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PART I

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CONTRIBUTOR: Georgie Jackson  
Lenora, Kansas

INTERVIEWER: Robert A. Smith

June 16, 1962

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- 000-003 Introduction
- 004-034 Organizing a school
- 035-047 Using buffalo skull for a chair
- 048-058 More description of the school
- 059-067 Learning "Thanotopsis"
- 068--098 Prairie fire endangers school
- 099-134 Rolling sister down hill in a barrel
- 135-157 Father's harnessing experience
- 158-197 1889 Easter Sunday Fire
- 198-215 Unsolved murder
- 216-266 Father's guards against fire
- 267-308 Desparadoes

PART II

CONTRIBUTOR: ?????

It doesn't mention but is different than Part I

INTERVIEWER: ?????

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"

Speed change to 7 1/2

- 315-352 Someone whistling "Just a Song at Twilight"
- 353-444 Interview. School certificates and teaching
- 445-504 Whistling "Listen to the Mocking Bird"

PART III

CONTRIBUTOR: Can't hear the name  
Hays, Kansas

INTERVIEWER: Louise Maxwell

Hays, Kansas

July 31, 1962

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This has been taped off of another tape. The person doing this has played the introduction over three times trying, without success to catch the contributor's name.

505-531 Introduction, trying to find contributor's name  
532-569 Singing (In German?)  
570-596 Another Song  
597-652 Song  
653-719 " "  
720-805 " "  
806-826 Middle part of a man telling a story. No beginning or ending.

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Time

Breaks between side A and B

35 min

Interview with Georgia Jackson of Lenora, Ks -  
 In 1887 in Texas there were no schools as yet, but  
 started a school with a visiting teacher from  
 St. Louis, then hired her to finance the school,  
 each paying \$1.00 per month - Georgia was very  
 young - lived in sod house - describes school  
 house + what it entailed. Being so small yet  
 was placed in a buffalo skull for a chair -  
 Describes the school further - heating stove  
 with cow chips - Tells about prairie fire and  
 endangered school - All these experiences  
 happened after they moved from Texas to Beloit,  
 Ks - Her father ran a hotel - Tells of her  
 sister's doings - rolling down hill in barrel -  
 wasn't seriously injured - Tells about father's  
 harnessing experience - In 1887 tells about  
 Easter Sunday fire and how they worked  
 to get fire out in late evening - Tells about  
 stranger + small son were buried not too  
 far away and murder never solved - They  
 were living in Decatur County + how her  
 father took precautions against fires -  
 working fields, if a fire should ever start,  
 and neighbors thought he was strange -  
 When later on his neighbor's big <sup>fire</sup> and burned  
 possessions - They asked her father to help  
 them work their fields, as he had done  
 his - Tells about desperados were stealing  
 about everything they could get hands on -  
 Tells how her father befriended them +  
 they stayed at their house overnight - realizing  
 next morning <sup>some</sup> horses gone - got them back +  
 they stayed at their house during the trial

Sape

Time

Break between side A and B

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10 min

Couldn't get name of party interviewed now -  
 Someone started whistling a song - then  
 party tells of school certificate and her  
 teaching - couldn't understand her very  
 well - or where she was from - next  
 thing all was heard was whistling  
 again.

4 min

Part III - couldn't understand name again -  
 taped in La Crosse, Ks - Starts by singing  
 in German - singe four more songs -

Continues  
on Side B

15 min

Continuing his singing German songs  
 after the singing, some man starting telling  
 about man coming to waterhole + bathing  
 his feet - decided to walk barefoot - ran  
 into ground with sandburs - not much  
 more was said - then blank again

INFORMANT BIOGRAPHY, FORM B

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1. Name <i>Gergetta B. Johnson</i>		2. Date: <i>June 16, 1962</i>	
3. Address: <i>Lenora</i>		4. County <i>Norton</i>	5. Age: <i>82</i>
6. Place of Birth: <i>Beloit</i>			
7. Ancestry <i>Irish Scotch Welsh German</i>		9. Education (circle highest) Grade School 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 High School 1 2 3 4 College 1 2 3 4	
8. Language spoken: <i>English</i>			
10. Places of residence		Dates:	
<i>Beloit</i>		<i>1880-1887</i>	
<i>Aberlin</i>		<i>1887-1904</i>	
<i>Goodland</i>		<i>1904-1912</i>	
<i>Lenora</i>		<i>1912-1962</i>	
11. Present occupation: <i>sitting</i>		12. Former occupations: <i>school teacher</i>	
13. Father's name: <i>George Becktoldt</i>		17. Mother's name: <i>Catherine Martin</i>	
14. Father's place of birth: <i>Columbus, O.</i>		18. Mother's place of birth: <i>Iowa</i>	
15. Grandfather's place of birth: <i>Penn.</i>		19. Grandfather's place of birth:	
16. Grandmother's place of birth: <i>Indiana</i>		20. Grandmother's place of birth: <i>Penn.</i>	
21. Place and condition of interview:		<i>Lenora, Kansas</i>	
22. Remarks:			
Collector's name: <i>Robert A. Smith</i>			
Address: <i>Lenora, Kansas</i>			