NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

CONSULTANT: Bob / Eileen Parsons

DATE OF BIRTH: Unknown GENDER: M / F

DATE(S) OF INTERVIEW: July 25, 2000

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Parsons home, Fort Sumner, New Mexico

INTERVIEWER: Robert Hart

SOURCE OF INTERVIEW: NMF&RHM __x___ OTHER _____

TRANSCRIBED: Yes: September 21, 2000

NUMBER OF TAPES: One

ABSTRACTOR: Robert Hart

DATE ABSTRATED: October 5, 2000

QUALITY OF RECORDING (SPECIFY): Good, but volume slightly low

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Bob Parsons's teenage memories of Fort Sumner prisoner of war camp and impressions of the prisoners. Eileen Parsons's and Doyle Cozzens's childhood memories of their father's service at Fort Stanton as a guard for *Columbus* crew internees.

DATE RANGE: 1940 - 1945

ABSTRACT (IMPORTANT TOPICS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE):

TAPE ONE, SIDE A:

Description of camp, location, and use of guard dogs. Elder brother's involvement with Manhattan project and Hiroshima. Other brother member of Board of Economic Warfare.

Interest in air corps. Impression of German POW in air base hospital. Impression of *Columbus* crew, Fort Stanton. Ate at officers mess. Friend working with hog slop. Security at Alamogordo dam. Account of Dr. Hertzer, possible German spy.

Secret of B-29 bomber. Death of a townsperson at base. Joins Marine Corps. Knife incident in town.

TAPE ONE, SIDE B:

Father as guard at Fort Stanton, INS/Border Patrol. Number of internees. Civilian status.

Type of sidearm. Eileen taught to use pistols and reflections of escapes. Germans making blood pudding. Physical description of camp. Father's uniform.

Digging potatoes on Loma Grande. Hollis Cummins corroboration of Civilian Conservation Corps camp origins. Internee gardens. John, the trusty, trucked to and from Carrizozo train station. Internees made wooden trunks. Doyle's western painting. John, the trusty.