

[Mrs. Hill]

Personal narrative IV-[??] V-[E?] S260 - NEGRO Dup

FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Ruby E. Wilson ADDRESS North Platte

DATE Nov. 23, 1938 SUBJECT Negro Folklore

1. Name and address of informant Mrs. Hill 800 blk on E. 9th
2. Date and time of interview Monday morning
3. Place of interview Her home
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put in touch with informant
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. A dilapidated 1 room shake with big open cracks around N. door through [which?] a [particularly?] vicious wind [bles?] coldly. Comparatively clean and very sparsely furnished [C. 15 - 2/27/41 Neb.]

FORM B Personal History of Informant

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1. Ancestry Negro
2. Place and date of birth Says she is [89?]
3. Family
4. Place lived in, with dates Lincoln and North Platte
5. Education, with dates
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates Has twice married, raised 2 daughters and a grandson
7. Special skills and interests Religious work, was African Methodist
8. Community and religious activities Inactive because of age
9. Description of informant Has been medium tall, is bent and tottery with age and rheumatism, is gray haired.
10. Other points gained in interview

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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Mrs. Hill says she is [79?] years old and that she just can't harly get around because of rheumatism in her legs.

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She has two daughters living, Mabel Simmons of California and "Lon" Mitchell of North Platte who is a caterer and who Mrs. Hill says got to working for a "society" class of white people and started drinking like they did. Now she says she won't have anything to do with "Lon" "She can drink G men drunk , " she said , and she " cusses me around something awful."

There aren't any decent Negroes here to speak of Mrs. Hill stated, most of the colored people here are "sporting class." [Once?] , she said, she with the help of influential white friends, she attempted to have a church for colored people. She had a minister come from Lincoln or some other city and she had arranged to use the Methodist church basement. She had carefully invited all the colored people in town. The minister came and was present at the appointed hour also Mrs. Hill and no one else. Finally the minister said "Well maybe they'll come this afternoon. But no one every ever came. So there was no Negro church [although?] she herself was African . ME and was baptised here in this church [Methodist?].

Mrs. Hill has two grand children, Dorethea Simmons, and Frank Parks of Lincoln.

She is receiving old age assistance and has received some form of assistance for many years.