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003	Interview begins with personal data. Name, Susan Lucile Morris. Born 1952 in Elk River. Narrator has lived in Elk River all her life with the exception of going to school.
010	Mother's maiden name, Harriet Yager. Born in Georgia, maybe; not sure about date of her birth. Married about 1950. Occupations: was a secretary and attended 2 years of college (perhaps in Alabama), before she married.
021	Father, John Morris. Born in Elk River; not sure about the date. Occupation pharmacist. Has also done many other odd jobs.
029	Siblings. Two brothers: Thomas Morris; the other is deceased. No sisters.
033	Advantages of rural area: learn to depend on yourself more for recreation. Being in the country gives a sense of freedom. Disadvantage is gossip in small towns. Also, narrator notes that women get bored more easily in rural area, especially during the winter; but she feels that a lot of that is their own fault.
047	Childhood. Narrator feels she is still doing many of the things she enjoyed as a child: being outdoors, riding horses, working with animals. Comments that while she was growing up, since there weren't any other girls her own age, she played with the boys: played in the woods, with trucks, built tree houses, all kinds of outdoor activities. Notes that girls weren't much fun.
064	After completing high school, parents wanted her to go on to college. Narrator was happy with that for first two years, but not as enthusiastic after that. She is completing her degree, though, in General Studies. Had originally majored in animal science, but felt she was not smart enough.
076	Recreations: anything that has to do with outdoor activities. Also likes to read. As a child, narrator's family went on lots of vacation trips and picnics.
088	Narrator never felt pressure from parents to marry and feels this is good. Notes that many of the women in her area get married when they are quite young; but she has no plans for marriage yet. Has other things to do.
100	Clubs: not involved in clubs now, but was very active during high school and junior high. Belonged to 4-H for 10 years with horses. Involved with choir, church, and bible school.
118	Life of city women and rural women compared. One of biggest differences is entertainment: in a rural area, people have to get used to entertaining themselves. Narrator notes that many urban people think rural people are stupid. Narrator does not feel drastically isolated in Elk River -- most necessities are available and one can always drive to larger town for other things.

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- 137 Magazines and TV. Since father has a pharmacy, the store gets lots of magazines. Parents read National Geographic, Good Housekeeping, and lots of travel magazines. Although parents watch some TV, narrator does not like to watch very much.
- 149 Future plans. Narrator wants to save enough money to take her horses and move to another small town, although she does not want to live in Elk River. Does not want to live in ~~the~~ city. Right now, she want to do some travelling. Plans on eventually marrying and having a small family.
- 161 School life and recreation in a small town. Graduating class of 5 students. One interesting aspect for narrator was that since most of her friends were boys, she never dated them; didn't start dating until she went away to college. With the boys at home she would go sleighing, skating, driving around in cars, beer parties, etc. Sports during school was a big activity: basketball, football, and track. '(Not clear if narrator participated in these sports herself)'
- 192 Disadvantage of small school curriculum for narrator was lack of math preparation. Also not enough teachers, not enough elective courses. She was unprepared for ~~math~~ the math she needed in college when she was majoring in animal science. Narrator notes, however, that the main factor that discourages high school students from going onto college is their parents. Discusses how parents of her friends discouraged many students from going on to college. Notes how many high school girls get married right after graduating because they don't have any other job skills and there isn't any thing else to do in Elk River. Comments that two of her friends who got married right after high school ~~and~~ are now divorced. Many of the boys go into logging work, either for the local mill or for the Forest Service.
- 224 Narrator's parents encouraged the children to leave Elk River, eventually. Feels this is probably because her father has had more education and has seen other opportunities in the world. Narrator is glad for this influence from her parents. Feels it is not a very good idea to get married right after high school. Notes that during some years in school, she was the only girl in her class and this had a big effect on her.
- 250 End of interview.