

Oral History Interview
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MR. BARBASH: Mr. Asper, what do you know about “Six” McDonnell and his association with Dwight Eisenhower?

MR. ASPER: I know that Six used to play ball with Ike and they belonged to some kind of an association—I think it was Knights of Columbus or Knights of Honour or something up there. Fellow by the name of Joe Howe sponsored it—he run a print shop up there. Six worked for him and he had a bunch of boys—kind of a boy’s club. They had a ball team up there and I think that was where he associated with Six quite a bit—and then we went to high school together, too.

MR. BARBASH: Mr. Asper, were you a member of the Knights of Honour and do you recall what kind of an organization it was?

MR. ASPER: No, I didn’t belong to the Knights of Honour but it was kind of a boy’s club. They had games and had a hall and had meetings—had games up there in the hall and then the ball team, football team and different things like that. It was kind of an athletic boy’s club—I guess you’d call it.

MR. BARBASH: Do you know if Dwight was a member of the Knights of Honour?

MR. ASPER: No, I don’t know for sure but I just imagine he was. All the boys about his age was—he chummed around with some of them that belonged up there—Six McDonnell and them boys were—Merryfield—that he had the fight with—they belonged up there.