

[Mr. W. M. Lanphear]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER L. A. Rollins ADDRESS 1126 [??]

DATE Feb. [1938?] SUBJECT Folklore

1. Name and address of informant Mr. [?? Langbear?] 207 N Briggs Ave., Hastings, Neb.
2. Date and time of interview Feb. 1939
3. Place of interview at residence
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

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6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Large old fashioned home. Large yard. Neat. Old fashioned furniture. Pictures & floor coverings. Have a very large fancy organ. Purchased 40 years ago. C15 - 2/27/41 - Nebraska

FORM B Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER L. A. Rollins ADDRESS 1126 [??]

DATE Feb. 1939 SUBJECT Folklore

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mr. [?? Lanphear, 207 N. Briggs., Hastings?]

1. Ancestry - Irish-Welsh

2. Place and date of birth - Charles City, Iowa., Feb. 6, 1856

3. Family - wife, [5?] children

4. Place lived in, with dates - Charles City, Ia., [??]., Hastings

5. Education, with dates - 6 grades

6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates - [Farmer?]

7. Special skills and interests - Real handy at most any kind of manual labor.

8. Community and religious activities - none

9. Description of informant - 5' 7" stocky built. Gray hair, ruddy faced. Acts and talks like a much younger man.

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10. Other points gained in interview - 28 grand children, 9 great grandchildren

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I've told you two big ones. This is a true one. With some other men, were hired to build a stone school house 4 1/2 miles west of [Kirwin,?] Kans. We went over to a stone bank and put in a blast and blew out the rocks and a roll of snakes bigger than a barrel rolled out. It was in winter, snow on the ground but was a warm day. When the sun came out and warmed these snakes up, they fell apart and they were of every size and kind to be found.

Asked what because of [them:?] Said we killed none of them but it turned much colder next day. [We?] got another job and did not return but heard the snakes all froze to death.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

Tall Tales:

Father and I went out one winter morning about 6 in snow on the ground to cut wood. We [felled?] a large tree and when it hit the ground, hundreds of flying squirrels flew everywhere.

We had left our lunch about a block or so from the fallen tree. It had started to snow heavily. Hard to see. We had trimmed this fallen tree. When we got back we set down on what we thought was the trunk of the tree but instead we set down on a large snake that had crawled out of that tree, then got cold and swelled up. [The?] [scales?] were smooth and comfortable so we staid there and finished our lunch.