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Jerry Allison

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CONTRIBUTOR: Warren, Gertrude, and Armenta Allison
INTERVIEWER: Jerry Allison
1962

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(Interview begins unintelligible, becomes increasingly clearer)

- 0-15 Introduction (Throughout the interview the various speakers are
16-53 (Unintelligible) not identified)
54-86 Lumber
87-106 The wolves attack their horses
107-116 How they got their water
117-122 Early schooling
123-128 Games they played and dolls
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276-290 Beliefs about nursing and pregnancy
291-302 Childbirth practices
303-312 Her wedding and home
313-325 Information about the following song
326-337 "The Wedding of the Honey Bees" (vocal)
338-340 The contributor knows no other songs
341-352 The life of the farmer
353-357 Fun for the children
358-365 The first automobile
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405-415 Discussion of the name of the town
416-441 Colored people in the area
442-477 Experiences as an early meat-cutter
478-512 The villany of the soldiers
513-529 An incident in which an Indian threatens a white woman
530-554 The killing of a dog
555-577 Further villany of the soldiers
578-612 A father kills his children and commits suicide
613-621 Epilogue: the man's wife's life following the murder
622-665 Two young men go to the harvest; one doesn't return
666-685 They sew up an apprentice's pocket
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756-762 Blood pudding
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 769-809 The history of Adolphe and holding a claim
 810-841 Games they played
 842-854 Her brothers call her "bawl-baby"
 855-857 What the little girls played
 858-874 Dirty words the little girls said
 875-880 A dirty song
 881-895 How they kept their noses warm
 896-958 How they celebrated Christmas
 959-968 The old German church
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 992-013 More on what the little girls did

CONTRIBUTOR: Amy Toepfer
 INTERVIEWER: Father John B. Terbovich
 Hays, Kansas, 1962

015-023 Introduction on superstitions
 024-144 German-Russian superstitions borne of Kirghiz night raids
 145-162 The contribution of their deep, religious conviction
 163-176 The longevity of these superstitions
 177-224 The story of a ghost
 225-231 The interviewer tells a story
 232-268 A discussion of superstitions concerning death
 269-325 The clanishness of German-Russians and the hard times that gave rise to it
 326-361 The break-down of the clanishness
 362-368 Concluding remarks
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Tape #	Time	Break between side A and B.
Original FRT 1962 no. 17	17 min	Interview with <u>Esther, Warren,</u> <u>and Armenta Allison</u> - not clear & hard to understand at first - tells of hardships in winter time - Early schooling, games they played and dolls. German Xmas were wonderful - 8 children in family Xmas tree had candles & beautifully decorated. Church services were great - hard to hear sound, not very clear again.
(Side B) (continued)	2 min	Interview with <u>Amy Taepfer</u> by Fr. John Terbovic - Tells of German-Russian Superstitions - they had Kirghiz night raids. (not very audible) - ghosts & asked for prayers The evil of the witches spread - holy water was sprinkled to drive out witches. Immigrants were very isolated. Her father used to tell her on May 1st, young men would plant trees in front of house - Saw a ghost & chased ghost - followed him & ghost fell - happened to be his cousin wanting to keep trees from being cut down - Tricks were played on people scared of ghosts. German Russians were clanish & frightened people - Depression & dust storms came - & World War II & that got men out & clanishness eased - after war, some of boys brought their brides from Europe & many too lost their lives.