

[J. J. Eimers]

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FORM A

Interview No. 1 Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Edna B. Pearson ADDRESS 108 East 18th St. South Sioux City

DATE October 22, 1938 SUBJECT J. J. Eimers

1. Name and address of informant [?] J. J. Eimers
2. Date and time of interview October 17, 1938, 10 A. M.
3. Place of interview His Abstract Office in Dakota City
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant No one. I have known Mr. Eimers some time.
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you No one.
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Mr. Eimers has his office in Dakota City in a small white frame building east of the Court House. It is plainly furnished, a man's work room. C15 - 2/27/41 - Nebraska

FORM B. Personal History of Informant

NAME OF WORKER Edna B. Pearson ADDRESS 108 East 18th South Sioux City

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DATE October 22, 1938 SUBJECT Interview No. 1

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT J. J. Eimers, 317 W. 19th St. South Sioux City

1. Ancestry
2. Place and date of birth
3. Family One daughter
4. Place lived in, with dates
5. Education, with dates
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates
7. Special skills and interests
8. Community and religious activities
9. Description of informant Mr. Eimers is of medium height; blue eyes, gray hair; very well informed and has taken very much interest in civic affairs in the community; very pleasant to talk with and willing to oblige in any way; very well liked and respected.
10. Other points gained in interview ——

FORM C. Text of Interview (Unedited)

Name of Worker Edna B Pearson Address 108 E. 18 So Sioux

Date October 22, 1938 Subject - - -

Name and address of Informant J. J. Eimers, South Sioux City

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Captain Dick Talbott, who operated a ferry boat between Sioux City and South Sioux City on the Missouri River, and a man by the name of Crow, a postmaster at Omaha make a railroad survey from South Sioux City across the reservation. I don't know just how far in to Nebraska they went, but it was across both of the reservations.

After that survey, in 1905 I believe it was, they built a railroad from South Sioux City to Dakota City. Their [intention?] was to go on further.

That company went broke and Joseph Foye bought the outfit at foreclosure sale and ran it several years. There was a spur running out to the east bank of Crystal Lake, over which the street car made regular trips to the lake during the summertime.

Then Riley Howard came into possession and operated this "Foye Line" as it was called, for several years. During the war Howard junked the railroad and sold the material.

Talbott and Crow had a right-of-way down across both the reservations at the place where the Burlington wanted to build its road and sold to the Burlington.

Edna Pearson So Soo 10-22-38