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Mrs. Alice White of Coldwater, Kansas -- Comanche County.

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- 60 - 22 Covered Wagon trip to Comanche Co. from Cowley Co. in 1885.  
23 - 46 Dugout and sodhouse; sheep drive from Cowley Co.  
47 - 95 Indian scare.  
96 - 130 Schooling  
131 - 141 Teacher's certificate  
142 - 162 Father and mother being "hardshelled Baptists"; Bible study.  
163 - 175 Organ lessons.  
176 - 199 Prayer answered while herding sheep before storm.  
200 - 215 Literary society on Friday afternoon.

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- 215 - 234 "No, I wasn't cryin' neither" (FIRST LINES, NOT TITLES)  
233 - 258 "A woman come to our house once"  
261 - 319 "You're surprised if I ever say so"  
320 - 328 "It is well I ran into the garden"  
330 - 339 "Once there was a kitty"  
343 - 447 "Kentucky Belle"  
448 - 519 "Who shall it be?"  
521 - 565 "St. Valentine's Eve a year ago."  
566 - 575 "Miss Dorothy Dot in her little redchair"  
576 - 582 "Kitty, my kitty"  
583 - 587 "My daddy says I love him too"  
588 - 614 "A good wife rose from her bed that day"  
617 - 727 "Paul Revere was rider bold" or "The Dashing Ride of  
Jenny McNeil"

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Interview with Alice ~~Smith~~ of Coldwater, Kansas, on 11-29-58.

3 3/4 ips.

- 000-003 Introduction.
- 004-024 Coming to Western Kansas.
- 025-047 Early house, land, animals.
- 048-095 Indian scare.
- 096-145 Schooling.
- 146-200 Church.
- 201-212 Literary society meetings.
- 213-234 Poem: "No, I Ain't Been Cryin'."
- 235-258 Poem: "A Woman Came to Our House Once."
- 259-318 Poem: "You're Surprised If Ever I Say So."
- 319-328 Poem: "It Is Well I Ran Into The Garden."
- 329-339 Poem: "Once There Was A Kitty."
- 340-447 Poem: "Kentucky Belle."
- 448-508 Poem: "What Shall It Be."
- 509-565 Poem: "St. Valentine's Eve."
- 566-575 Poem: "Miss Dorthy Dot."
- 576-583 Poem: "Kitty, My Kitty."
- 584-614 Poem: "A Good Wife Rose From Her Bed One Day."
- 615-727 Poem: "Paul Revere Was a Rider Bold."
- end

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Tape #	Time	Break between side A and B
RT 398 F666m 1958 no. 18	42 min	<p>Interview with <u>Alice White</u> of Coldwater, Ks. - tells of leaving Colley County in 1885, along with groups of horses - chickens - cows - plenty to eat along the way - settled in Western Kansas - first lived in dugout + later built sod house - tells of Indian scare coming - nothing but rumor found out later - talks about school + later taught school at very early age - Parents were very staunch southern Baptist - tells of first organ in 1885 - talks about herding of sheep + big storms coming - also tells about literary society meetings - Recites <u>twelve</u> poems.</p>
Side B continued	5 min	Poems were continued to be read by <u>Alice White</u> .

Interview with Alice White of Coldwater, KS. Tells of leaving Calley County in 1885, along with group of horses, chickens, and cows. Plenty to eat along the way. Settled in western Kansas. First lived in dugout and later built sod house. Tells of Indian scare coming - nothing but rumor, found out later. Talks about school and later taught school at very early age. Parents were very staunch southern Baptist. Tells of first organ in 1893. Talk about hard work sleep and big store coal. Also tells about literary society meetings. Recites twelve poems. Poems were continued to be ready by Alice White.

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1. Name: Mrs. Alice White		2. Date: 29 Nov. 1957	
3. Address: Coldwater, Kansas		4. County: Comanche	5. Age: 82
6. Place of Birth: Near Joplin, Mo.			
7. Ancestry: U.S.		9. Education (Circle highest)	
8. Languages spoken: English		Grade school 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
		High School 1 2 3 4	
		College 1 2 3 4	
10. Places of residence:		Dates:	
Cowley Co., Kansas		till 9 years old	
Comanche Co., Kansas		subsequently	
11. Present occupation: housewife		12. Former occupations: housewife	
13. Father's name: Alfred Harrison Baker		17. Mother's name: Martha Ellen Eads	
14. Father's place of birth: Kentucky (near Frankfort)		18. Mother's place of birth: Kentucky (near Frankfort)	
15. Grandfather's place of birth:		19. Grandfather's place of birth:	
16. Grandmother's place of birth:		20. Grandmother's place of birth:	
21. Place and condition of interview:			
22. Remarks: Mrs. White no longer recalls where or from whom she learned the various recitations on this tape; they were learned for the Friday afternoon "literaries" which she describes.			
		Collector's name: Geneva Hewett	
		Address: Coldwater, Kansas	