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Interviewer - Irene Ruiz
Interviewee - Pete Quiroga

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- 01 Extract of an interview with Mr. Pete Quiroga with the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., as a Real Estate Assistant.
- Mr. Quiroga was born in Kansas City, Kansas in what is known as the Argentine District on May 19, 1939.
- 20 Parents: Natalia Saloedo and Melquiades Quiroga. They had ten children, three girls and seven boys.
- 30 Neighborhood: His father worked for the ice plant and the plant provided housing for the workers, serving the Santa Fe Railroad in the Argentine District. He spent the first twelve years of his life in this district. All workers were Mexicans and interrelated.
- 41 Schools: Mr. Quiroga attended The St. John the Evangelist grade school, from the first to the eighth grade. The school was of walking distance crossing the railroad tracks. It was a mixed school of Mexicans and Anglos.
- 60-90 Religion: Mr. Quiroga is a Catholic, he belongs to the Parish of St. John the Divine where the services are conducted in Spanish for the Mexican people. He is still an active member of this church.
- 93 There was no other organizations or clubs in the neighborhood in Mr. Quiroga's early years.
- 111 He attended Ward High School for one year. He played on the basketball team, then he went to the Argentine High School and graduated from this school in 1955. Graduated in the upper third class. He also played the saxophone with the school band. He played with the Pep Band and Pep Club.
- 131-141 After high school he worked for two years doing seasonal work because he could not obtain a permanent job. He decided then to enroll in Donally Junior College in Kansas City, Kansas for two years. After that he went to Kansas State College at Pittsburg where he graduated in Business Administration with a Marketing major in 1961.
- 161 Military Service - After graduation from college he enrolled in the Army Reserves but his unit was activated for a year with the Berlin Crisis when President Kennedy called the Reserves. He served one year in active duty.
- 169 Mr. Quiroga was then employed by J.C. Penney, but since this job implied selling most of the time, he left his position and went to banking for the past thirteen years.

He was trained for Supervisor trainee for two years then in personnel for five and a half years doing different jobs such as analysis, job description, wages and salaries surveys, etc. He now works at the Commercial Loan or Real Estate Warehousing, dealing with mortgage banking, short terms. Mr. Quiroga enjoys his work very much, and he thinks banking is a fine profession.

- 217 Civic Organizations - Mr. Quiroga is an active member of UMAVOK (United Mexican American Voters of Kansas), an organization devoted to educate the public in politics and government etc. He is also involved in church organizations on the Parish level. Also in Sertoma International and Sertoma Club, a civic organization of which he is president. They perform various services for the community. He has been a member for five years.
- 266 Plans for the future - He plans to continue in the banking business and also through the Sertoma Club establish scholarships for needy young people who want to go to college.
- 306 Interview ends.