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INTERVIEWEE: Jack Breen
INTERVIEWER: William C. McGaw
PROJECT: Raid on Columbus, New Mexico, 1916
DATE OF INTERVIEW: May 30, 1960
TERMS OF USE: Unrestricted
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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

John Horace Breen was born in Fort Garland, Colorado in 1888; he moved to New Mexico in 1908. He moved to Columbus and served as Deputy Sheriff there at the time of the Columbus raid.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

After being out of Columbus, he talks of his return to the town the day after the raid and about the information he gathered about the raid; General Pershing; the growth of Columbus after the raid; World War I; black troops stationed at Columbus; work with Customs Service 1920-1956; ordeal of being taken prisoner by Villa's men.