

Oral History Interview
Rev. Ray I. Witter
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MR. BARBASH: Rev. Witter, in line of Ida Eisenhower's beliefs, even though she was not a formal member of the Brethren in Christ Church, several authors have stated that Ida was a pacifist and as a result of this she did not let the boys play war games, do you remember this to be true?

REV. WITTER: No, because I played war with the boys. In around the time of the Spanish American War, I remember when us boys built our forts, we had imaginary battle against the Spaniards and we played some war games the same as you find boys doing yet today, at least, when we was out to the farm and I don't doubt, but, what she, of course, kept it down to more of a minimum than some places but we played along that line, I well remember.

Historical Note: Rev. Ray I. Witter was a first cousin to Dwight D. Eisenhower. His mother was a sister to David Eisenhower, Dwight's father.