Clarence Maxwell was born in 1900 and grew up in the Turtle Mountains. In 1922, he enrolled in Hanson Tractor School in Fargo and worked in construction for a time before becoming a farmhand.

Soon Clarence rented his own farmland near Edmore, North Dakota, and married his schooldays sweetheart, Ruth Cahoon. Over the years, their family grew to include two sons, Robert and Jerry.

In 1944, the Maxwells, purchased a farm near Webster, North Dakota, and they continued their farming operation until retiring in 1962. Ruth passed away in 1980, and Clarence died in 1998. In his will, he requested that $10,000 of his estate be used to establish this endowment to assist exemplary LRSC students.