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McDONNELL, JOHN F. "SIX" (OH-330) 59 pages Open

Boyhood friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas.

DESCRIPTION: Interview #1. How he received the nickname "Six." Playing baseball in Abilene with DDE. Reflections on his career as a minor league baseball pitcher. Importance of Joe Howe in Abilene: helping DDE get an appointment to West Point; giving McDonnell a job; starting a boys club for the town. Comments on DDE: playing pool together; anecdotes about DDE in Abilene; businesses where DDE held jobs in town; DDE's high school girl friends.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project Interview by J. Earl Endacott, 1970]