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John B Ray tells of his father Mr Griffith
had country store at Edmond - lived on farm
and walked to store - tales of happenings
at store - Purchase made by swapping pigs -
feed, eggs.

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Mrs John Ray's wife - her father came from Germany
her mother born in Illinois, married there -
Grasshoppers plague eating everything - leaving
desolation behind, also getting into house & eating
woods - mosquitoes were terrible. Tells of
buffalos gatherings.

The following is a song we sing in First Grade for Kansas Day. I have never seen the words in print. They were given to me by Mildred Bragg a former teacher. This is contributed by Edith Dale Gunckel, WaKeeney, Kansas. This is sung in the First Grade Central School, Dodge City, Kansas. The tune is "Did you Ever See a Lassie."

Oh we're from sunny Kansas, sunny Kansas, sunny Kansas.
Oh we're from sunny Kansas, the best state of all.
Where it rains some and **s**hows some
Cyclones come and blow some.
Oh we're from sunny Kansas, the best state of all.

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name: Oscar Lee Gunckel	2. Date July 18, 1960
3. Informant's name of song or story: Just a Village in Sunny Tennessee	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? At Literary	
7. Approximate date of learning: 1895	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes _____ No. <u>x</u> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes _____ No _____ Describe:	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name:
Edith Dale Gunckel
Address
WaKeeney, Kansas

On a morning bright and clear
To my old home I drew near
Just a village down in sunny Tennessee
To my sweetheart who was waiting there for me.

For it had been a few short years
Since I kissed away her tears,
As I left her at her dear old mother's side.

And each day we've been apart
She's grown dearer to my heart
Then the night I asked of her to be my bride.

For we could hear those darkies singing
As she said farewell to me
Far across the fields of cotton
My old Homestead I could see

As the moon rose in its glory
Then I told life's sweetest story
To the girl I loved in sunny Tennessee.

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name: Calvin H. Keyser	2. Date July 18, 1960
3. Informant's name of song or story: The Romance of a Red Ear	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story: The Romance of a Red Ear	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? For Literary	
7. Approximate date of learning: 1900	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Describe:	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name:
Edith Dale Gunckel
Address
WaKeeney, Kansas

Many a country lass would feign have been chosen by farmer Will,
He was young and handsome tall and straight and he owned the farm on the hill.

But he set his heart upon dainty Ruth whose father a millionaire,
Had sent her down from her city life to live in the country air.

Will was too proud and shy to think she would care for such as him,
Till autumn came and she went with him to the Rockwood Husking Bee.

The great barn floor was heaped with corn and lighted with lanterns bright
And the merry huskers at their work formed a novel and pretty sight.

But Ruth looked up at her escort tall and puckered her pretty brow,
"I never did such a thing in my life suppose you show me how."

So side by side they bent to the task and by chance there was no one near
When suddenly Ruth stripped the husk from a perfect deep red ear.

Will told her then of the custom old, when a girl found an ear like this
She had a perfect right to claim from any lad there a kiss.

With a smile of mischief back she stepped in the shadow of the mow,
"I never did such a thing in my life suppose you show me how."

You can guess the rest, I will only add, they were wed ere another fall,
And the red ear tied with a ribbon gay still hangs on their parlor wall.

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name: Oscar LeeGunckel	2. Date July 18, 1900
3. Informant's name of song or story: The Battle of Bull Run	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? At Literary probably	
7. Approximate date of learning: 1895	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes _____ No. <u> x </u> (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes _____ No _____ Describe:	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
12. Remarks	

Collector's name:
 Edith Dale Gunckel
 Address
 WaKeeney, Kansas

Oh the trees were making bows because they're going to leave
The bumble bees were making bums for terra bum dee a.
Me father owned a great big steer his size it was immense
He stuck his horns into my side and threw me o'er the fence.
He chased me here, he chase me there
He chased me to Washington.
That's where I got my pension for the battle of bull run.

Song or Story Information, Form C

1. Informant's name: Oscar Lee Gunckel	2. Date July 18, 1960
3. Informant's name of song or story: Two Little Girls in Blue	4. Record or tape Number
5. Standard name of song or story:	
6. Where and how did informant learn the song or story? At Literary	
7. Approximate date of learning: 1895	
8. Has the informant seen the story or song in print? Yes _____ No. ^x _____ (Where and when)	
9. Was song accompanied by a game or dance? Yes _____ No _____ Describe:	
10. Instrument used (if played in a special manner indicate):	
11. Special explanations of the song or story by informant:	
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An old man gazed at a photograph in a locket he'd worn for years
His nephew then asked him the reason why this picture had caused him tears.
"The reason why I'll tell you lad
A story 'tis strange but true
When your father and I were boys at school met two little girls in blue."

"Two little girls in blue clad
Two little girls in blue.
One was your mother, I married the other
But we have drifted apart."

"This picture is one of those girls lad
To me she was once a wife.
I thought her unfaithful
I thought her untrue
And we parted one night for life.

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