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Boyhood friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas

DESCRIPTION: Early relationship with Dwight Eisenhower; background information on founding and establishment of the Belle Springs Creamery in Abilene; David Eisenhower's work as refrigeration engineer at the creamery; the Eisenhower mercantile business in Hope, Kansas; the Eisenhower family's return to Abilene from Dennison, Texas; Forney's work at the Creamery; anecdote re machinery accident; Dwight Eisenhower's application to West Point; Charley Harger; the River Brethren Church; assessment of David Eisenhower; David Eisenhower's work for United Utilities; correspondence with Dwight Eisenhower in 1942; visit with Eisenhower in 1945; Forney's term with the California State Guard during World War II; Citizens for Eisenhower Committee in Southern California; visits with Eisenhower in Abilene in 1952.

[Eisenhower Library Oral History Project, interview by Walter V. Barbash on May 13, 1964]