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INTERVIEWEE: Richard C. Vandewater (1897-1981)
INTERVIEWER: Sarah E. John
PROJECT: _____
DATE OF INTERVIEW: August 22, 1979
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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

Resident of El Paso, Texas.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

Born near Dona Ana, New Mexico, in Shalam Colony (home for orphan children run by his family): family history; childhood and school recollections in El Paso (came to El Paso in 1903); experiences as a paper boy in South El Paso, later as a messenger boy for BH&SA railroad; Diaz-Taft meeting in 1909; brief comments on the Mexican Revolution; Juarez during Prohibition; experiences on railroad and as a caddy; comments on some prominent El Pasoans of the early years; Garrett; shootouts in El Paso; early voting procedures; George Ashley; former high school classmates; comments about his wife; inter-ethnic marriages; Harry Mitchell; floods in the early years in El Paso.

1 1/4 hours.