

**NEW MEXICO
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**ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM
INTERVIEW ABSTRACT**

CONSULTANT: William A. (Bill) Rice

DATE OF BIRTH: March 11, 1937 GENDER: Male

DATE(S) OF INTERVIEW: July 25, 2000

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW: Lordsburg, New Mexico

INTERVIEWER: Mollie Pressler

SOURCE OF INTERVIEW: NMF&RHM OTHER _____

TRANSCRIBED: Yes: November 28, 2000

NUMBER OF TAPES: One

ABTRACTOR: Sylvia Wheeler

DATE ABSTRATED: April 27, 2001

QUALITY OF RECORDING (SPECIFY): Good

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Boyhood memories of prisoners of war in Lordsburg, New Mexico, during World War II.

DATE RANGE: 1944 - 2000

ABSTRACT (IMPORTANT TOPICS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE):

TAPE ONE:

William A. Rice moved from Phoenix, Arizona, to Lordsburg, New Mexico, in 1944 when he was seven years old. He watched an ice plant being built on a neighbor's property with the help of the German prisoners of war (POW). He remembers ten or twelve prisoners in groups guarded by one guard who carried a carbine gun. The POWs appeared to be happy. He did hear of an attempted escape, but recalls that it was not successful and the POWs were found not far from the camp.