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**LAWRENCE PITZER
ORAL HISTORY, 1977**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION DATES: 1977

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Lawrence Edgar Pitzer was born on 6 September 1899 to Milton Walker Pitzer and Eva May Cole in Warren County, Indiana. By 1910, his family had moved to a farm in Fountain County, Indiana. He married Sarah Baldwin on 7 September 1920 and they had one son.

In the 1930s Lawrence began his rise to corn-husking fame by winning a corn-husking competition in Newtown, Indiana, in 1932. He then won the Indiana title for four straight years, from 1932 to 1935. His 1935 bid for the national corn-husking title resulted in a third-place finish, after which he retired. However, he entered the 1939 Fountain County contest with his son and won that competition, the Indiana title, and the national contest, which was held on 3 November 1939 in Lawrence, Kansas.

Afterwards, he returned to his farm in Fountain County, where he and Sarah lived the rest of their lives. Lawrence Pitzer died in January 1988 in Attica, Fountain County, Indiana.

Sources:

Material in collection

Quirk, Bob. *Real American Stories*. Bloomington, Ind.: AuthorHouse, 2005. 125-128.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains two copies of an oral history conducted with Lawrence Pitzer on 31 August 1977 in Attica, Indiana.

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Lawrence Pitzer oral history, 31 August 1977 [user]

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