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INTERVIEWEE: John William Arnell

INTERVIEWER: Virgilio H. Sánchez

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BIOGRAPHICAL SYNOPSIS OF INTERVIEWEE:

(Ex-Peyton Packing Company Vice President) Born in El Paso, 1916.

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW:

His father was a railroad union man. As a boy he had a paper route and sold at Dudley Park on commission. Grew up with Raymond Telles, ex-Mayor of El Paso. Had various jobs at Peyton since he entered in 1936. He went from bookkeeper to Vice President. He talks about company history; the strike and how it affected the company; John Morrell and how he took over Peyton's. He also mentions discrimination towards Mexicans and Blacks.

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