

Dear Ron... I am trying very hard to get back to our tapes... and have had a chance to work on them some lately... What I am sending you is one of our tapes - Novella's -- and several of the Tennessee State Archive tapes I told you I had gotten... there are quite a few which are just music -- and all I am doing is listing the songs and any conversation I thought we might want. The others in this package, one is from Glen Ayre and one from Erwin...but they are good tapes and have some interesting material in them. I think we can incorporate the information in with our other tapes without any problem. We have permission from the state to use them. Some of the music tapes are wierd... I don't know whether it is in our duplicating them here or if they made the mess in Nashville when they duplicated them -- but some of the tapes rerun the same material more than once... but the music is interesting.... When you get a chance to listen, please make any changes needed on the typed sheet I am sending you and then send me a copy. I could not always understand what the name of the song really was -- especially when Joe Birchfield said them... probably because he doesn't have or wear his teeth -- whichever...

Sorry I am so slow with these, but it does take an inordinate amount of time., which, as my mother requires more and more time, I am finding it difficult to make time for them when I am at home. This past Thurs. we had a big snow storm and I had a cold...so I used the two as an excuse to work at home and really got a lot done. UTK was closed Thurs. and Fri. I finally walked over to Mom's yesterday.... I bet it was beautiful there...how much snow did you get? It was really powdery here and easy to shovel out of the driveway... but it warmed above freezing yesterday and it packed down and the secondary streets were all ice this morning... I got to Chapman Hwy OK, though, and got to work without incident....went by to pick up Eileen.... she's a yankee but doesn't like to drive in the snow... Years ago when Allan's health failed, I had no choice... so I am just careful and it really doesn't bother me all that much...

I have about three more transcripts I have checked and need to be retyped... One of Starnes (tape 3) should have been but I decided to send it on because I thought you would enjoy reading it.

the still have account book I have not checked & I have 2 pages to
Do you know any of these people? *by the archival tapes*

(from the archival tapes)
Hope all is well and that you had a good holiday.

Did you get your renewal notice on Coltsfoot? I renewed it for you for Christmas.. I hope you are enjoying it as much as I do.

Best wishes and love to you and your family.

Barbara





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Dear Ron:

Enclosed are some more tapes... On the archival tapes, I can't remember if I told you or not, but there are some strange gaps on the tapes... Part of the tape will be recorded, a gap in the tape, and then they start over at the beginning. I have no idea what they have done or if we got all the material that was on the original tapes... whatever...we will use what we got.

I have two temporary helpers typing tapes... I am sick of waiting and some of the ones that the kids have done are more trouble to check than if I took time to transcribe them myself... We are at last forging ahead a little faster... I have worked a lot while we were off to get some of them done....

Would you be able to do me a big favor? Jennifer told me if I would call her in advance, she would bring in some material and we could come by and xerox it there. Could you possibly do that? I would really like to see what she has -- on the history of the area or just anything she has that might be useful to us.

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When we get all these transcribed and noted in the margins as to what we have, I would like to get together with you as to what kind of ideas you have as to format,

I thought we could start by organizing our material by areas -- humour, games, religion, occupations, etc. When you have a moment, would you write to me and share any ideas you have for organization.... There are still several to type and several to check... but I really want to get on with it so we can have something to show for our efforts. Please let me hear from you. I prefer that you write it down rather than call so I can have it to refer to.

Many, Many thanks...

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