

## ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

**MAIN ENTRY:** Roberts, Ike

**DATE OF INTERVIEW:** June 27, 2006

**LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:** Marathon, Texas

**INTERVIEWER:** David Marshall

**FORMAT:** File on server, CD

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:** 4173 2132 9918

**LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:** 1:32

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** Ike Roberts talks about early ranching at Marathon, Texas. He describes the wildlife, weather and businesses at Marathon.

### ABSTRACT:

#### CD ONE

#### TIME STAMP

Born at Alpine, Texas

00:00

Information about

Family

The Gage brothers

Grandfather

Talks about his great uncles

00:10

Early ranching

Prominent cattle breeds

Advent of mixed breeds

Charolais bulls

Early ranching (continued)

00:20

Transporting cattle

Looking for cattle

Views on

Great Depression

Mexican Revolution

Information about Marathon	00:30
Mexican population	
Economy	
School system	
Housing situation	
Gage Hotel	
Wildlife at Marathon	00:40
Prairie dogs	
Coyotes	
Lions	
Bears	
Antelope	
Wildlife at Marathon (continued)	00:50
Elk	
Other wildlife introduced to Marathon	
Lobos	
Feral hogs	
Rattlesnakes	
Weather at Marathon	1:00
Precipitation amounts	
Floods	
Tornadoes	
Protection from hailstorms	
Cattle grazing	
Grazing locations	
Introduced grasses	
Other recollections	1:10
About Alfred Gage	
Historic locations at Marathon	
Chores on the ranch	
Windmill incident	
Job responsibilities as a foreman	1:20
Information about	
Cattle business	
Honey business	
Horse business	
Board members	
Interview ended	

**DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT:** 1940

**GENDER OF INFORMANT:** Male

**ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT:**