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### Interview with Ras and Dot Wampler

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Tape

Time

Break between Side A and B

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1960  
No. 14

30 min.

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8:34



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No. 14

Time

30 min

## Break between Side A and B

Interview continues with Rath and Dot Wampler  
 Mrs. Wampler finishes her rabbit story - next  
 Mrs. Wampler tells about sled rides - how  
 they treaded back after 2 hrs - + how she  
 + her girl friend got taffy + walnuts in it -  
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 stripping they (he + his brothers) milking about  
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 side of walls to pack it solid - They had lots  
 of cattle + hogs - watering all was chore before  
 going to school + plenty work when they  
 came home from school + drawing water with  
 buckets from well was quite a chore -

## INFORMANT BIOGRAPHY, FORM B

1. Name <b>Ras (E. O. ) Wampler</b>		2. Date: <b>July 16, 1960</b>	
3. Address: <b>Garden City, Kansas</b>		4. County: <b>Finney</b>	
5. Age: <b>79</b>			
6. Place of Birth: <b>Farmersville, Ohio</b>			
7. Ancestry <b>Pennsylvania Dutch</b>		9. Education(circle highest) Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 <b>7</b> 8 High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4	
8. Language spoken: <b>English</b>			
10. Places of residence		Dates:	
<b>Farmersville, Ohio</b>		<b>1881-1884</b>	
<b>Brazelton, Kansas</b>		<b>1884- 1907</b>	
<b>Garden City, Kansas</b>		<b>1907-</b>	
11. Present occupation: <b>Retired</b>		12. Former occupations: <b>Rancher</b> <b>Banker</b>	
13. Father's name: <b>John William Wampler</b>		17. Mother's name: <b>Elizabeth Kinsey Wampler</b>	
14. Father's place of birth: <b>Maryland</b>		18. Mother's place of birth: <b>Ohio</b>	
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: <b>In the Wampler home</b>			
22. Remarks:  Those present for the interview in addition to Ras and Dot Wampler were my husband (John) and my daughter (Jo Ellen). The other male voice heard on the tape is my husband. Mr. Wampler's name is Eurastas Oliver Wampler, but everyone has always called him Ras; he always signs his name E. O. Wampler. Most people probably don't know his real name.			
Collector's name: <b>Vera Mae Wampler</b> Address: <b>Garden City, Kansas</b>			



INFORMANT BIOGRAPHY, FORM B

1. Name <b>Dot Wampler ( Mrs. E. O. Wampler)</b>		2. Date: <b>July 16, 1960</b>	
3. Address: <b>Garden City, Kansas</b>		4. County: <b>Finney</b>	5. Age: <b>81</b>
6. Place of Birth: <b>Stewartsville, Missouri</b>			
7. Ancestry <b>Irish and Scotch</b>		9. Education(circle highest) Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 High School 1 <u>2</u> 3 4 College 1 2 3 4	
8. Language spoken: <b>English</b>			
10. Places of residence		Dates:	
<b>Stewartsville, Missouri</b>		<b>1878-1890</b>	
<b>Topeka, Kansas</b>		<b>1890-1891</b>	
<b>Colony, Ks.; Coffeerville, Ks.; Brazelton, Ks.</b>		<b>1891-1896; 1896-1901; 1901-1907</b>	
<b>Garden City, Kansas</b>		<b>1907-</b>	
11. Present occupation: <b>Retired</b>		12. Former occupations: <b>Housewife</b>	
13. Father's name: <b>James Edward Stout</b>		17. Mother's name: <b>Martha Palmer Stout</b>	
14. Father's place of birth: <b>Illinois</b>		18. Mother's place of birth: <b>New York</b>	
15. Grandfather's place of birth: <b>Pennsylvania</b>		19. Grandfather's place of birth: <b>Pennsylvania</b>	
16. Grandmother's place of birth: <b>New York</b>		20. Grandmother's place of birth:	
21. Place and condition of interview: <b>In the Wampler home</b>			
22. Remarks:			
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