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Orson Clark: Very much so. She was in the presidency of the Relief Society for many years and in the M.I.A. (Mutual Improvement Association), and the Primary.

Interviewer: Do you know of the jobs that she held in the Mutual and the Primary?

Orson Clark: I don't know.

Interviewer: What did your father do in the community of Farmington?

Orson Clark: He was a member of the County Commission for several years. He was instrumental in the building of the new courthouse in Farmington, which is the present courthouse now. The old courthouse was torn down and replaced with this new one. There was much agitation by people who wanted to move the County Seat to Kaysville and have the courthouse there. But through the influence of my father, it was kept in Farmington.

Interviewer: What else did he do in the community?

Orson Clark: He was secretary of the North Cottonwood Irrigation and Water Company when it was organized. He served as a director on that company for many years.

Interviewer: What did this company do?

Orson Clark: It controlled the water from the Farmington canyon for irrigation.

Interviewer: How many children did your father have?

Orson Clark: Twelve.

Interviewer: Twelve children. What were the names of the children?

Orson Clark: My father had two families. By the family with the wife of Wealthy Richards there was Edward Franklin, Rulon W., Wealthy, Ray and Ralph who were twins, Orson R., and Mary Lucille. There were seven in that family. In the other family the mother was Alice Randall. Her children were Walter Edward, Melvin J., Rhoda, Maureen, and Bryant.

Interviewer: Did all the children live beyond their teen-age years?

Orson Clark: All but the twins who died at one-year-old.

Interviewer: What do you think the economic condition of your father was?