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COLLECTION NOTE

This collection is composed of testimonies taken from former Kentucky slaves during the 1930s and published in 1941. Interview topics include living conditions, work, clothing, religious customs, superstitions, and treatment from their masters. Former slaves tell positive and negative stories about their owners, playing with the master’s children, and the lifestyle of African Americans after emancipation. There are excerpts from African American sermons, folk songs, wills, and bills of sale for slaves as well. This information, along with narratives from several other states, were published in volume 16 of *The American Slave: A Composite Autobiography*, edited by George P. Rawick (Wesport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Company, 1972); Special Collections Library call number: E 441 .A58. Later, Applewood Books published the Kentucky section by itself as: *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States From Interviews with Former Slaves* (Bedford, MA: Applewood Books, 2006); Special Collections Library call number: E 445 .K5 K45x 2006.

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Photocopy of Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States From Interviews with Former Slaves (1941), transcriptions of oral interviews which recount many aspects of being a slave in nineteenth century Kentucky. The interviews were conducted during the 1930s, part of a Federal Writers’ Project funded by the Works Progress Administration project and administered by the Library of Congress.

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