

[Mrs. Ernie Ogg]

FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Mrs. Bessie [Jellerston?] ADDRESS Ogallala Nebr

DATE Oct. 7, 1938 SUBJECT Mrs. Elsie Ogg

1. Name and address of informant Mrs. Elsie Ogg and her daughter, Mrs. John [Ginappe?].
2. Date and time of interview Sept. 26, 1938
3. Place of interview At their home, in East Ogallala
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. On her front porch, where they were sitting.

Mrs. Elsie Ogg, was born in Fremont Michigan, June 17, 1870 and came to this Hastings in 1873. Was married at the age of 17, in June 1885. Came to this country in July, 1903; at which time they homesteaded 16 mile northeast of Keystone, Nebr. Here he farmed and raised cattle, lived in a tent, several months, while farming the first year, and building sod house, etc. She says this tent was pitched (6 mi. from nowhere) and among hundreds of herd of long horn cattle, which roamed the country at will; as there were no fences up there in those days.

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We went to church in a little sod schoolhouse, but later a fair sized community hall was built. Here parties, Sunday school, church, and dances, basket dinners, and dinners for many occasions were served.

Many surprise dinners were planned, at the homes, we would take a basket dinner with us as it was so far to town our neighbors (food supply) might be low; and there was no way of letting them know we were coming. Of course every one made their own bread, cakes, pickles if they had any etc. Used to go to dances, parties, and literaries in a lumberwagon, with a little hay in the bottom to sit on and a blanket or [two?] over our heads, to keep us warm, in cold weather, but sure had a lot of fun when we got there.

At first the Oggs' hauled water from pasture windmills, until a pump was finally installed, and lastly a windmill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogg came to Ogallala, and bought a home in the east part of town where Mrs. Ogg still lives, Mr. Ogg passed away Feb. 12, 1931.

Mrs. Ogg says they saw all the hardships, pioneer life incures. [?] roads to Ogallala, or Paxton where they got their mail, sometimes once a month and if some of the neighbors went in they got it oftener.