

**[Mrs. J. A. Hall]**

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Edna B Pearson ADDRESS 108 E 18 So Sioux

DATE October 25, 1938 SUBJECT Interview No. 14

1. Name and address of informant Mrs. J. A. Hall, Jackson
2. Date and time of interview October 25, 1938, 4 P M
3. Place of interview At her home in Jackson
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant Mrs. Flynn, Postmistress in Jackson
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you no one
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

Mrs. Hall lives in a large white house on Highway No. 20, the first house east of the concrete bridge over Drainage Ditch No. 5, just east of Jackson. C15 - 2/27/41 - Nebraska

FORM B Personal History of Informant

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. J. A. Hall, Jackson, Nebr

1. Ancestry My mother was Bridget Bracken, of Troy, N. Y.
2. Place and date of birth St. Johns Precinct, June 5, 1863
3. Family six boys and six girls
4. Place lived in, with dates Always lived in Dakota County
5. Education, with dates graduated from Sioux City High School
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates

Before she was married, taught school for seven years; taught one year in the county and six years in the Jackson Public School

7. Special skills and interests Nothing particular
8. Community and religious activities Member of Catholic Church
9. Description of informant Mrs. Hall is rather tall, with sparkling eyes, gray hair and is very pleasant.

Mrs. Hall said if I would come again she could no doubt give me further informant. If she does I will send it in as a continuation of Interview No. 14.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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My parents came from Troy, New York, by way of St. Louis and up to Dakota County by ox teams. They squatted where I am now living; there was more land in our homestead than I have now as my folks divided their land with the Bolers. I have lived here continuously since 1855 or 1856. After my parents died my husband and I bought this place from the rest of the heirs; I had three sisters and four brothers.

I have been married fifty years. We ran a store in Jackson, my husband and I and educated our children, six boys and six girls. I worked in the store and the children helped; all the girls taught school.

After my folks came out here my father would take butter and food to Fort Randall to sell to the soldiers and the Indians. On those trips he would be gone almost a month.

I remember my mother would tell how the Indians would come and surround the house; she would darken the windows, hang blankets over them, so they wouldn't know anyone was at home. She would bring wood in the house and cut it in the house so the Indians wouldn't know we were there. They never [?] through on the war path, but would just visit the other tribes of Indians, but, all the same, we were terribly frightened of them, and the real pioneers lived in fear of their lives of the Indians.

People in those days were saving; they had to be because it was hard to get supplies; mother would sit and knit in the dark, making our stockings and mittens.