

Oral History Interview
John H. Long
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MR. LONG: Well, we had these potatoes to pick and were out there picking potatoes and it got kinda late and Mud Creed come along and I told Earl that the ice was off every six or eight feet off each side, you know, so there was a good place there and Ike dared me to jump in to take a swim and I looked at Dwight and he was taking off his clothes and so was I.

MR. ENDACOTT: You both went in?

MR. LONG: We both went in, broke the ice and went in but we didn't stay long and I got out and went home.

MR. ENDACOTT: I bet you had goose pimples for a week, didn't you?

MR. LONG: He took my dare.

MR. ENDACOTT: He always did that, didn't he? He was quite a fighter—you give him a dare and he generally took it.

MR. LONG: He liked to take a dare.

Historical note: John H. Long was Dwight D. Eisenhower's classmate, two years at Lincoln and two years at Garfield. At this time in Abilene's history, seventh and eighth grade were held at Garfield.