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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: James R. "Jim" Skelton

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IDENTIFICATION: [1897- 1986], born in Dallas, Texas, and moved to Brownsville, Texas, in early 1911 where he took over his father's land abstract company in 1934. Later worked for Philips Petroleum Company in Houston

SERIES: Various Topics

INTERVIEW DATE: December 15, 1980

FOCUS DATES: 1911-1920

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Tape 29

Family background; move to Brownsville, Texas; life in Brownsville; Mexican Revolution in 1911; Pancho Villa and Caranza; Battle at Matamoros; life on the Texas-Mexico border; Villa's crossing the Rio Grande and General Pershing's expedition; President-elect Warren G. Harding visit to Brownsville in 1920 and his and his entourage's violation of prohibition; mistreatment of Mexicans; trial of Mexican for having near beer; Vance Winn, sheriff of Brownsville; murder of Marie Schroeder; Pancho Villa's exploits along the border

TAPES: 1 (T29)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 1 hour 10 minutes

PAGES INDEX: 2 pages

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