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ABSTRACT

INTERVIEWEE NAME: Emma Dell Peters

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IDENTIFICATION: [1924- ] Lifelong resident of Four Corners, an unincorporated community south of Franklin, La.; great-granddaughter of slaves; raised on Sterling Plantation; worked as cook in school system for 26 years; daughter of Willie Jackson

INTERVIEWER: Adrienne LaCour

SERIES: Adrienne LaCour - Four Corners

INTERVIEW DATE: 12 February 1993

FOCUS DATES: 1935-1950

ABSTRACT:

Tape 392.2
Account of uncle thought dead who was shrouded and put on a “cooling board” only to get up during the wake; account of great-grandfather and great-grandmother’s purchase as slaves; general treatment of slaves; account of female slaves forced to bear children for white owners; singing of spirituals taught by grandparents and mother; account of early jobs; poverty of youth; strictness of mother; Sunday traditions of family prayer continued today; routine of household with eight children; food crops grown by parents; recipe for sweet-potato bread; account of wedding; impact of Civil Rights legislation.

TAPES: 1 (T392.2)

TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 45 minutes

# PAGES INDEX: 6 pages

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