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Tape # 21

Mr. Keith Payne

Length: 20 min

"Early Day Post Offices"

Interviewed by Mrs. Jean Burroughs
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- 004 Former assistant Postmaster
- 038 1899: earliest record of Portales Post Office; Seth Morrison-
Postmaster
- 065 Many post offices were established because of poor transportation
- 106 Unusual packages sent: eggs, ton of pinto beans
- 135 1920's-30's: low postage rates; mail order cataloges
- 193 Doak Goos - Senator Dorsey of Arkansas: Great Mail Swindle-
fictitious mail routes
- 231 1912: 39 post offices existed in county presently: 10
- 277 1937: present Portales Post Office building moved into;
remodled several times.
- 293 1969: Mr. Payne retired after working 42 years.
- 333 1934: Portales Stamp Club formed with help of Dr. Webster