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Boyhood friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. Personal background. Comments about friendship with Dwight D. Eisenhower; his first recollection of DDE; the Eisenhower family home; fishing with DDE; antagonism between north-side and south-side Abilene kids; the Eisenhower boys' vegetable garden; DDE's chores; entertainment in Abilene; DDE's job at Belle Springs Creamery; Six McDonnell; baseball; Swede Hazlett; DDE's appointment to West Point; DDE's visits to Abilene; football; David and Ida Eisenhower; Dirk Tyler; Asper's military service; and other soldiers' views of Ike.

[Eisenhower Library Oral history Project, interview by Walter V. Barbash, 1964]