

## [Mr. Clement Flynn]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER [??] [F. W. Kaul L. A. Rollins?] ADDRESS [???] [Hastings, Nebr.?)

DATE Nov. 1938 SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant Mr. Clement Flynn
2. Date and time of interview Oct. Nov. 1938
3. Place of interview Home and office
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant None
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Has never married and no relatives.  
Rents apartment.

FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER F. W. Kaul & L. A. Rollins ADDRESS Hastings, Nebr.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mr. Clement Flynn, Hastings, Nebraska

1. Ancestry Irish

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2. Place and date of birth Stone Quarry, Mich. Nov. 23, 1862
3. Family Six brothers and one half brother and one sister. They are all now dead except perhaps the sister.
4. Place lived in, with dates Stone Quarry, Mich. until 1877, then came to Harvard, Nebr. Homesteaded and proved up at Yuma, Col. Traveled since, Nebr., [Colo?] selling patent medicine
5. Education, with dates Went to school until 13 years old. Finishing what was then called rural graduation.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates Farmer, Salesman, Violin player—oldtime fiddler.
7. Special skills and interests Good Salesman
8. Community and religious activities Member and attends Catholic Church
9. Description of informant 6 feet tall. Beard, Walks very erect and always carried umbrella
10. Other points gained in interview [Is?] recovering from severe illness and plans the rest of his days in just taking it easy. Is interesting talker, especially when talking about the many thousands of bottles of patent herb medicine he has sold.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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### “The Great Remedy”

My name is Clement Flynn. I was born in Stone Quarry, Michigan. My parents came from Ireland. My father was superintendent of the stone quarry there. I had six brothers and one half brother and one sister. They are all dead now except perhaps my sister, who lives in California, when I last heard from her.

I was born Nov. 23, 1862. I went to school at Stone Quarry, until I was 13 years old. I got to the 5th grade. In February, 1877, my brother and I came to Harvard, Nebraska. We operated a store there two years. Then we went to Yuma, Colorado, and filed on land. I filed on a homestead and timber claim. I lost the timber claim but still own the homestead and my brother's which I bought later from him. The land brings me a little money in each year. It is located 4 miles south and 1/2 miles of Yuma.

At Yuma, Colo., I got a receipt for a medicine which I have made and sold 45 years in Colorado and Nebraska. The receipt is 105 years old now. I call it the Great Remedy. It contains Garden Sage, Lobelia, Gum of [Myrl?] and Peppermint. A chemist at Topeka, Kansas, analyzed it. He said it was as good as any medicine in the world. It cures anything. Pains, Colds, Coughs, Pneumonia, Rhumatism, Arthritis, Burns, etc. When you don't feel well just take a teaspoonful twice a day and it do the work. One lady over 80 years old here in Hastings claims that this medicine restored her sight. It does miracles. This is the label on the bottle: “THE GREAT REMEDY” C. Flynn, Yuma, Colorado

Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Act, June 30, 1906. Serial No. [2437?]. Contains no Opium or Morphine and less than 12% Alcohol.

For Neuragia and Toothache, use if warm, bathe the face and the gums until pain is gone.

For Earache use if warm, moisten a piece of cotton with the remedy, place it on ear and pain stops.

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Burns will not blister if you apply cloths instantly and keep them wet with the remedy.

For coughs, mix the remedy with an equal amount of molasses, boil it, and take a teaspoonful every half hour. For Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, [Palpitation?] of the Heart, take inward one tablespoonful morning and night until relieved. For Nervous and Sick Headahce, bathe the head and temples with the remedy and take a teaspoonful dilluted with two of water internally.

For Fever of all kinds, bathe the head and chest and lay on cloths with remedy warm. For Cancer keep the parts cold by the frequent application of the remedy. For Corns, Bunions, Chilblains, Frosted Feet, rub on with hand. For Sour Stomach, Indigestion, Heart Burn, take a tablespoonful night and morning for several days.

For Ulcerated [Eyes?], with four parts of water use it in the eyes several times daily. For Flesh Wounds, Burns, Cuts and Burises Bruises , wash the wound with the remedy several times a day, applying bandages wet with it till well. For Piles, Dilute it with an equal amount of water and saturate a piece of cotton and apply to pats parts frequently. For Catarrah, Hay Fever and Colds, snuff up the nostrils every morning four times with water. For Rheumatism, bathe the parts frequently with the remedy hot and pour a tablespoonful of the remedy into a tumbler of hot water sweetened with sugar and take, repeat this dose every three hours until you are relieved.

I never tried to make money be selling this medicine. I just wanted to make a living. I never was married. I saved \$325.00 from my profits. I would work a while then lay around during the winter or until I needed money again, then I would sell my medicine again. I've done for over [?] 45 years now. I earned \$15,000 on my farm. I had it in the bank at Yuma, Colo., the bank closed. My money is still ties tied up with the bank. I also own 44 lots in Denver and 16 in Littleton, Colo. I will willed everything I have to my church. I finished doing this today. My church is the Catholic church. Farming was good in those early days. Yields big

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and wheat and corn a good price. Expenses were not great. I play the violin by ear. I am old an time fiddler.