

# Dipping Vats and Goat Roping: Voices from Small Places



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# Welcome to Voices from Small Places

- Introduction/Overview
  - Document rural dispersed communities
  - Population < 100
  - Community liaison is key
  - Four research methods – all utilize digital approach
  - Result is expanded access to historic resources and strengthened community identity and continuity through digital platforms



# Photovoice

- A collaborative approach – place based; public driven
- Journaling and photography completed by community members
- Journals and images available online (in CDM and linked via website)

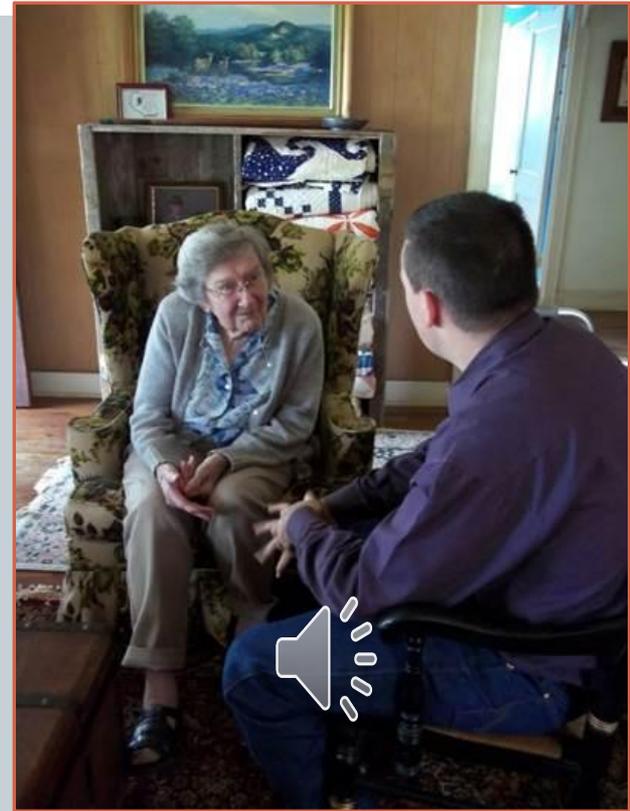


# Oral Histories

- Digital equipment
- Full audio and transcripts available online (CDM & Soundcloud)
- Topics from the everyday to the extraordinary



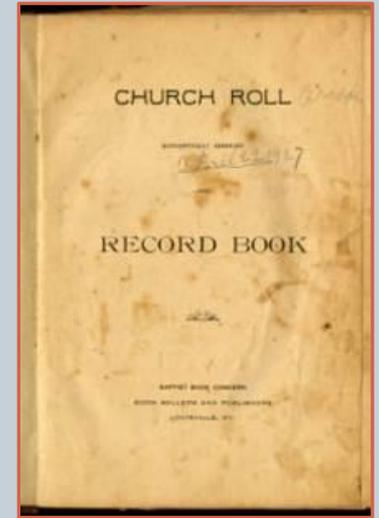
“You find somebody to do that now. It ain’t that way no more.” – Wayne Tipps



“We heard that blast and we couldn’t imagine what it was, it was just so loud.” – Mary Dunn

# Archival Digitization

- Camera, flatbed scanner, and 3D scanner if needed
- Collection linked via website to Community Collection in CDM
- Digital copies of all items provided when returning originals rehoused in archival folders & boxes



# Historic Resources Surveys

- Digital photographs
- Survey forms can be completed on computer in several file formats and submitted to SHPO
- Option for GPS mapping
- Digitizes all materials and makes them available through [crhr-hrs.org](http://crhr-hrs.org) via website



# Roadblocks to Success



- Oral History: equipment failures, time and cost to transcribe
- Photovoice: low participant return rates, time and cost to transcribe and digitize journals
- Archival Collections: often large amounts of unorganized materials, slow digitization and metadata entry
- Historic Resource Surveys: extensive photographic and form results to be combined and hosted online



For more information about this project,  
please visit the project webpage and Facebook site.

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