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Georgia Greenwood

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CONTRIBUTOR: Burt Brumfield
INTERVIEWER: Marjorie Querbach
Jetmore, Kansas, 1963

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CONTRIBUTOR: Maxine Querbach
Hanston, Kansas, 1963

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CONTRIBUTOR: Ray Stanbach

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CONTRIBUTOR: Ed Hershler

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CONTRIBUTOR: Mrs. John Querbach

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CONTRIBUTOR: The Benishes
Orwell, Kansas, 1963

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from the microphone for his words to be intelligible)

CONTRIBUTOR: Mrs. Amos Stokes
INTERVIEWER: Gerald W. Porter
Little River, Kansas, 1964.

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956-978 They are forced to spend the night out
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CONTRIBUTOR: William R. McFarland
INTERVIEWER: Georgia Greenwood
Cimmaron, Kansas, 1964

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"On the night before Christmas I lay in my bed . . . "
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CONTRIBUTOR: Brenda Greenwood

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(Time: "Battle Hymn of the Marines")
399- (Blank)

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. <i>Burt Brumfield</i>	2. Date
3. Informant's name of song or story: <i>doesn't remember any name</i>	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? <i>From an old neighbor fellow who used to sing it</i>	
7. Approximate date of learning: <i>on a young fellow. Remembered hearing it</i>	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate): <i>—</i>	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant: <i>This isn't the complete song, but it is the only one what is on tape is all that he could recall.</i>	
12. Remarks <i>The informant sang 3 verses. The verse he sang last comes before the verse he sang second. The second verse he sang is the last verse of the song</i>	
Collector's name: Address <i>Marjorie Overback Hanston, Kansas</i>	

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. <i>Pat Halling</i>	2. Date <i>Jan 2 1963</i>
3. Informant's name of song or story: <i>He Asked Me For a Mate</i>	4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Record or Tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? <i>By word of mouth</i>	
7. Approximate date of learning: <i>While in high school, approx 1959</i>	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate): —	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant: —	
12. Remarks <i>Many songs such as this were sung on the bus on the way to ballgames to pass time. They are usually passed down from class to class</i>	
Collector's name: <i>M. Overback</i> Address <i>Houston, Tx</i>	

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. <i>Barbara Howe</i>	2. Date <i>Jan 2, 1963</i>
3. Informant's name of song or story: <i>Sippin' Cider</i>	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? <i>From a friend that took a youth group trip to Washington D.C. The friend learned it on the bus.</i>	
7. Approximate date of learning: <i>The group was comprised of young people from the mid-west area. → Summer, 1963</i>	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks <i>Also the informant learned a song entitled "Let's go Bowling on Bowling Green" from the same source at the same time.</i>	
Collector's name: <i>M. Overbach</i> Address <i>Hanston, Ks</i>	

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. William R. McFarland	2. Date 11/29/63
3. Informant's name of song or story: "The Early Days"	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? The informant took the words from his mother's diary and wrote the song.	
7. Approximate date of learning:	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name: Georgia Greenwood
Address N.S.Rt. Dodge City, Kansas

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. William R. McFarland	2. Date 11/29/63
3. Informant's name of song or story: "Fifty Years Ago"	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? The informant wrote this song.	
7. Approximate date of learning:	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name: Georgia Greenwood
Address N.S. Rt. Dodge City, Kansas

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. William R. Mc Farland	2. Date 11/29/63
3. Informant's name of song or story: "Oh, Those the Night before Christmas "Christmas Days"	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? The informant wrote this song.	
7. Approximate date of learning: Written Fall of 1963	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant: In this song the informant describes the Christmas times they had when he was a child.	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name: Georgia Greenwood
Address N.S. Rt. Dodge City, Kansas

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. William R. McFarland	2. Date 11/29/63
3. Informant's name of song or story: "Arkansas Valley"	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story: Standard name of tune is "Red River Valley"	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? The informant wrote this song.	
7. Approximate date of learning: Written in 1928.	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name: Georgia Greenwood
Address N.S. Rt. Dodge City, Kansas

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name. Brenda Greenwood	2. Date 11/30/63
3. Informant's name of song or story:	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story: Standard name of tune is "Song of the Marines"	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? She learned it from her schoolmates at school.	
7. Approximate date of learning: Fall, 1963	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes ___ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe.	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name: Georgia Greenwood
Address North Star Route
Dodge City, Kansas

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5 min

Interview with Burt Brumfield of Jetmore, Ks in 1963 - very muffled - hard to understand - tells about blizzard + hardships - so cold + stayed in bed to keep warm - reads a poem - tells about grandfather in Indiana didn't have clock + didn't know what time it was - my father + a brother + 3 sisters homesteaded in Hodgeman County at the same time - later a cyclone came along + blew off the roof + had to build a new roof.

3 min

Interview with Maxine Querbaker of Hanston, Ks in 1963. - tells of an old man living in cave + straw roof over it - In winter time put on another pair of overalls until about March - used same overalls + get dirty + turn them around - When it got warmer, would shed outer dirty overalls

Tape	Time	Break between A and B side
RT 398 F666m 1963 no 4 Continued	26 min	<p>Interview with <u>Ray Starbuck</u> of Hanston, Ks - Tells about dust bowl days - Tells of mother from Pennsylvania, was a man who was a robber - he heard of poor women with children + gave her money to buy a cow + when man came for cow, was robbed by Louie the robber - Tells about a school in Kansas whose student weighed 200 lbs and down, from 17 to 20 years of age - In wintertime they walked across the pond, break the ice and dump the teacher in it - seemed hard to find a teacher - A young man applied + said he would stay + teach first month for no pay - First day all came in with hats on - Hats were to come off teacher said - the ringleader defied him and all 8 pupils followed - He took them on, one by one - told them to wash their faces + started to teach - got along well from them on - he said he never enjoyed those 5 minutes more in his life</p>
	5 min	<p>Interview with <u>Ed Hershler</u> of Heston, Ks - in 1963 - tells of storm of 1886 his parents told him - her mother put large bell + crock on sled to get water - all went well until she got to driveway - sled slipped - crock broke - when she got home she was so very cold - very sick - Snowstorm had - found man almost frozen was saved close by - Spring came - Thaw came - Tells of man had drinking problems - after 4th baby was born</p>

Tape	Time	Break between A + B sides
RT 398 E666m 1963 No. 4 Continued	16 min.	<p>wanted to quit, but never happened - man had terrible temper - trouble started again when his wife served him breakfast started shooting at members of family - He killed his wife + 2 children - The man called Sam tells how he killed his family and said the devil made him. He finally gave himself up - realizing what he had done - Tells about man killed in smoking of his house - Tells about his brothers + sister going to school about 4 months of a year - small classes + not passing as they do nowadays - Teachers hard to find - young lady was the teacher + 2 boys age 21 decided to go for fun of it - Tried to take advantage of girl - Starting bashing teacher - she rebelled - he dragged her by hair - passing the stove, the teacher hit the boy, paralyzing his one hand + finally got him down -</p>
Continued on Side B	5 min.	<p>Interview with Mrs. <u>Bert Spencer</u> of Hamilton, Ks - interview muffled - Can understand very little - <u>Pat Halling</u> and <u>Barbara Howe</u> - (nieces?) Sang songs</p>
	3 min.	Singing continued by Pat + Barbara

Break between A and B Side

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Continued on
Side B

Time

2 min

Interview with Mrs. John Querbach of Hampton, Mo - tells of grasshoppers laying on ground of field + eating the stocks out of pasture

13 min

this was taped by musicians, the Berishes the family from Spearville neighborhood who played for dances

19 min

Interview with Mrs. Anne Stokes - tells about John Rose² of Galesburg, Illinois + his brother in 1880 - ^{by W. P. Phibbs} was given 12 teams of mules + job was caring for U. P. lines of Pinal County - John Rose, a rugged character known as Hank - his parents came to Kansas in 1882 - homesteaded on land at Little River - Parents had family of 8 children of Knox County, Illinois - Clifford Rose - only son of Hank Rose settled on well kept homestead + pride of community - Hank died in 1929 - tells of first bunch of bees in late 1800 + also women making cheese - tells of her mother's experience bitten by rattlesnake + treatment by her son was having foot + ankle in bucket of mud for 3 days - being 14 miles from doctor + swollen + sore - after 3 days, soreness + swollen ^{green} her mother was able to walk one mile to neighbour^{gs} called Pawnee rock on Santa Fe trail - place of many weary travelers to rest + also a hiding place for Indians to hide + bounce on travelers.

Tape	Time	Break between Side A and B
RT 398 F666m no. # 1963 <u>cont. on Side B</u>	12 min	Continued interview with Mrs. Amos Stokes tells about John Brown's buddy - Benjamin S. Troy an early settler, located in Osawatomie, County, an anti-slavery man & became a follower of John Brown Ben F. Troy was in Civil War on Champion Hill, wounded & had legs amputated while prisoner of war - later came legless in 1874 and became successful in farming - had self propelled wagon - tells about going to Lindsburg experience tells about corn planting of 3 families & food from Kansas soil.
	12 min	Interview with <u>William R. McFarland</u> of Cimmaroon, Ks in 1963 - sings songs and group sings chorus with him - about 50 years ^{ago} tricks and the modern ways of doing chores nowadays - and about Xmas holidays spent with family & friends
	1 min	Continued singing of <u>William R. McFarland</u>
RT 398 F666m 1963 no. 4 - <u>Side B</u>	1 min	Interview with Brenda Greenwood of Cimmaroon, Ks sings a short song with group - Brenda is little sister of Curt Brunfield.

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INFORMANT BIOGRAPHY, FORM B

1. Name Brenda Greenwood 2. Date: 11/30/63

3. Address: Cimarron, Kansas 4. County Gray 5. Age: 11

6. Place of Birth: Dodge City, Kansas

7. Ancestry English, Dutch, Irish 9. Education (circle highest)
Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
High School 1 2 3 4
College 1 2 3 4

8. Language spoken: English

10. Places of residence Dates:
Farm in Gray County Kansas 1952-1964

11. Present occupation: Grade school student 12. Former occupations:

13. Father's name: George Greenwood 17. Mother's name: Aileen Bay

14. Father's place of birth: Gray County Kansas 18. Mother's place of birth: Stapleton Nebraska

15. Grandfather's place of birth: Halifax, England 19. Grandfather's place of birth: Iowa

16. Grandmother's place of birth: Hill City, Graham Co., Kansas 20. Grandmother's place of birth: Nebraska

21. Place and condition of interview:
Cimarron, Kansas

22. Remarks:

Collector's name:
Georgia Greenwood
Address: N.S.R. Dodge City, Kans.

INFORMANT BIOGRAPHY, FORM B

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1. Name <u>William R. McFarland</u>		2. Date: <u>11/29/63</u>	
3. Address: <u>Cimarron, Kansas</u>		4. County <u>Gray</u>	5. Age: <u>70</u>
6. Place of Birth: <u>Lamar, Missouri</u>			
7. Ancestry <u>Scotch, German</u>		9. Education (circle highest) Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 <u>2</u> 3 4	
8. Language spoken: <u>English</u>			
10. Places of residence		Dates:	
<u>Missouri</u>		<u>Birth - 1903</u>	
<u>Granada, Colorado</u>		<u>1903-1912</u>	
<u>Cimarron, Kansas</u>		<u>1912-1964</u>	
11. Present occupation:		12. Former occupations: <u>Ranching</u>	
13. Father's name: <u>Robert Wiley McFarland</u>		17. Mother's name: <u>Elsie Rearick</u>	
14. Father's place of birth: <u>Youngstown Ohio</u>		18. Mother's place of birth: <u>Galesburg Illinois</u>	
15. Grandfather's place of birth: <u>Scotland</u>		19. Grandfather's place of birth: <u>Germany</u>	
16. Grandmother's place of birth: <u>Scotland</u>		20. Grandmother's place of birth: <u>Pennsylvania</u>	
21. Place and condition of interview: <u>In the informant's home, at Cimarron, Kansas</u>			
22. Remarks:			
Collector's name: <u>Georgia Greenwood</u> Address: <u>N.S.R. Dodge City, Kans.</u>			

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INFORMANT BIOGRAPHY, FORM B

1. Name <u>Barbara Howe</u>		2. Date: <u>Dec., 1943</u>	
3. Address: <u>Harston, Kansas</u>		4. County <u>Hodgeman</u>	5. Age: <u>19</u>
6. Place of Birth: <u>Harston Kansas</u>			
7. Ancestry <u>German</u>		9. Education (circle highest) Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4	
8. Language spoken: <u>English</u>			
10. Places of residence <u>Harston, Kansas</u>		Dates:	
11. Present occupation: <u>Student</u>		12. Former occupations: <u>—</u>	
13. Father's name: <u>Everett Howe</u>		17. Mother's name: <u>Mable Halliday Howe</u>	
14. Father's place of birth: <u>Harston, Ks</u>		18. Mother's place of birth: <u>Harston, Ks</u>	
15. Grandfather's place of birth:		19. Grandfather's place of birth:	
16. Grandmother's place of birth:		20. Grandmother's place of birth:	
21. Place and condition of interview: <u>at the home of Mrs. Smitzer, Barbara's grandmother</u>			
22. Remarks: <u>The interview was originally with Mrs. Smitzer. During the conversation, eventually turned to games, and songs which her granddaughters recalled. The type of the songs being are those which are handed down from year to year by high-school students. They usually sing them while on the bus on the way to ball-games. — I have never seen any of them on printed paper.</u>			
		Collector's name: <u>Mary. Overback</u> Address: <u>Harston, Ks</u>	

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1. Name <i>Maxine Overbach</i>		2. Date: <i>Dec</i>	
3. Address: <i>Hanston, Kansas</i>		4. County <i>Hodgeman</i>	5. Age: <i>50</i>
6. Place of Birth: <i>Jetmore, Kansas</i>			
7. Ancestry <i>Scotch and Irish</i>		9. Education (circle highest) Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4	
8. Language spoken: <i>English</i>			
10. Places of residence		Dates:	
<i>Jetmore, Kansas</i>		<i>1913 - 1930</i>	
<i>Hanston, Kansas</i>		<i>1930 - 1944</i>	
11. Present occupation: <i>Teacher</i>		12. Former occupations:	
13. Father's name: <i>Bert Brumfield</i>		17. Mother's name: <i>Inez Crume Brumfield</i>	
14. Father's place of birth: <i>Jetmore, Kansas</i>		18. Mother's place of birth: <i>Soldier, Kansas</i>	
15. Grandfather's place of birth: <i>Winchester, Indiana</i>		19. Grandfather's place of birth: <i>?</i>	
16. Grandmother's place of birth: <i>Richmond Missouri</i>		20. Grandmother's place of birth: <i>?</i>	
21. Place and condition of interview: <i>At her home</i>			
22. Remarks:			
		Collector's name <i>Marjorie Overbach</i> Address: <i>Hanston, KS.</i>	