Do you know what I mean by a livery stable?

Interviewer: Yes I do, I'm not that young. I know what a livery stable is.

Ruth Knowlton. The blacksmith shop was connected with the livery stable wasn't it?

Orson Clark: Oh, yes there was a blacksmith shop too.

Ruth Knowlton: Who was the blacksmith?

Orson Clark: Well, one of them was a Rampton man, Walter Rampton. And then he later got out of black smithing and built the drugstore.

Lucille Clark: Wasn't there a man by the name of Johnson that was at the blacksmith shop?