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Orson Clark: No, well some of them went into it. Especially those people from around Park City and Heber, they weren't truck farmers like these boys from Woodscross and the northern part of Davis County. They raised mostly some cattle, sugar beets, corn, some onions, hay, and grain. They got along. They did very well. That ground was a great producer. It was native ground, virgin soil. It really produced.

Interviewer: Did you have to fertilize it very much at all?

Orson Clark: Well, I used a commercial fertilizer quite a bit.

Interviewer: How did the old fellows, those who were the first settlers, how did they receive the Mormons coming in?

Orson Clark: I don't know that they joined them very much but they weren't too much in opposition.

Interviewer: Were they very friendly?

Orson Clark: They were quite friendly, yes.

Interviewer: Did the Mormons and non-Mormons visit back and forth very much?

Orson Clark: Some of them, not all of them. There were some that were very lovely. Of course, our youngsters as they were growing up, they would associate with these people in their schools. They

were very lovely. I don't know that there was any opposition.

Interviewer: There was no friction of any kind?

Orson Clark: No.

Interviewer: Were there any LDS among the merchants in the towns around there?

Orson Clark: There was one that I knew of. The others were non-members.

Interviewer: What were the best years as you recall, looking back? And what were the years that were not so good?

Orson Clark: the best financial years?

Interviewer: Yes, in farming.

Orson Clark: I believe the best that I had was the second year I was there. The first year I farmed one of the wife's brother's farms. The next year in that fall I pulled off and in the spring I purchased a farm. That first year I was there I planted some early potatoes. Those early potatoes produced well, they sold for