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### INTRODUCTION

The term field record in the Linguistic Atlas of the Gulf States (LAGS) Project designates the tape-recorded interview conducted by the fieldworker with the informant. This paper presents information about both the physical characteristics of the tapes and the ways in which they were recorded in order to provide practical assistance to auditors of the field records. First, the practice of LAGS fieldworkers in the selection of magnetic tape and a recorder is explained, accompanied by a list indicating the number, tape capacity, and size of reels used in recording each interview. Second is a discussion of incomplete field records, together with a tabulation of these interviews. The third part summarizes types of mechanical difficulties that fieldworkers experienced with recording instruments and the consequent effects on the audial quality of the tapes; a list identifies records affected by these problems. Fourth, sources of external interference during recording that tend to compromise the fidelity of the tapes are characterized and illustrated. In considering the problems identified here, one should remember that most of the field records in the LAGS corpus have good sound quality (especially those conducted by regular fieldworkers) and that, usually, only a portion of each of the records listed below suffers from poor fidelity.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The audial problems of field records may in some instances be attributed to the particular brand of magnetic tape and/or make of the recording instrument used by the fieldworker. Records were made on reels and cassettes of varying grades of fidelity. Although all regular fieldworkers and many student fieldworkers selected high-fidelity products for their assignments (e.g., Scotch Brand AV 178 magnetic tape), a few volunteers, no doubt because of financial considerations, used inferior brands whose sound reproduction capabilities fall short of desired standards. Used on good tape recorders, however, these tapes often produced adequate results, but if they were recorded on unreliable machines, audial difficulties were predictably compounded. Again, most fieldworkers, especially the regular interviewers, used high-quality, precision instruments in their work (e.g., the Uher Report 4000 IC or the Sony TC-860), but some volunteers, particularly those who owned cassette recorders, relied upon substandard equipment. Regardless of the results, one cannot fault the good intentions of the volunteer fieldworkers. Their errors in judgment were likely the result of any one or a combination of factors involving 1) a desire to reduce costs, 2) a lack of familiarity with the capabilities of available audio equipment and products, and 3) an insensitivity to the demands of atlas fieldwork due to their minimal experience.

After having been recorded, each tape was labeled by the fieldworker. The basic information recorded on each box housing a master reel of a LAGS interview is illustrated below:

(a) Reel 1 of 4

- (b) Side A: Personal Data and Free Conversation  
Side B: 7A - 17.5
- (c) MLY 73 1A
- (d) Name of the informant
- (e) Troy, Alabama
- (f) Pike County
- (g) CF 279.03
- (h) 3,6 September 1976; 3 December 1976
- (i) Guy Bailey and Marvin Bassett

Reel copies of all interviews are to be prepared by the LAGS staff, and the boxes for those reels will reflect the same information as on the masters, except as noted. The fieldworkers' notations may be explained as follows:

- (a) identifies the particular reel among the total number of reels used to record the interview;
- (b) identifies the portion of the interview recorded on each track of a two-track reel of tape (e.g., side B covers page 7A to page 17, line 5 of the questionnaire);
- (c) identifies the informant as M[ale] L[ower-middle class] Y[white caste] 73 [years of age] [type] 1 [grammar school education] A [insular general perspective];
- (d) identifies the informant by name (omitted from the copy);
- (e) identifies the city (locality) and state where the informant resides;
- (f) identifies the county (community) where the informant resides;
- (g) identifies the appropriate grid unit and accession number;
- (h) identifies the date(s) on which the interview took place;
- (i) identifies the fieldworker(s) who conducted the interview



The entire corpus of 1,118 field records is preserved only on reels of magnetic tape. All interviews originally recorded on cassettes were copied onto reels, each 5 inches in diameter with a 1,200-foot tape capacity. The following comprehensive list of field records--grouped by zone and identified by grid unit and accession number--indicates both the number of reels comprising each interview and the capacity of the reels in feet. All reels are 5 inches in diameter. After this list was compiled, 20 more field records were added to the collection. These interviews appear at the end of the tabulation.

## NUMBER AND CAPACITY OF REELS PER FIELD RECORD

East Tennessee

A 001.01	5 @ 900	H 019.01	2 @ 900
A 001.02	2 @ 900	H 019.02	3 @ 900
	2 @ 1200	H 020.01	1 @ 1200
A 001.03	3 @ 900	H 020.02	2 @ 1200
A 001.04	3 @ 900	H 020.03	3 @ 1200
A 001.05	2 @ 1200	I 021.01	2 @ 900
A 002.01	4 @ 900	I 021.02	2 @ 1200
A 002.02	5 @ 900		1 @ 900
A 002.03	5 @ 900	J 024.01	6 @ 900
B 004.01	3 @ 900	J 025.01	2 @ 1800
B 004.02	3 @ 900	J 025.02	1 @ 1200
B 005.01	3 @ 900	J 026.01	5 @ 900
B 005.02	1 @ 900	J 026.02	5 @ 900
C 006.01	1 @ 1200	J 026.03	2 @ 1200
	2 @ 900	K 028.01	3 @ 900
C 006.02	3 @ 1200	K 028.02	2 @ 900
C 006.03	1 @ 1200	K 028.03	2 @ 1200
C 006.04	2 @ 1200	L 030.01	2 @ 1800
C 006.05	1 @ 900	L 031.01	2 @ 900
	1 @ 1200	L 031.02	2 @ 900
	1 @ 1800	M 032.01	2 @ 900
C 007.01	3 @ 900	M 032.02	4 @ 900
D 009.01	3 @ 900	M 032.03	3 @ 900
D 009.02	3 @ 900	M 032.04	4 @ 900
D 009.03	3 @ 900	M 032.05	4 @ 900
D 010.01	3 @ 900	M 032.06	3 @ 900
D 010.02	4 @ 1200	M 032.07	2 @ 900
D 011.01	3 @ 1200	M 032.08	5 @ 600
E 014.01	4 @ 900	M 032.09	2 @ 900
E 014.02	2 @ 900	M 032.10	2 @ 1200
F 015.01	2 @ 900	M 032.11	4 @ 1200
F 015.02	2 @ 900		3 @ 600
F 016.01	1 @ 1800	N 034.01	3 @ 900
F 016.02	1 @ 1800	N 034.02	3 @ 900
	1 @ 900		
G 017.01	2 @ 900		
G 017.02	2 @ 900		
G 017.03	4 @ 900		
G 017.04	3 @ 900		
G 017.05	2 @ 900		
G 017.06	2 @ 900		
G 017.07	2 @ 900		
G 017.08	2 @ 1200		

Upper Georgia

O 036.01	2 @ 1200
	1 @ 1800
O 036.02	3 @ 1200
O 037.01	3 @ 600
O 037.02	1 @ 1200
O#001.01	4 @ 600
O#003.01	7 @ 900

## Upper Georgia (cont'd)

P 038.01	4 @ 900	T 052.04	4 @ 900
P 038.02	3 @ 900	T 052.05	5 @ 900
P 038.03	4 @ 900	T 052.06	3 @ 1200
P 038.04	1 @ 900	T 053.01	3 @ 1200
Q 043.01	4 @ 1200	T 053.02	3 @ 900
Q 044.01	3 @ 1200	T 053.03	4 @ 1200
Q 044.02	3 @ 900	T 053.04	2 @ 1200
Q 044.03	3 @ 1200	T 053.05	2 @ 900
Q 044.04	3 @ 1200		1 @ 600
Q 044.05	3 @ 1200	T 054.06	5 @ 600
		T 053.07	4 @ 1200
Q#004.01	3 @ 1200	T 053.08	4 @ 1200
Q#005.01	4 @ 1200	T 053.09	3 @ 600
Q#006.01	3 @ 600	T 053.10	1 @ 900
	1 @ 900	T 053.11	5 @ 1200
Q#006.02	4 @ 900	T 053.12	3 @ 1200
Q#006.03	3 @ 1200	T 053.13	2 @ 1200
	1 @ 900	T 053.14	3 @ 1200
R 045.01	4 @ 900	T 053.15	5 @ 1200
R 045.02	4 @ 600	T 053.16	4 @ 1200
R 046.01	3 @ 900	U 054.01	3 @ 900
R 047.01	3 @ 900	U 054.02	3 @ 900
R 047.02	5 @ 900	U 054.03	3 @ 900
R 047.03	4 @ 900	V 057.01	4 @ 900
R 047.04	2 @ 1200	V 058.01	3 @ 900
R 047.05	4 @ 1200	V 059.01	4 @ 600
S 049.01	4 @ 900	V 059.02	4 @ 600
S 050.01	3 @ 600	V 059.03	2 @ 1200
	2 @ 900	V 059.04	3 @ 900
S 050.02	2 @ 900	W 060.01	4 @ 900
	1 @ 600	W 061.01	4 @ 900
S 051.01	5 @ 900	W 061.02	4 @ 900
S 051.02	3 @ 1200	W 061.03	4 @ 900
S#007.01	1 @ 900	W 062.01	3 @ 900
S#007.02	7 @ 600	W 062.02	4 @ 900
S#008.01	4 @ 1200	W 062.03	4 @ 900
S#009.01	4 @ 600	W 062.04	3 @ 900
S#011.01	2 @ 900		1 @ 1200
S#012.01	2 @ 1800	W 062.05	3 @ 900
S#013.01	3 @ 900	W#022.01	1 @ 1200
S#013.02	3 @ 900	W#022.02	1 @ 900
S#014.01	3 @ 1200	W#025.01	2 @ 900
S#015.01	2 @ 1800	X 063.01	3 @ 900
S#015.02	4 @ 900	X 063.02	4 @ 900
S#015.03	3 @ 1200	X 063.03	4 @ 900
S#019.01	3 @ 900	X 063.04	3 @ 1200
T 052.01	3 @ 900	X 063.05	4 @ 600
T 052.02	3 @ 900	X 064.01	4 @ 900
T 052.03	3 @ 900		

Upper Georgia (cont'd)

Y 065.01 3 @ 900  
 Y 065.02 4 @ 900  
  
 Y 065.03 4 @ 900  
 Y 065.04 4 @ 900  
 Y 065.05 4 @ 900  
 Y 066.01 4 @ 900  
           1 @ 600  
 Y 067.01 3 @ 600  
 Y 067.02 2 @ 900  
 Y 067.03 4 @ 900  
 Y 067.04 3 @ 900  
 Y 067.05 3 @ 900  
 Y 067.06 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
  
 Y#026.01 2 @ 900  
 Y#028.01 4 @ 900  
 Y#029.01 1 @ 900  
 Y#031.01 1 @ 900  
 Y#033.01 1 @ 900  
 Y#034.01 2 @ 900  
 Y#036.01 4 @ 1200  
 Y#037.01 4 @ 900  
 Y#037.02 2 @ 900  
 Y#038.01 1 @ 900  
 Z 068.01 4 @ 900  
 Z 068.02 3 @ 900  
 Z 068.03 3 @ 900  
 Z 069.01 3 @ 900  
 Z 069.02 4 @ 900  
 Z 069.03 4 @ 900  
 Z 069.04 3 @ 900  
 Z 069.05 4 @ 900  
 Z 069.06 2 @ 900  
 Z 069.07 4 @ 900  
 Z 069.08 2 @ 900  
 Z 070.01 5 @ 900  
 Z 070.02 4 @ 900  
 Z 070.03 2 @ 1200  
 Z 071.01 3 @ 900  
 Z 071.02 5 @ 900  
 Z 071.03 2 @ 900  
 AA072.01 3 @ 900  
 AA072.02 3 @ 600  
 AA073.01 3 @ 900  
 AA073.02 3 @ 1200  
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 AA074.01 4 @ 900

AA074.02 3 @ 900  
 AA074.03 2 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 AA075.01 2 @ 1200  
 AB076.01 3 @ 1200  
 AB076.02 4 @ 1200

Lower Georgia

AC 080.01 3 @ 1200  
 AC 082.01 3 @ 1200  
 AC 083.01 3 @ 900  
 AC 083.02 3 @ 1200  
 AC#042.01 3 @ 900  
 AC#042.02 4 @ 900  
 AC#044.01 1 @ 1200  
 AC#046.01 3 @ 900  
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 AC#059.02 4 @ 900  
 AC#059.03 3 @ 1200  
 AC#059.04 2 @ 1200  
 AC#059.05 2 @ 1200  
 AC#059.06 1 @ 900  
 AD 086.01 3 @ 1200  
 AD 086.02 2 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 AD 086.03 2 @ 1800  
 AD 086.04 2 @ 1200  
 AD 086.05 3 @ 1200  
 AE 087.01 1 @ 900  
 AE 088.01 2 @ 1200  
 AE 088.02 2 @ 1200  
 AE 089.01 5 @ 1200  
 AE 091.01 2 @ 1200  
 AE 091.02 1 @ 1200  
 AF 092.01 1 @ 900  
 AF 093.01 2 @ 1200  
 AF 093.02 1 @ 900  
 AF 094.01 6 @ 600  
 AF#060.01 3 @ 1200  
 AF#062.01 1 @ 900  
 AF#063.01 3 @ 1200

Lower Georgia (cont'd)

AF#063.01 3 @ 1200  
 AF#063.02 3 @ 1200  
 AF#063.03 2 @ 1200  
 AF#063.04 4 @ 600  
           1 @ 900  
 AG 096.01 2 @ 900  
 AG 098.01 4 @ 1200  
 AG 098.02 4 @ 1200  
           1 @ 900  
 AG 098.03 7 @ 900  
 AH 101.01 1 @ 1200  
 AI 102.01 3 @ 1200  
 AI 102.02 3 @ 1200  
 AI 102.03 3 @ 1200  
 AI 103.01 3 @ 600  
 AI 103.02 4 @ 900  
 AI 103.03 3 @ 1200  
 AJ 105.01 2 @ 900  
 AJ 106.01 2 @ 1200  
 AJ 106.02 2 @ 1200  
 AJ 106.03 1 @ 1200  
 AJ 106.04 3 @ 1200  
 AJ 107.01 2 @ 1200  
 AJ 107.02 2 @ 1200  
 AJ 108.01 3 @ 1200  
 AK 109.01 1 @ 900  
 AK 109.02 5 @ 1200  
 AK 111.01 1 @ 1800  
 AK 111.02 1 @ 900  
 AK 111.03 2 @ 900  
 AK 112.01 3 @ 1200  
 AK 112.02 1 @ 1200  
  
 AK#064.01 2 @ 1200  
 AK#064.02 3 @ 1200  
 AK#064.03 1 @ 1200  
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 AM 117.02 4 @ 900  
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 AM 117.04 3 @ 900  
 AM 117.05 3 @ 1200  
 AM 117.06 2 @ 1200

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 AP 127.04 1 @ 1200  
 AP 127.05 1 @ 1200  
 AP 128.01 4 @ 900  
           1 @ 600  
 AP 129.01 2 @ 1200

East Florida

AQ 130.01 5 @ 600  
 AQ 130.02 5 @ 1200  
 AQ 130.03 4 @ 1200  
 AQ 130.04 3 @ 1200  
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 AQ 130.06 5 @ 1200  
 AQ 130.07 3 @ 1200  
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 AR 134.02 1 @ 1800  
 AR 134.03 2 @ 1800  
 AR 134.04 1 @ 900  
           2 @ 1800  
 AS 139.01 2 @ 1800  
           1 @ 900  
 AS 139.02 2 @ 1800  
 AT 141.01 3 @ 1200  
 AT 141.02 2 @ 1200  
 AT 142.01 1 @ 1800  
 AT 142.02 2 @ 1800  
 AT 142.03 2 @ 1800  
 AU 143.01 2 @ 900  
 AU 143.02 6 @ 1200  
 AU 144.01 3 @ 1800  
 AU 144.02 2 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200

East Florida (cont'd)

AU 145.01 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 AU 146.01 3 @ 1200  
 AU 146.02 1 @ 1200  
 AV 148.01 3 @ 1200  
 AV 150.01 1 @ 1800  
 AV 150.02 2 @ 1800  
 AV 150.03 1 @ 1800  
 AW 153.01 1 @ 1200  
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           2 @ 900  
 AW 153.02 1 @ 900  
 AW 153.03 2 @ 1200  
           2 @ 900  
 AW 154.01 3 @ 1800  
           1 @ 900  
 AW 154.02 2 @ 1800  
           1 @ 900  
 AX 156.01 3 @ 1200  
 AX 156.02 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 AX 157.01 2 @ 1800  
 AX 158.01 3 @ 1200  
 AX 160.01 4 @ 1200  
 AX 160.02 4 @ 1200  
 AX 160.03 4 @ 1200  
 AX 162.01 4 @ 1200  
 AY 166.01 5 @ 1200  
           1 @ 600  
 AY 167.01 4 @ 1200  
 Ay 167.02 5 @ 1200  
 AY 167.03 6 @ 1200  
 AY 167.04 4 @ 1200  
 AY 167.05 4 @ 1200  
 AY 167.06 3 @ 1200  
 AY 167.07 3 @ 1200  
 AY 167.08 1 @ 1200  
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 AZ 173.01 2 @ 1200  
 AZ 176.01 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
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           1 @ 600  
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 AZ 183.04 4 @ 1200  
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AZ 183.06 4 @ 1200  
 AZ 183.07 4 @ 1200  
 AZ 183.08 3 @ 1200  
 AZ 184.01 3 @ 1200  
 AZ 184.02 1 @ 1200  
 AZ 184.03 1 @ 1200  
 AZ 184.04 4 @ 1200

Middle Tennessee

BA 185.01 4 @ 900  
 BA 185.02 3 @ 900  
 BB 191.01 3 @ 900  
 BB 191.02 3 @ 900  
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 BB 191.04 2 @ 1200  
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 BI 209.01 3 @ 900  
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 BI 209.03 4 @ 900  
 BI 211.01 4 @ 1200  
 BJ 212.01 3 @ 1200  
 BJ 214.01 5 @ 900  
 BJ 214.02 3 @ 900  
 BK 217.01 2 @ 1200  
 BK 217.02 3 @ 900

Middle Tennessee (cont'd)

BK 217.03 6 @ 900  
 BK 217.04 3 @ 1200  
 BL 219.01 7 @ 900  
 BL 219.02 3 @ 900  
 BM 221.01 4 @ 900  
 BM 222.01 5 @ 900  
 BM 222.02 2 @ 1200  
 BM 222.03 7 @ 900  
 BM 224.01 3 @ 1200

Upper Alabama

BN 225.01 2 @ 1200  
 BN 225.02 2 @ 1200  
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 BN 226.01 2 @ 1200  
 BN 226.02 2 @ 1200  
 BN 226.03 2 @ 1200  
 BN 226.04 2 @ 1200  
 BN 226.05 2 @ 1200  
 BN 226.06 3 @ 1200  
 BN 226.07 4 @ 900  
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 BO 227.02 5 @ 1200  
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 BO 229.01 3 @ 1200  
 BO 229.02 2 @ 1200  
 BO 229.03 3 @ 1200  
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 BP 230.02 2 @ 1200  
 BP 230.03 3 @ 1200  
 BP 230.04 2 @ 1200  
 BP 230.05 2 @ 1200  
 BP 230.06 1 @ 1200  
 BP 230.07 1 @ 1200  
 BP 231.01 2 @ 1200  
 BQ 232.01 3 @ 1200  
 BQ 233.01 4 @ 1200  
 BR 234.01 2 @ 1200  
 BR 234.02 3 @ 1200  
 BR 235.01 2 @ 1200  
 BS 236.01 3 @ 1200  
 BS 237.01 4 @ 1200  
 BS 237.02 2 @ 1200  
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 BS 239.04 2 @ 1200  
 BS 239.05 3 @ 1200  
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 BU 243.06 3 @ 1200  
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 BU 243.08 2 @ 1200  
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 BU 243.10 1 @ 1200  
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 BV 244.01 3 @ 900  
 BV 244.02 2 @ 1200  
 BV 244.03 2 @ 1200  
 BV 244.04 1 @ 1200  
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 BV 244.06 3 @ 1200  
 BV 245.01 3 @ 1200  
 BV 246.01 2 @ 1200  
 BW 248.01 3 @ 900  
 BW 249.01 3 @ 1200  
 BW 249.02 6 @ 600  
 BW 249.03 2 @ 1200  
 BX 250.01 2 @ 1800  
 BX 250.02 1 @ 1800  
 BX 250.03 2 @ 1200  
 BX 251.01 4 @ 900  
 BX 251.02 3 @ 900  
 BX 251.03 4 @ 900

Lower Alabama

BY 252.01 3 @ 1200  
 BY 254.01 3 @ 1200  
 BY 254.02 2 @ 1200  
 BY 255.01 4 @ 1200  
 BY 255.02 1 @ 1200  
 BY 256.01 2 @ 1200  
 BZ 257.01 4 @ 1200



Lower Alabama (cont'd)

BZ 257.02 3 @ 1200  
 BZ 258.01 4 @ 900  
 BZ 258.02 3 @ 900  
 BZ 258.03 3 @ 900  
 BZ 258.04 4 @ 900  
 BZ 259.01 2 @ 900  
 BZ 259.02 3 @ 1200  
 BZ 260.01 4 @ 600  
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 CA 261.02 3 @ 1200  
 CA 262.01 4 @ 1200  
 CA 262.02 1 @ 1200  
 CA 262.03 4 @ 1200  
 CA 263.01 2 @ 1200  
 CA 263.02 1 @ 1200  
 CB 264.01 3 @ 1200  
 CB 265.01 5 @ 1200  
 CB 265.02 3 @ 1200  
 CB 267.01 3 @ 1200  
 CC 268.01 4 @ 900  
 CC 268.02 2 @ 1200  
 CC 268.03 1 @ 1200  
 CC 268.04 3 @ 1200  
 CC 269.01 3 @ 900  
 CC 269.02 2 @ 1200  
 CC 269.03 1 @ 1200  
 CC 270.01 3 @ 1200  
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 CD 272.06 1 @ 1200  
 CD 273.01 1 @ 1800  
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 CD 273.02 3 @ 1200  
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 CE 275.01 3 @ 1200  
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 CE 276.02 5 @ 1200  
 CE 276.03 2 @ 1200  
 CE 276.04 4 @ 1200  
 CE 277.01 3 @ 1200  
 CE 278.01 3 @ 1200

CE 278.02 2 @ 1200  
 CE 278.03 3 @ 1200  
 CF 279.01 4 @ 1200  
 CF 279.02 3 @ 1200  
 CF 279.03 4 @ 1200  
 CF 279.04 2 @ 1200  
 CF 279.05 4 @ 900  
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 CG 283.01 4 @ 1200  
 CG 283.02 3 @ 1200  
 CH 284.01 2 @ 1200  
 CH 285.01 1 @ 1200  
 CH 286.01 3 @ 1200  
 CH 286.02 3 @ 1200  
 CI 287.01 2 @ 1200  
 CI 288.01 3 @ 900  
 CI 288.02 4 @ 900  
 CI 289.01 4 @ 1200

West Florida

CJ 290.01 2 @ 1200  
 CJ 292.01 2 @ 1800  
 CJ 292.02 2 @ 1800  
 CJ 292.03 2 @ 1800  
 CJ 292.04 1 @ 1800  
 CK 294.01 2 @ 1200  
 CK 294.02 4 @ 1200  
 CK 296.01 3 @ 1800  
 CK 296.02 2 @ 1200  
 1 @ 900  
 CK 296.03 1 @ 1200  
 CL 298.01 3 @ 1200  
 CL 298.02 2 @ 1200  
 CL 299.01 3 @ 1200  
 CL 299.02 3 @ 1200  
 CL 299.03 3 @ 1200



West Florida (cont'd)

CM 300.01 3 @ 1200  
 CM 301.01 3 @ 1200  
 CM 301.02 2 @ 1200  
 CM 301.03 3 @ 1200  
 CM 301.04 3 @ 1200

Gulf Alabama

CN 302.01 2 @ 1200  
           1 @ 1800  
 CN 302.02 4 @ 1200  
 CN 302.03 4 @ 1200  
 CN 302.04 3 @ 1200  
 CN 302.05 3 @ 1200  
 CN 303.01 3 @ 1200  
 CN 303.02 3 @ 1200  
 CN 303.03 3 @ 1200  
 CN 303.04 3 @ 1200  
 CN 303.05 3 @ 1200  
 CN 303.06 2 @ 1200  
 CN 303.07 2 @ 1200  
 CN 303.08 2 @ 1200  
           4 @ 900  
 CN 303.09 3 @ 900

West Tennessee

DA 304.01 1 @ 1200  
 DA 304.02 3 @ 1200  
 DA 306.01 2 @ 1200  
 DA 306.02 3 @ 1200  
 DA 307.01 3 @ 1200  
 DB 308.01 1 @ 1200  
 DB 309.01 4 @ 1200  
 DB 310.01 3 @ 1200  
 DB 310.02 3 @ 1200  
 DB 311.01 3 @ 1200  
 DB 311.02 3 @ 1200  
 DC 312.01 4 @ 1200  
 DC 314.01 2 @ 1200  
 DC 314.02 2 @ 1200  
 DC 316.01 2 @ 1200  
 DC 316.02 1 @ 1200  
 DD 317.01 3 @ 1200  
 DD 317.02 3 @ 1200  
 DD 319.01 2 @ 1200  
 DD 319.02 2 @ 1200  
 DE 320.01 3 @ 1200

DE 320.02 5 @ 1200  
 DE 320.03 2 @ 1200  
 DE 321.01 1 @ 1200  
 DE 321.02 2 @ 1200  
 DE 321.03 4 @ 1200  
 DF 322.01 2 @ 1200  
 DF 322.02 2 @ 1200  
 DF 322.03 1 @ 1200  
 DF 322.04 2 @ 1200  
 DG 324.01 4 @ 1200  
 DG 324.02 2 @ 1200  
 DG 324.03 7 @ 1200  
 DG 324.04 3 @ 1200  
 DG 324.05 3 @ 1200  
 DG 324.06 4 @ 1200  
 DG 324.07 3 @ 1200  
 DG 324.08 4 @ 1200  
 DG 324.09 2 @ 1200  
 DG 324.10 3 @ 900

Upper Mississippi

DH 325.01 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 DH 325.02 2 @ 1800  
 DH 327.01 2 @ 1200  
 DH 328.01 2 @ 1200  
 DH 328.02 2 @ 1200  
 DI 330.01 2 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 DI 330.02 2 @ 1200  
           1 @ 1800  
 DI 330.03 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 DI 332.01 4 @ 1200  
 DJ 333.01 2 @ 1800  
 DJ 334.01 1 @ 1800  
 DJ 335.01 4 @ 1200  
 DJ 335.02 3 @ 1200  
 DK 338.01 4 @ 1200  
 DK 338.02 2 @ 1200  
 DK 339.01 3 @ 1200  
 DK 339.02 2 @ 1200  
 DK 340.01 2 @ 1200  
           1 @ 1800  
 DK 340.02 3 @ 1200  
           1 @ 1800  
 DK 340.03 3 @ 1200  
           1 @ 1800

Upper Mississippi (cont'd)

DK 340.04	2 @ 1200	DR 371.04	2 @ 1800
DL 343.01	3 @ 1200	DS 372.01	1 @ 1800
DL 345.01	2 @ 1200		2 @ 1200
DL 345.02	1 @ 1200	DS 372.02	3 @ 1200
DL 346.01	2 @ 1800	DS 372.03	3 @ 1200
DL 346.02	4 @ 1200	DS 374.01	2 @ 1200
DL 346.03	3 @ 1200	DS 374.02	3 @ 1200
	1 @ 1800	DS 374.03	1 @ 1200
DL 346.04	1 @ 1200	DT 377.01	1 @ 1200
	1 @ 1800		1 @ 1800
DL 346.05	2 @ 1800	DT 377.02	2 @ 1800
DL 347.01	3 @ 1200	DT 378.01	2 @ 1800
DM 348.01	4 @ 1200	DU 379.01	3 @ 900
DM 349.01	3 @ 1200	DU 379.02	5 @ 900
DM 350.01	2 @ 1200	DU 379.03	2 @ 900
DM 350.02	2 @ 1200	DU 379.04	3 @ 900
DN 351.01	2 @ 1200	DU 379.05	4 @ 900
DN 351.02	1 @ 1200	DU 379.06	3 @ 1200
DN 351.03	1 @ 1200	DU 379.07	4 @ 1200
DN 352.01	4 @ 1200	DV 381.01	4 @ 1200
DN 352.02	2 @ 1200	DV 381.02	3 @ 1200
DN 352.03	2 @ 1200	DV 381.03	1 @ 1200
DN 354.01	3 @ 1200		1 @ 1800
DN 354.02	1 @ 1200	DV 382.01	4 @ 900
DN 354.03	3 @ 1200	DW 384.01	3 @ 1200
DO 356.01	2 @ 1200	DW 386.01	4 @ 1200
DO 356.02	1 @ 1200	DW 386.02	2 @ 1200
DO 359.01	1 @ 1200	DW 387.01	1 @ 900
DO 359.02	1 @ 1800	DW 387.02	3 @ 900
DO 359.03	1 @ 1800	DW 383.03	4 @ 900
DO 359.04	1 @ 1800		1 @ 600
DP 361.01	5 @ 1200	DW 387.04	3 @ 900
DP 361.02	2 @ 1200		1 @ 600
DP 363.01	1 @ 1200	DW 387.05	4 @ 900
DP 363.02	2 @ 1200		1 @ 600
DP 363.03	1 @ 1200	DW 387.06	5 @ 900
DP 363.04	1 @ 1200	DW 387.07	1 @ 900
		DX 388.01	2 @ 900
		DX 388.02	2 @ 900
		DX 392.01	4 @ 1200
		DX 392.02	1 @ 1200
		DY 394.01	4 @ 1200
		DY 396.01	5 @ 900
		DY 396.02	7 @ 900
		DY 396.03	4 @ 900
		DZ 399.01	4 @ 1200
		DZ 399.02	3 @ 1200
		DZ 399.03	6 @ 600
		DZ 399.04	1 @ 1800
			1 @ 1200

Lower Mississippi

DQ 364.01	4 @ 900
DQ 365.01	4 @ 900
DQ 367.01	3 @ 1200
DQ 367.02	3 @ 1200
DQ 367.03	1 @ 1200
DR 371.01	2 @ 1800
DR 371.02	2 @ 1800
DR 371.03	2 @ 1800
	1 @ 1200

Lower Mississippi (cont'd)

DZ 400.01 4 @ 900  
 DZ 400.02 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 DZ 400.03 2 @ 1800  
 DZ 400.04 1 @ 1200  
           1 @ 900

Gulf Mississippi

EA 401.01 3 @ 1200  
 EA 401.02 4 @ 1200  
 EA 401.03 4 @ 1200  
 EA 401.04 1 @ 1200  
 EA 402.01 4 @ 900  
 EA 402.02 3 @ 1200  
 EA 402.03 4 @ 1200  
 EA 402.04 4 @ 1200  
 EA 402.05 1 @ 1200  
 EA 402.06 2 @ 1200  
 EA 404.01 3 @ 1200  
 EB 405.01 4 @ 1200  
 EB 405.02 2 @ 1200  
 EB 406.01 2 @ 1800  
 EB 406.02 3 @ 1800  
 EB 406.03 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200

East Louisiana

EC 407.01 3 @ 1200  
 EC 407.02 6 @ 1200  
 EC 407.03 1 @ 1200  
 EC 408.01 4 @ 1200  
 EC 408.02 3 @ 1200  
 EC 409.01 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 EC 409.02 2 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 ED 410.01 4 @ 1200  
 ED 412.01 3 @ 1200  
 ED 413.03 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 ED 413.04 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 ED 413.05 1 @ 1200  
           1 @ 1800  
 ED 413.06 2 @ 1200  
 ED 413.07 1 @ 1200

ED 414.01 5 @ 1200  
 EE 416.01 1 @ 1800  
 EE 416.02 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 EE 416.03 1 @ 1800  
           1 @ 1200  
 EE 417.01 4 @ 1200  
 EE 417.02 4 @ 1200  
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 EF 421.03 1 @ 1800  
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 EF 422.01 3 @ 1200  
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 EF 425.01 4 @ 1200  
 EF 425.02 \$ @ 1200  
 EG 427.01 4 @ 1200  
 EG 427.02 3 @ 1200  
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 EG 429.03 1 @ 1800  
 EG 429.04 3 @ 1200  
 EG 429.05 2 @ 1200  
 EG 429.06 1 @ 1200  
 EG 431.01 6 @ 1200  
 EG 431.02 4 @ 1200

Arkansas

FA 432.01 5 @ 1200  
 FA 432.02 2 @ 1200  
 FA 434.01 3 @ 1200  
 FA 434.02 1 @ 1200  
 FA 434.03 1 @ 1200

Arkansas (cont'd)

FA 435.01 4 @ 1200  
 FA 435.02 2 @ 1200  
 FA 435.03 1 @ 1200  
 FB 439.01 4 @ 1200  
 FB 439.02 2 @ 1200  
 FB 439.03 3 @ 1200  
 FB 439.04 4 @ 1200  
 FB 440.01 3 @ 1200  
 FB 441.01 3 @ 1200  
 FB 441.02 4 @ 1200  
 FC 444.01 2 @ 1200  
 FC 444.02 4 @ 1200  
 FC 444.03 3 @ 1200  
 FC 444.04 2 @ 1200  
 FD 448.01 2 @ 1200  
 FD 448.02 4 @ 1200  
 FD 450.01 3 @ 1200  
 FD 450.02 4 @ 1200  
           1 @ 600  
 FE 452.01 5 @ 1200  
 FE 453.01 3 @ 1200  
 FE 453.02 1 @ 1200  
 FE 453.03 2 @ 1200  
 FE 454.01 3 @ 1200  
 FF 455.01 3 @ 1200  
 FF 455.02 2 @ 1200  
 FF 456.01 5 @ 900  
 FG 458.01 3 @ 1200  
 FG 458.02 3 @ 1200  
 FG 458.03 3 @ 1200  
 FG 458.04 2 @ 1200  
 FG 458.05 3 @ 1200  
 FG 458.06 3 @ 1200  
 FG 458.07 2 @ 1200  
 FG 458.08 1 @ 1200  
 FG 458.09 6 @ 1200  
 FH 459.01 3 @ 1200  
 FH 459.02 3 @ 1200  
 FH 462.01 3 @ 900  
 FI 463.01 3 @ 1200  
 FI 465.01 2 @ 1200  
 FI 465.02 1 @ 900  
 FI 465.03 2 @ 1200  
 FI 465.04 3 @ 1200  
 FI 468.01 3 @ 1200  
 FJ 469.01 4 @ 1200  
 FJ 470.01 2 @ 1200  
 FJ 471.01 3 @ 1200

FJ 471.02 3 @ 1200  
 FJ 471.03 1 @ 1200  
 FJ 471.04 1 @ 1200  
 FJ 473.01 3 @ 1200  
 FJ 475.01 5 @ 1200  
 FK 477.01 3 @ 1200  
 FK 477.02 2 @ 1200  
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 FK 479.02 2 @ 1200  
 FK 479.03 3 @ 1200  
 FK 480.01 2 @ 1200  
 FK 481.01 2 @ 1800  
 FK 481.02 1 @ 1800  
 FK 481.03 1 @ 1800  
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 FK 481.04 1 @ 1800  
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 FL 483.02 4 @ 1200  
 FL 483.03 2 @ 1200  
 FM 488.01 3 @ 1200  
 FM 488.02 3 @ 1200  
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 FN 491.02 4 @ 1200  
 FN 494.01 3 @ 1200  
 FN 494.02 1 @ 1800  
 FN 495.01 1 @ 1800  
 FN 497.01 4 @ 1200  
 FO 501.01 5 @ 1200  
 FO 501.02 4 @ 1200  
 FO 501.03 3 @ 1200  
 FO 501.04 2 @ 1200  
 FO 501.05 1 @ 1200  
 FP 503.01 5 @ 1200  
 FP 503.02 3 @ 1200  
 FP 503.03 5 @ 1200  
 FP 503.04 3 @ 1200  
 FP 506.01 3 @ 1200  
 FP 506.02 4 @ 1200

West Louisiana

FQ 507.01 4 @ 1200  
 FQ 507.02 3 @ 1200  
 FQ 508.01 3 @ 1200  
 FQ 509.01 2 @ 1200  
 FQ 509.02 2 @ 1200  
 FQ 510.01 4 @ 1200  
 FQ 510.02 2 @ 1200

West Louisiana (cont'd)

FR 514.01 3 @ 1200  
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 FR 514.03 1 @ 1200  
 FR 515.01 3 @ 1200  
 FR 515.02 3 @ 1200  
 FR 515.03 3 @ 1200  
 FR 515.04 3 @ 1200  
 FR 515.05 2 @ 1200  
 FS 518.01 4 @ 1200  
 FS 518.02 3 @ 1200  
 FS 521.01 4 @ 1200  
 FT 523.01 3 @ 900  
 FT 523.02 3 @ 1200  
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 FT 523.04 5 @ 1200  
 FT 523.05 1 @ 1200  
 FT 523.06 1 @ 1200  
 FT 523.07 3 @ 1200  
 FT 523.08 3 @ 1200  
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 FU 525.02 4 @ 1200  
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 FU 526.02 3 @ 1200  
 FU 526.03 3 @ 1200  
 FU 526.04 3 @ 1200  
 FU 527.01 4 @ 1200  
 FV 528.01 3 @ 1200  
 FV 528.02 4 @ 1200  
 FV 528.03 4 @ 1200  
 FV 529.01 4 @ 1200  
 FV 529.02 2 @ 1200  
 FW 531.01 4 @ 1200  
 FW 532.01 2 @ 1200  
 FW 533.01 3 @ 1200  
 FW 533.02 2 @ 1200  
 FW 533.03 3 @ 1200  
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 FX 536.02 3 @ 1200  
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 FX 537.02 1 @ 1200  
 FX 537.03 1 @ 1200  
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 FY 538.02 1 @ 1200  
 FY 539.01 2 @ 1200  
 FY 539.02 3 @ 1200  
 FY 539.03 1 @ 1200

FY 540.01 1 @ 1800  
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 FY 540.02 1 @ 1800  
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 FY 540.03 2 @ 1800  
 FY 541.01 4 @ 1200  
 FY 541.02 4 @ 1200  
 FY 542.01 4 @ 1200  
 FY 542.02 4 @ 1200  
 FZ 544.01 3 @ 1200  
 FZ 544.02 3 @ 1200  
 FZ 544.03 1 @ 1200  
 FZ 545.01 4 @ 1200

Upper Texas

GA 547.01 2 @ 1200  
 GA 547.02 3 @ 1200  
 GA 547.03 1 @ 1200  
 GB 558.01 3 @ 1200  
 GB 558.02 3 @ 1200  
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 GC 560.01 3 @ 1200  
 GC 560.02 3 @ 1200  
 GC 560.03 4 @ 1200  
 GC 567.01 3 @ 1200  
 GC 567.02 2 @ 1200  
 GC 567.03 3 @ 1200  
 GC 567.04 3 @ 1200  
 GD 570.01 1 @ 1800  
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 GD 570.02 1 @ 1800  
 GD 573.01 3 @ 1200  
 GD 576.01 1 @ 1800  
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 GD 576.02 1 @ 1800  
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 GE 579.01 3 @ 1200  
 GE 582.01 4 @ 1200  
 GE 583.01 4 @ 1200  
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 GE 585.01 5 @ 1200  
 GF 586.01 4 @ 1200  
 GF 586.02 3 @ 1200  
 GF 586.03 6 @ 1200  
 GF 586.04 5 @ 1200  
 GF 586.05 4 @ 1200

Upper Texas (cont'd)

GF 586.06 4 @ 1200  
 GG 591.01 2 @ 1200  
 GG 593.01 5 @ 1200  
 GG 594.01 4 @ 1200  
 GG 595.01 3 @ 1200  
 GG 598.01 4 @ 1200  
 GG 598.02 3 @ 1200  
 GH 600.01 3 @ 1200  
 GH 600.02 1 @ 1200  
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 GH 611.07 3 @ 1200  
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 GI 616.04 3 @ 1200  
 GI 616.05 1 @ 1200  
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 GJ 618.02 5 @ 1200  
 GJ 618.03 4 @ 1200  
 GJ 618.04 5 @ 1200  
 GJ 618.05 3 @ 1200  
 GJ 618.06 3 @ 1200  
 GJ 618.07 3 @ 1200  
 GJ 618.08 3 @ 1200  
 GJ 619.01 4 @ 1200

Lower Texas

GK 623.01 3 @ 1200  
 GK 623.02 2 @ 1200  
 GK 623.03 2 @ 1200  
 GL 625.01 3 @ 1200  
 GL 625.02 3 @ 1200  
 GL 625.03 3 @ 1200  
 GL 628.01 4 @ 1200  
 GL 629.01 2 @ 1200  
 GM 636.01 3 @ 1200  
 GM 636.02 1 @ 1200  
 GM 638.01 4 @ 1200  
 GM 638.02 4 @ 1200  
 GM 640.01 3 @ 1200  
 GM 640.02 2 @ 1200

GN 645.01 3 @ 1200  
 GN 645.02 4 @ 1200  
 GN 645.03 4 @ 1200  
 GN 645.04 4 @ 1200  
 GN 645.05 3 @ 1200  
 GN 645.06 4 @ 1200  
 GN 645.07 3 @ 1200  
 GN 645.08 4 @ 1200  
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 GO 651.01 3 @ 1200  
 GO 651.02 3 @ 1200  
 GO 651.03 3 @ 1200  
 GO 652.01 2 @ 1200  
 GO 652.02 1 @ 1200  
 GO 653.01 2 @ 1200  
 GO 653.02 4 @ 1200  
 GO 655.01 3 @ 1200  
 GO 655.02 3 @ 1200  
 GP 659.01 3 @ 1200  
 GP 660.01 2 @ 1200  
 GP 660.02 3 @ 1200  
 GP 660.03 2 @ 1200  
 GP 660.04 4 @ 1200  
 GQ 664.01 4 @ 1200  
 GQ 664.02 3 @ 1200  
 GQ 664.03 2 @ 1200  
 GQ 665.01 4 @ 1200  
 GQ 665.02 3 @ 1200  
 GQ 665.03 1 @ 1200

Addenda:Upper Georgia

P 039.01 1 @ 1200  
 R 048.01 1 @ 1200  
 AB 078.01 1 @ 1200

Lower Georgia

AE 088.03 2 @ 1200  
 AH 100.01 2 @ 1200  
 AM 116.01 3 @ 1200  
 AP 127.03 3 @ 1200

Upper Alabama

BN 225.04 2 @ 1200

Upper Alabama (cont'd)

BQ 233.02 2 @ 1200  
BQ 233.03 2 @ 1200  
BW 249.04 2 @ 1200  
BX 250.04 2 @ 1200  
BX 250.05 2 @ 1200  
BX 250.06 1 @ 1200

Upper Mississippi

DO 359.05 2 @ 1200  
DO 359.06 2 @ 1200

Lower Mississippi

DT 375.01 4 @ 1200

East Louisiana

ED 412.02 4 @ 1200  
ED 413.01 2 @ 1800  
ED 413.02 3 @ 900



## INCOMPLETE FIELD RECORDS

For a variety of reasons, including mechanical difficulties and the unwillingness of some informants to complete further sessions, a number of the field records in the LAGS sample are incomplete in their coverage of work-sheet items. Some of the fieldworkers who were best at encouraging long stretches of interesting free conversation, excellent for recording natural syntax, were reluctant to inhibit the informant by resorting to the direct question-and-answer approach. As a result, though their field records contain much valuable supplementary material, they sometimes lack a large percentage of the primary items. Other fieldworkers, including many inexperienced student interviewers, stuck to the main task: i.e., they followed the work sheets strictly and elicited a response to almost every item, but often went no further. Consequently, the "incomplete" LAGS record, if it is several hours in length, may be of greater value for the syntactical studies than many of the briefer "complete" interviews. The proposed typescripting program, described in Working Paper #16, will, if implemented, demonstrate the importance of retaining even the most marginal field records for further study of the idiolects of the LAGS informants.

In general, a field record less than two hours in duration cannot give complete coverage to the work-sheet items, not even the 85-page format used as a preliminary instrument during the early years of the project. A skilled fieldworker, interviewing a quick-thinking informant, however, can cover most simple work-sheet items in three hours, although these records will be virtually without free conversation and will be far less satisfactory than those of greater length. Therefore, the duration of the interview is the first major consideration in determining a record's relative completeness.

On the other hand, some longer records--four to six hours--may ultimately



be "incomplete" in covering the work sheets, either because the fieldworker is unskilled or because the record consists primarily of free conversation. The interviews that are "incomplete" for these reasons cannot be identified without full typescripts unless the lack of coverage is noted on the data sheets with the protocols. Several of the LAGS scribes always note interviews that are less than adequate because of problems with sound, background noise, or relative completeness, but other LAGS scribes seldom allude to these aspects of the interview. A final means of identifying an incomplete field record, without auditing the tape of the interview, is to examine the Idiolect Synopses, Part III of the Basic Materials. Those synopses which have many blank spaces in the lexical section and many substitute words in the phonological section are indicators of records that are probably seriously deficient in their coverage of the work sheets.

All of these methods for determining a field record's completeness--the duration in hours and minutes, the notes on the data sheet, and the appearance of the idiolect synopsis--were used in compiling the following table. This list of 228 LAGS field records, identified by informant number, grid unit and accession number, and interview length, constitutes approximately 20% of the entire sample of 1,118 informants. The sector with the highest proportion of incomplete records is Upper Mississippi; these interviews include both very short records and some longer records that are primarily conversational. Conversely, the largest percentages of complete records were done in East Tennessee, Middle Tennessee, and Upper Texas. Approximately half of these 228 have been classified as secondary records; many of the others are primary because they are the best available representatives of the speech of their communities. In any case, even the shortest LAGS field record (200A) is likely to be an interesting example of a local idiolect.

## INCOMPLETE FIELD RECORDS

East Tennessee (6 of 70, 9%)

11A B 005.02 1 hr  
 27A F 016.01 1 hr 30 min  
 38A H 020.01 1 hr  
 43A J 025.02 1 hr  
 54B M 032.06 6 hr  
 55A M 032.10 3 hr 10 min

Upper Georgia (33 of 148, 22%)

63 O 037.02 1 hr 55 min  
 63A O 037.01 1 hr 45 min  
 66A P 038.04 1 hr 20 min  
 66B P 038.03 6 hr  
 68 P 039.01 1 hr 15 min  
 70A Q 044.02 3 hr 40 min  
 75A R 045.02 3 hr 45 min  
 77A R 047.05 3 hr 10 min  
 80 R 048.01 1 hr 10 min  
 82 S 050.01 4 hr 30 min  
 86A S# 007.01 1 hr 10 min  
 89 S# 011.01 4 hr  
 90 S# 012.01 6 hr  
 98A T 053.02 4 hr 15 min  
 98B T 053.10 1 hr 30 min  
 98C T 053.09 2 hr 30 min  
 105A U 054.01 4 hr 30 min  
 109A V 059.03 2 hr  
 109B V 059.04 2 hr 10 min  
 109C V 059.02 2 hr  
 111A W 061.01 4 hr 30 min  
 113D W 062.05 4 hr 30 min  
 114 W# 022.01 1 hr 30 min  
 114A W# 022.02 2 hr  
 115 W# 025.01 1 hr 40 min  
 125 Y# 026.01 2 hr 5 min  
 127 Y# 029.01 1 hr 25 min  
 128 Y# 031.01 1 hr 15 min  
 129 Y# 033.01 1 hr 30 min  
 130 Y# 034.01 1 hr 40 min  
 132 Y# 038.01 1 hr 30 min  
 136A Z 070.03 2 hr 50 min  
 147 AB 078.01 1 hr 55 min

Lower Georgia (36 of 107, 24%)

150A AC 083.01 3 hr 15 min  
 153 AC#044.01 1 hr 20 min

156 AC#050.01 1 hr 30 min  
 157 AC#051.01 1 hr 30 min  
 157A AC#051.02 2 hr 20 min  
 158 AC#054.01 1 hr 30 min  
 159A AC#056.01 4 hr  
 162A AC#059.06 1 hr 15 min  
 168 AE 087.01 1 hr  
 169 AE 088.01 4 hr  
 172A AE 091.01 3 hr  
 172B AE 092.02 2 hr  
 173 AF 092.01 1 hr 15 min  
 174 AF 093.02 1 hr 15 min  
 175 AF 093.01 3 hr 5 min  
 182 AG 096.01 2 hr 15 min  
 187 AH 101.01 1 hr 25 min  
 192A AJ 105.01 3 hr  
 192B AJ 106.03 1 hr  
 192C AJ 106.02 3 hr  
 192D AJ 106.01 3 hr 30 min  
 193A AJ 107.02 2 hr 40 min  
 196 AK 109.01 1 hr 10 min  
 197 AK 111.02 1 hr 10 min  
 198 AK 111.03 2 hr 10 min  
 199A AK 112.02 1 hr 55 min  
 200A AK#064.03 35 min  
 203A AL 113.01 2 hr  
 203B AL 114.02 55 min  
 203C AL 114.03 2 hr  
 204 AL 114.04 1 hr 20 min  
 205 AM 116.01 5 hr  
 218 AO 124.01 2 hr 10 min  
 223A AP 127.05 1 hr 15 min  
 223B AP 127.04 2 hr  
 223C AP 127.01 45 min

East Florida (10 of 70, 14%)

235A AR 134.02 1 hr 30 min  
 241 AT 142.01 3 hr  
 244 AU 143.01 2 hr 20 min  
 249A AU 146.02 1 hr  
 255A AW 153.02 2 hr  
 268 AY 167.08 2 hr  
 282 AZ 183.08 5 hr  
 285 AZ 183.02 3 hr  
 288A AZ 184.02 2 hr  
 288B AZ 184.03 2 hr

Middle Tennessee (4 of 49, 8%)

294A BB 191.03 1 hr  
 298 BD 194.01 2 hr 45 min  
 298A BD 195.01 1 hr 30 min  
 318 BH 207.02 3 hr 45 min

Upper Alabama (15 of 80, 19%)

337A BN 225.03 2 hr 5 min  
 339 BN 225.02 2 hr 35 min  
 340A BN 226.02 2 hr 20 min  
 349A BP 230.07 2 hr  
 350D BP 230.06 1 hr 30 min  
 365A BS 239.03 1 hr 5 min  
 370A BU 243.01 1 hr 25 min  
 375A BU 243.10 2 hr  
 375B BU 243.04 1 hr 45 min  
 377A BV 244.04 1 hr 30 min  
 382A BW 248.01 3 hr 35 min  
 382B BW 249.03 2 hr 5 min  
 385A BX 250.03 2 hr 5 min  
 385B BX 250.02 2 hr 50 min  
 385C BX 250.06 1 hr

Lower Alabama (14 of 82, 17%)

391A BY 254.02 2 hr 5 min  
 392A BY 255.02 2 hr  
 399A BZ 259.01 2 hr 15 min  
 403A CA 262.02 45 min  
 405A CA 263.02 1 hr  
 410A CC 268.03 1 hr 50 min  
 412 CC 268.02 4 hr  
 413A CC 269.02 2 hr 10 min  
 413B CC 269.03 1 hr 55 min  
 416A CD 272.04 1 hr  
 417A CD 272.06 55 min  
 429 CE 276.03 4 hr  
 436A CF 279.04 3 hr  
 446A CH 285.01 2 hr

West Florida and Gulf Alabama  
(4 of 34, 12%)

453 CJ 292.04 1 hr 30 min  
 459 CK 298.02 1 hr 30 min  
 463 CL 298.02 2 hr 15 min  
 483 CN 303.07 2 hr 20 min

West Tennessee (11 of 40, 27.5%)

486 DA 304.01 2 hr  
 491 DB 308.01 1 hr 30 min  
 493 DB 310.01 6 hr  
 500A DC 316.02 1 hr 25 min  
 500 DC 316.01 4 hr  
 505A DE 320.03 2 hr 45 min  
 507A DE 321.01 2 hr  
 509A DF 322.03 1 hr 5 min  
 510 DF 322.04 4 hr  
 512 DG 324.09 2 hr 30 min  
 515A DG 324.10 2 hr 30 min

Upper Mississippi (24 of 57, 42%)

520 DH 325.01 2 hr 30 min  
 523 DH 328.01 2 hr 35 min  
 525A DI 330.03 3 hr  
 526 DI 330.01 5 hr  
 529 DJ 334.01 3 hr  
 531 DJ 335.02 4 hr 55 min  
 536A DK 340.04 2 hr 5 min  
 540 DL 345.02 2 hr  
 541 DL 345.01 2 hr 20 min  
 546 DL 346.05 4 hr 50 min  
 550 DM 350.01 3 hr  
 551 DM 350.02 3 hr 40 min  
 552 DN 351.03 2 hr  
 553 DN 351.01 3 hr 30 min  
 553A DN 351.02 1 hr  
 558A DN 354.02 1 hr 35 min  
 560 DO 356.02 2 hr  
 561 DO 359.01 1 hr 55 min  
 562A DO 359.03 1 hr 30 min  
 562B DO 359.02 2 hr  
 566 DP 361.02 2 hr 50 min  
 567A DP 363.03 1 hr 25 min  
 567B DP 363.04 2 hr  
 568 DP 363.01 2 hr

Lower Mississippi (11 of 56, 20%)

571A DQ 367.03 2 hr  
 580 DS 374.02 5 hr  
 580A DS 374.03 1 hr 20 min  
 586 DU 379.04 4 hr 10 min  
 600A DW 387.07 1 hr 15 min  
 600B DW 387.02 4 hr 30 min  
 600C DW 387.01 45 min  
 603 DX 388.01 2 hr 35 min  
 605A DX 392.02 55 min  
 609A DZ 399.01 6 hr 20 min  
 614 DZ 400.04 2 hr 20 min

Gulf Mississippi and East Louisiana  
(16 of 77, 21%)

616A EA 401.04 2 hr  
 618 EA 401.01 4 hr 30 min  
 623A EA 402.05 1 hr  
 626 EB 405.02 3 hr 15 min  
 630A EC 407.03 1 hr  
 631 EC 407.01 4 hr 10 min  
 642 ED 413.06 2 hr 45 min  
 644 ED 413.07 2 hr  
 647 EE 416.01 3 hr  
 650B EE 417.10 1 hr  
 651 EE 417.09 2 hr  
 654 EE 417.05 5 hr 55 min  
 670A EG 429.03 55 min  
 670B EG 429.05 2 hr 50 min  
 670C EG 429.01 1 hr 15 min  
 670D EG 429.06 2 hr

Arkansas (16 of 89, 18%)

676 FA 434.03 2 hr  
 677A FA 434.02 1 hr 30 min  
 680 FA 435.03 2 hr  
 684 FB 439.02 4 hr  
 698 FE 453.03 2 hr 30 min  
 699 FE 453.02 1 hr 45 min  
 700 FE 454.01 4 hr 10 min  
 702 FF 455.02 2 hr 50 min  
 706 FG 458.08 2 hr  
 717A FI 465.02 2 hr  
 723A FJ 471.04 2 hr  
 733 FK 480.01 3 hr 20 min  
 736A FK 481.02 1 hr 30 min  
 739 FL 483.03 3 hr  
 748A FO 501.05 1 hr 10 min  
 750 FO 501.04 2 hr 20 min

West Louisiana (15 of 66, 23%)

759 FQ 509.02 2 hr 45 min  
 760 FQ 509.01 2 hr 25 min  
 762 FQ 510.02 4 hr  
 763 FR 514.03 1 hr 30 min  
 774 FT 523.06 2 hr  
 774A FT 523.05 2 hr  
 793 FV 529.02 3 hr  
 795 FW 532.01 3 hr 5 min  
 799 FX 535.01 2 hr  
 803 FX 537.03 2 hr  
 803A FX 537.02 2 hr  
 804 FY 538.01 1 hr  
 804A FY 538.02 1 hr 40 min

West Louisiana (continued)

806A FY 539.03 2 hr  
 815 FZ 544.03 1 hr 30 min

Upper Texas (4 of 60, 7%)

818 GA 547.03 1 hr 45 min  
 847 GF 586.06 6 hr 50 min  
 854A GH 600.02 2 hr  
 861A GI 616.05 1 hr

Lower Texas (9 of 43, 21%)

872 GK 623.02 3 hr  
 879 GL 629.01 3 hr 30 min  
 881 GM 636.02 1 hr 45 min  
 884 GM 640.02 3 hr 5 min  
 896 GO 651.01 4 hr  
 897 GO 651.02 2 hr  
 903 GP 660.03 2 hr 45 min  
 908A GQ 664.03 2 hr 30 min  
 909 GQ 665.03 2 hr

Summary by State:

Alabama: 30 of 176 (17%)

Arkansas: 16 of 89 (18%)

Florida: 13 of 90 (14%)

Georgia: 69 of 225 (27%)

Louisiana: 27 of 117 (23%)

Mississippi: 39 of 129 (30%)

Tennessee: 21 of 159 (13%)

Texas: 13 of 103 (13%)

Total: 228 of 1118 (20%)

## PROBLEMS IN RECORDING

Mechanical difficulties with the tape recorder, due either to improper use or malfunction, had an adverse effect on the sound quality of some of the field records. As would be expected, those tapes having poor fidelity as a result of uninformed handling of the recorder were usually made by the less experienced student fieldworkers. Audio problems created by mechanical and/or electrical malfunction, however, were the bane of regular and student interviewer alike.

Careless or inattentive use of recording equipment produced a variety of auidial defects. Improper settings for volume, tone, and recording level are responsible for much of this trouble. A volume control that is set too low may cause the sound track to be nearly, if not wholly, inaudible; setting the control for an excessively high level, on the other hand, may produce distortion. If the tone control is adjusted so that bass response is boosted, the recording acquires an annoying muffled quality. The recording-level control--a feature of the Uher Report 4000 IC often ignored even by experienced fieldworkers--can create a peculiar ringing or buzzing effect if improperly set. Other sources of inferior sound quality included faulty microphone placement, incorrect threading of the tape, and battery discharge. The ideal positioning of individuals in an interview would have the fieldworker and informant facing each other with the microphone between them, about 3 feet from the informant, thereby placed so that the informant must talk "through" the microphone to the fieldworker. Unfortunately, the microphone is sometimes located too near the fieldworker, consequently attenuating the voice of the

informant. At least 2 types of aberrant sound may be attributed to incompetent or careless handling of the tape: 1) improper threading of the tape through the magnetic heads of the recorder may result in an overdubbing of one track upon another, and 2) failure to note whether a track has already been recorded may cause accidental erasure of that portion of the interview by recording over the track. Finally, trouble results if the fieldworker relies on the recorder's DC power supply without periodically checking the battery-level indicator. As the battery gradually discharges, the recording speed imperceptibly diminishes, thereby creating the illusion of accelerated speech when the tape is played back at normal speed.

Despite knowledgeable use of the tape recorder, even the most capable fieldworkers were occasionally victimized by mechanical and/or electrical malfunction. Because a technical account of these episodes is neither appropriate nor essential here, only a few examples of machine failure known to have occurred will be mentioned. These include problems with the microphone circuits, faulty recording heads, and internal hum. A short circuit in the microphone connection is a particularly insidious threat to the fieldworker because, usually, there are no overt symptoms of malfunction unless the recording-level meter is continuously monitored. A short-circuited microphone typically breaks up recorded speech or, worse, obliterates it altogether. Similarly, magnetic tape, even though properly threaded, is sometimes impaired by defective recording heads, unknown to the fieldworker. Although the machine appears to be operating normally, this type of problem characteristically bleeds one sound track onto the other so that, on playback, the recorded passages are superimposed, one of them occasionally being recorded in reverse.



More apparent, however, is internal hum, possibly from the recorder's power source. Because this noise was usually picked up by the magnetic tape, diligent fieldworkers tried to remedy the difficulty by switching power sources or reversing the polarity of the plug in the AC outlet. This failing, most interviewers (especially those having no back-up recorder) proceeded with the interview, hoping that the impairment to the recording would not be severe.

The following list of field records--grouped by zone and identified by grid unit and accession number--specifies those interviews affected by problems with the tape recorder and describes the effect on the sound quality of the tape. Further information of this type can be found on the data sheets for these field records.

## SOUND PROBLEMS

East Tennessee

- D 010.02 short circuit in mike; 1A.5-6 - 1B.4-5 repeated on reel 4
- H 020.02 hum for first 5 minutes or less
- M 032.06 whistle on tape 1B, reels 2-3 (not a serious problem)
- M 032.07 bad sound on first half of reel 1A
- M 032.08 "introductory comments by interviewer are overprinted"
- N 034.01 low sound level, especially reel 1

Upper Georgia

- O 036.02 sound level a bit too low
- O#003.01 tape distorted at 2A.7 ff; flawed at 6B.8 ff
- P 038.02 entire 2nd reel very poor sound quality
- P 038.04 malfunctioning tape recorder
- Q 044.02 sound quality poor on reels 2 and 3
- Q 044.04 sound problems at beginning of first reel
- Q#006.01 fieldworker too far from mike; informant sometimes too close; evidently, part was accidentally erased
- Q#006.02 minor sound problems on reel 3
- R 045.01 bad sound 4A.1-2
- R 047.05 low recording level on 3A.7-10; poor sound also on 2A.1, 15-7
- S 050.01 recording quality extremely poor
- S#009.01 sound low on 3A.1
- S#013.01 recording quality poor in places, especially reel 1A
- S#015.02 mike interference throughout
- T 052.06 poor sound 1A.1-5, 1B.1-7
- T 053.05 sound not too good on 2A; fieldworker too close to mike
- T 053.09 recording quality uniformly poor
- U 054.01 sound very bad in places
- V 057.01 faulty recording procedure caused background noise
- V 059.01 first half of 4B has poor sound; faulty tape
- V 059.02 only first 5 minutes of 1A are audible; 2B and 3A are blank; fieldworker has difficulties with tape recorder
- V 059.03 recording defects
- W 061.01 reel 1B is inaudible after first few minutes; 4A is muffled; 2B is unintelligible; 5A is blank
- W 061.03 recording quality is only fair
- Y 067.06 playback too fast on most of 1A
- Y#037.02 very low recording level
- Z 069.03 poor recording on 2A.7-9
- Z 069.04 poor recording on 1A.8-9, 3A.9-3B.2
- Z 069.06 quality is poor throughout, especially on reel 2
- Z 069.08 poor sound
- Z 071.02 reels 1A.1-3A.2 have low-level sound; 3A.3-end has fair-poor sound



Upper Georgia (cont'd)

- Z 071.03 recorded in stereo; 2nd track obscures responses on first reel; reel 1: fieldworker too close to mike; reel 2: fieldworker inaudible (informant OK)
- AA 072.02 part of reel 3A recorded over another part; fieldworker too far from mike; sound is adequate to poor
- AA 074.03 problems with sound on recorder
- AB 076.01 last part of 1A and 2A is defective; buzz at 2B.1; record-over at 2B.5

Lower Georgia

- AC#054.01 level of volume is a bit low
- AC#059.02 noise on tape during first half of 3A
- AC#059.04 minor sound problems on reel 2--wavering volume
- AF#063.04 recorded at very low sound level
- AJ 106.03 battery weak on 1A.7-8
- AK 112.02 sound is bad on first half of reel A
- AL 114.04 sound quality is bad--hollow tone
- AM 116.01 sound is bad on 1A, 2B; 1B is blank; 3B is untranscribable (mal-functioning recorder)
- AM 117.04 bad hum on 3B
- AN 122.01 reel 4: weak battery

East Florida

- AT 141.02 sound is fuzzy on 1B.6-9
- AU 143.02 some problems on 2nd half of 2A
- AV 148.01 muffled sound on 2A to end
- AX 158.01 sound level varies occasionally
- AX 160.02 tone is too low
- AX 160.03 bad sound in some places
- AX 162.01 sound quality varies; overall sound quality is only fair
- AY 167.02 mike defect mars about 1 hour of interview
- AY 167.05 sound is generally bad; fieldworker is having trouble with machine
- AY 167.06 tape is bad in places
- AY 167.07 half of 1A is inaudible; bad at 2A.1, 2B.1, 3B.6
- AY 167.08 tape recorder malfunctioning; half of sound is poor
- AZ 176.01 noise from handling mike throughout

Middle Tennessee

- BC 193.01 low recording level; muffled tone
- BD 194.01 copied from cassettes; sound is not good
- BG 204.02 one hour did not record
- BG 204.08 minor sound problems from time to time
- BH 205.01 slightly muffled sound
- BM 222.03 side 3A did not record

Upper Alabama

- BN 225.01 uniformly poor quality--several blank sections  
 BN 226.05 on 1A, fieldworker is barely audible  
 BO 227.01 mike is too far from informant  
 BO 229.01 sound is poor to fair  
 BO 229.02 recording quality is bad  
 BP 230.01 fair quality; seems that mike or recording level is being tampered with  
 BP 230.02 sound is only fair at best  
 BP 230.05 sound is fair to poor; fuzzy quality; needs speed adjustment  
 BP 230.07 poor quality recording  
 BP 231.01 sound not too good  
 BQ 233.02 muffled; generally poor sound  
 BS 238.01 sound is generally poor  
 BS 239.05 batteries run down at one point  
 BU 243.02 faulty recording; 3A.1-7 did not record  
 BV 244.05 very bad sound in parts of 1A  
 BW 248.01 rather low sound level  
 BW 249.03 tape recorder did not function at one point; most of pp. 61-84 are lost

Lower Alabama

- BZ 259.02 hum on tape at 1B.4-6, 2B.8-9  
 CC 268.01 part of 2A needs speed adjustment  
 CC 268.04 last 40 minutes of 1A are erased  
 CD 273.03 1A.6-9, 1B.3-10: fieldworker apparently recorded these parts over the telephone  
 CE 277.01 sound quality is very poor  
 CF 281.02 recorded signal grows weak at 2A.7 and fades out; 2B is inaudible  
 CF 281.03 sound is fairly bad  
 CG 282.01 sound problems on 1A

West Florida

- CK 294.01 fieldworker is often inaudible

Gulf Alabama

no sound problems

West Tennessee

- DC 314.01 bad hum throughout  
 DD 319.02 rather poor quality; hum throughout  
 DG 324.01 hum on 3B  
 DG 324.10 1A is inaudible

Upper Mississippi

DH 328.02 poor sound on 1B and reel 2  
 DL 345.01 sound has muffled quality  
 DM 350.02 muffled sound  
 DP 361.01 sound is poor at beginning of 3A

Lower Mississippi

DQ 364.01 pp. 33-44 of interview were erased; sound is too low on 4A.6-10  
 DQ 367.01 sound is slightly muffled  
 DQ 367.02 sound is not particularly good  
 DS 374.02 sound is rather muffled  
 DX 392.01 playback is too slow from 3A.8 to end  
 DY 394.01 playback is too slow after 1B.5  
 DZ 400.01 batteries run down and recording level is low on 3A.3-6

Gulf Mississippi

EA 401.01 constant dull noise, especially bad on 1B  
 EA 401.03 very poor sound on reel 2  
 EB 405.01 sound is somewhat muffled

East Louisiana

EC 409.02 batteries run down on 2B.8-9; fieldworker covers same items at 3A.1-4  
 ED 412.01 recording quality is not good  
 ED 412.02 sound quality is not especially good  
 ED 413.03 batteries run down on 2A.10; some of this is repeated at 2B.1  
 ED 413.06 poor sound quality  
 EF 422.01 some problems in recording  
 EF 423.01 some bad sound  
 EG 427.02 some sound problems, especially on 2A.3-7

Arkansas

FC 444.01 some poor sound  
 FG 458.07 side 2A is not recorded  
 FG 458.09 bad sound on 1A.1-3, 2A.1-3; part may be accidentally erased  
 FN 491.02 battery runs down on 1A.9-10 and 1B.1

West Louisiana

FQ 508.01 speed adjustment is needed; playback is too slow  
 FQ 509.02 occasional poor sound  
 FQ 510.02 sound is rather muddy  
 FS 518.02 sound is not too good, especially 2A.5-3A.7  
 FU 524.01 mike is too close to informant or volume is too high  
 FU 525.01 speed adjustment is needed; playback is too slow

West Louisiana (cont'd)

FU 525.02 speed adjustment needed; playback is too slow  
FU 526.01 battery runs down on 2B  
FU 527.01 sound average to poor, especially bad on 4A.4-5, 4A.8-end  
FV 529.01 muffled sound  
FW 532.01 speed adjustment needed; playback is too slow  
FX 536.02 parts of 1B.2-4 and 7-9 are almost inaudible  
FX 537.02 poor sound for last 45 minutes  
FY 540.03 humming sound affects audibility  
FY 541.01 mike is too close at times

Upper Texas

GE 584.01 very bad static on 4A.3-4, 6, 4B.1-4, 7  
GG 594.01 copied from cassettes; mechanical difficulties near end  
GI 616.04 tone isn't too good  
GJ 618.05 some bad recording, especially 2B.9-10

Lower Texas

GO 647.01 3B did not record  
GO 655.02 poor sound on 2B.9-10

## BACKGROUND INTERFERENCE

LAGS interview situations are as varied as their informants, and in few cases were recording conditions ideal. Several otherwise first-rate field records were marred by background noise: other voices, children crying, dogs barking, chickens cackling, air conditioners, and interference from radios. A number of interviews, conducted outside on front porches near streets and highways, are rendered almost inaudible by the noise of passing traffic. This difficulty, part of the "living background" against which most of the interviews were conducted, is recognized in the LAGS Guide (Working Paper #5, p. 24): "Extraneous noises on the tape--from airplane, CB radio, or household activities--are a frequent source of audial interference and a clear restriction on cognitive responses to the message that is to be transcribed." Since in most instances the interference is only a minor annoyance to the listener rather than a major handicap, no list of records with background interference is provided here. The following brief discussion identifies representative types of interference along with specific examples.

The presence of other persons, whether family members, friends, or co-workers, can assist an informant in feeling at ease with the interview, but the extraneous noise caused by the talking of these persons, often not noticed by the fieldworker intent on his task, can render some of the informant's responses very difficult to hear. The fieldworker in interview #129, however, did note the interference, and commented on the data sheet, "Child was a royal pain; I finally invited him out." In interview #63A, the scribe notes, "Too many voices make it impossible to single informant out in the chatter." In some interviews, the noise is unavoidable because of the interview site. In #523, e.g., there is "background noise present from children in the Head Start

program where the informant worked."

Animals, particularly livestock, are a second hazard to the audibility of field records. The scribe of #172A mentions noise from roosters and chickens, and #505A is marred by a rooster crowing continually in the background. In Sevier County, Arkansas, the fieldworker had to contend with chirping crickets, which from time to time completely obliterated the voices. The problem is less severe in #666, in which the recording quality, according to the scribe, "is impaired only slightly by an itinerant tree frog." Yet the dogs, chickens, guineas, and other fauna wandering in the vicinity of the tape recorder, though at times disconcerting to the fieldworker, are a natural part of the informant's life and are thus illustrative of his everyday existence.

Other machines in the room with the tape recorder, such as air conditioners, fans, and typewriters, may produce sounds that are picked up by the microphone, although the fieldworker is not aware of the difficulty. This interference may be unavoidable, as in the case of #263, when the informant's lung condition required the continual use of an air conditioner that unfortunately obscured many conversational passages. An electric floor fan in #495 was "gladly tolerated by the fieldworker because of the 100° summer heat." An aquarium pump in #558 and a typewriter in #777 are also problems for the listener.

Most of the LAGS fieldwork was fortunately completed before the popularity of the CB radio reached its height. There is nevertheless radio interference in several of the field records. The fieldworker in Tampa was particularly afflicted by this problem. Interview #533 was several times interrupted by radio interference, here unavoidable because the informant worked at a radio station. The usual CB or police transmitter interruption, however, lasted only a few seconds and obliterated only a very small part of the interview.



Weather phenomena created other problems in addition, from the heavy rain in part of #47 to the pelting hailstorm of #66A. Wind noise, picked up by the sensitive microphones, caused difficulties in #492 and #714. These storms and other instances of bad weather could usually not be avoided by a fieldworker who was continuing the interview at the informant's convenience.

Noise from traffic, whether cars, trucks, airplanes, or a combination, occurs in a number of records. In #179A, the scribe remarks, "In some places, his voice is drowned out by the sounds of passing trucks and cars." Interviews conducted near airports in Tampa and Miami have nearly inaudible portions because of takeoffs and landings. The background interference caused by passing traffic is noted by the scribes in interviews #327, #344, #394, #821, and others. In some interviews, the conditions requiring outdoor recording may have positive features as well as drawbacks, as in #727, of which the scribe says, "The traffic and heavy rain are annoying, but the twittering of birds is pleasant."

Other miscellaneous sources of interference are occasionally noted: a "very creaky rocking chair" in #151, the "loud talk of friends wanting to go fishing with informant" in #128, "customers chatting" in the informant's store in #327, and "various household noises" in #306. All of these, along with the more serious problems caused by the malfunctioning of the tape recorders and microphones and the unskillful handling of the machines by inexperienced fieldworkers, serve as reminders to the users of the LAGS materials that the "real-life" circumstances of the interviews precluded mint-quality recording. The "living background" of each field record must be kept in mind in an evaluation of the content and quality of the LAGS collection.