

ARTIST INFORMANT DATA SHEET

Last Name ~~Swain~~ First Name Carter Middle Name Alton Sex M

Organization/Group Name Bd of Directors of Turpentine Assn. (3 members of Bd of Directors)

Address Rt 3 Box 795 Timber Operators Owners Assn.

City Folkston State GA Zip 31537

County Charlton Phone (912) 496-7756 10 children

Birthdate July 11, 1917 Deathdate Father - John Carter Emmer Dials

Birthplace Racepoint 10-0012 produce left

Category of Artist Sherrill Homerille McCrae

Genres/Category of Product County Commissioner 6 yrs term Democ. chairman Septer Racepoint

Ethnic Background England USA NC

Ethnic-based Tradition? no

Primary Language English

Religious Affiliation Baptist

Occupation Turpentine, sawmill, farmer - Pulwood - timber business, recycling

Started 1938 - army 1942 -

Fieldworker LC Sommer

Date 2-1-98 Location Folkston, GA

 none of his children involved in Turpentine
 FAD Accession # _____ Museum Accession # _____

Participant? _____ Area _____

story - last barrel of gum to still in Valdosta - Valdosta still at Union Camp

first dipping age 10

Dixey still only one left in US - after this year will be going to only foreign gum

1918

was came at time of Indian Wars to S GA

Racepoint - Soldiers racing around pon for entertainment

Dad - turpentine - roll way out of swamp

1988 out first pulwood - the County

having many just off chain gang
families working in woods
role of women

Formosa → Background of his involvement w/ turpentine
[full time job or just one of various things people did to make a living]
role - how started
what it was like as young man vs today
size of crops 1000 trees = a crop?
how / where could I get same sound for radio?
walk through diff. phases of process - names of jobs
names for tree at different stages
round, face, virgin, yearling, etc.
times of year
Special tools
did he own a camp - work / live in a camp? - length of work day
describe work day
makeup of crews - age
race
gender
describe life
food -
memorable experiences? Characters?
Changes in industry / technology
1950s - plague of turpentine beetles
- post war decline in need for gum
Grades of gum
Still in Baxley? Future of industry? Foreign competition
Something special about S.GA / GA gum?
anyone else still doing turpentine?
What happens to trees after they have been worked?
Black workers I could talk with?

could start piece w/ sound from Langdale Lumber yard as ^{ongoing} "new" sound of forest industries in S.GA
Will Agrorama have anything for getting sound bites?

down to 3 on contract now
[have had 30-40
had 13 crops]