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five dollars a hundred on the car. Nowadays it wound't be very much but it was in those days because your regular price was around a dollar fifty or a dollar seventy-five and here we got five dollars.

Interviewer: You must have come in right at the beginning of the season, didn't you?

Orson Clark: yes, it was early potatoes. From those early potatoes, I paid off one of the mortgages. When I went up I mortgaged this home. We owned the home next to here and we mortgaged that. I paid one of the mortgages off that first year. That was the year when I came back. We used to make a trip back and forth occasionally. I walked into the bank and plunked down six thousand dollars and Uncle Amasa said, "Boy, where did you get that money!" I said, "I got it from the farm up there." "By jolly," he said. And you know it wasn't long until he came up to see.

Interviewer: Did you have anymore Clarks ever buy land up there?

Orson Clark: There was a little ground that was for sale. I figured that I had the best piece of ground on the location where we were. It was considered to be the best piece of ground. There was another good piece or two that came up for sale, but I didn't want any more when I found the boys didn't want to farm. I knew that I had all I wanted. I just figured what I would do is improve it and when I got through I would sell it and get my money back and come back here.

Interviewer: Come back here where your family is? I imagine when you put that money down the Clarks began to talk about land up there, didn't they?

Orson Clark: Uncle had to come up there, you see. It wasn't long until he came up there to see. "By jucks, boy," he said, "you surely do raise the crops."

Ruth Knowlton: You know that's curious, I would like to know. Do you have any idea. There are two interesting sayings that seem to be in the Clark family. I wondered where they originated, which Clark did they originate with or how did they originate? The one is this "hucks jucks" you just said "by jucks" and the other one is "by jolly."

Orson Clark: As far as I know, they originated with two generations above you, the older ones.

Ruth Knowlton: Do you think Ezra T. used those, or just his sons? His sons used them a lot.

Orson Clark: His sons, I think, that's the only place I knew of.