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**ABSTRACT**

**INTERVIEWEE NAME:** Emma Dell Peters

**COLLECTION:** 4700.0283

**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

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**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

**RESTRICTIONS:** None.