

Oral History Interview
Mrs. Nettie Stover Jackson
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Jackson: He [Dwight Eisenhower] took me through the creamery and showed me—you know his father was the engineer at the creamery [Belle Springs]. And Dwight was going around checking the thermometers in the different rooms, and we came to one room that had a barrel of, I mean, like an old salt barrel full of frozen chickens. They weren't wrapped separately, and there they were just chickens, and Dwight said, "Feel them; they're hard." And then another thing at the creamery that I remember was where they made the ice and how he used to, I think they called it, "pull the ice."

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Jackson: [I]t must have been before Christmas, because we were there*. I'm sure my father took me out. I got to go with my dad. It must have been before Christmas because Edgar [Eisenhower] was working in a store, the way I got it, at the Christmas rush. And it was night. My land, we never went anywhere at night, but this was in town. So Dwight took us over to that store where Edgar was working. And as I remember it was in a basement of the store where he worked. But anyhow, that was quite a thrill to me to go at night because here we never went anywhere at night.

*This is a reference to the Stover family's visit to Abilene in 1904, where they stayed with the Eisenhowers. Nettie's father and Dwight's mother were siblings.