

[Rev. A. L. Reynolds]

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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

NAME OF WORKER Albert Burks ADDRESS 239 So 20th

DATE Jan. 11, 1939 SUBJECT American Folklore

1. Name and address of informant Rev. A. L. Reynolds 2321 T St.
2. Date and time of interview 9: a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Jan 11, 1939
3. Place of Interview Residence
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant. His son pastor of the Newman A.M.E. Church 23rd T St
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompany you None
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc. Parsonage in poor condition, badly in need of painting. Parlour shabby furnished but neat. [C.-15 Neb.?)

FORM B Personal History of Informant

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1. Ancestry Negro
2. Place and date of birth Warrensburg Mo. April 11, 1873
3. Family Three
4. Places lived in St. Louis 1925-34, At present located Samaritan [N.E.?] Church Kansas City Mo.
5. Education, with dates B.A. Lincoln U. Jefferson City Mo.
6. Occupations and accomplishments, with dates Church Work; radio sermon work.
7. Special skills and interests Ministry
8. Community and religious activities African Methodist Episcopal
9. Description of informant Tall, light-brown, nearly bald.
10. Other points gained in interview Church conference conference which he is a member of recently appointed him minister at Samaritan [A.M.E.?] Kansas City, Mo.

FORM C Text of Interview (Unedited)

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I have been in church work all of my life. Even my father before who was slave used to hold church service from plantation to plantation.

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My mother was left a widow when I was qui[?] quite young and as soon as I was big enough to work I was her sole support. I had a pretty tough time getting a higher education and I never stop trying to ger get more. I am particularly fond of spirituals but my favorite is: "I Couldn't Couldn't hear nobody pray."

The sermon that I always like to deliver, particularly to a congregation but up of a large number of sinners is: "You Must be Born Again." The significance of this is that an individual must / not be only a morally moral individuals but he must be spiritual. For God is a spirit and they that worship him must be of the spirit.

This means one must so surrender self, that the spirit of God may have possession of one's absolute being. His whole life there-for becomes God Conscience."