

[Mrs. Margaret Sauer]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview.

NAME OF WORKER Harold J. Moss Henry Liekei ADDRESS 6934 Francis St. Lincoln
1002 G St.

DATE Oct 25, 1938 SUBJECT German Russian Folklore

1. Name and address of informant. Mrs. Margaret Sauer
2. Date and time of interview. 1000 New Hampshire St. Lincoln, Nebr.
3. Place of interview. Home of informant.
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant.

Henry Lickei, 1002 G. St. Lincoln.

5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you. Henry Lickei 1002 G St.
Lincoln.

6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Small room, rather crowded, enlarged well furnished and comfortable, pictures on walls of husband and others. House is a small one built on rear of lot. This house was built especially for Mrs. Sauer, when her former home on this lot was sold or rented. It is situated on Salt Creek Flats in the north west part of Lincoln, Nebr. C. 15 Neb.

FORM B Personal History of Informant

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Nebr. 1002 G St.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Margaret Sauer, 100 New Hampshire,
Lincoln

1. Ancestry. German
2. Place and date of birth. Norgia, Russia Dec. 21, 1855.
3. Family. Husband dead, no children-father-Henry Russ (dead).
4. Place lived in, with dates. Norgia Russia 1855 to 1891. Lincoln, Nebr 1891 to date.
5. Education, with dates. Church School 1861 to 1866, was bought out of school 1866 to stay home and work.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates. Housework, spinning and weaving 1866 to 1878. Married 1878.
7. Special skills and interests. Godmother for new born babies. Spinning weaving, farmwork.
8. Community and religious activities. Helping in childbirth, Godmother, Reformed Lutheran church.
9. Description of informant. Small German type, expressive face.

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10. Other points gained in interview. Alert and talks mostly low German seems eager to talk however and likes to visit. Never having raised a family she does not seem to have lived a full life and her attitude is probably somewhat biased, because of this.

FORM C Text of Interview (UNedited)

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Mrs. Margaret Sauer, 1000 New Hampshire, Lincoln.

I was bought out of school, before I was 15 years old so that I could stay home and work.

In Russia if the parents wanted their children to stay home and work they could buy them off from school before they were 15 years old. If not they had to go to school until they were 15. The same price was paid by everyone for this. I staid home then and worked at weaving and housework, with some farm work.

In 1878 I was married and did lots of farm work after that. I was Godmother to lots of new born babies.

We always held the child, one at a time while the preacher read the sermon. The sponsor, who held the baby last always held it then for the baptism.

The sponsors did not have any obligations to the child other than what they cared to do. At marriage, they usually helped or when the engagement was being made. A new baby is kept at home all the time until after the baptizing. This is also done over here. We like to talk over old times here and still do some of the things we used to. But the young people

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are changing fast and act just like any native people. People do not work hard like they used to and live better. I like to think of the old times now even though it was not so easy.