

My error. I had gotten nearly through this page before I saw that you were reporting directly from the tape. However, I think you should have had a short introduction before this page, telling the kind of records you used, the circumstances under which each informant was interviewed and, finally, clearly indicating that what follows is a transcription from a tape.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE

as told by Lynnedda J. Denny
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When I was in high school, I had a student teacher who was from Beckley, ...
I had a student teacher when I was in high school, and he was from Beckley, West Virginia. And he told us about a time when he was in high school and he wanted to belong to a fraternity. ~~And~~ ^{a certain house} the initiation for this fraternity was to go inside this house and spend the night. ~~And it belonged to one of the fraternity brothers.~~ One of the fraternity brothers lived in it, ~~rather~~. The story ^{about} behind the house was that a long, long time ago, ^{there} used to be a really rich, old coal miner ^{who} lived there. And ~~he~~ ^{had} worked himself up from foreman. He went down in one of his mines one time. There was a cave-in that broke his back. They took him to the house, ^{and} put him in the upstairs bedroom, and the wife and the two children were really upset that anything had happened to him. So, everybody just thought ^{they would} they'd leave him alone for awhile. They closed all the doors and locked them, and they were just really scared that he might die. Several days passed, and nobody saw anybody, so they decided to go find out what was going on. They knocked on the door, and nobody answered the door. They went on in, and they heard crying upstairs, and they went up to the bedroom, and the husband was dead- was in the bed dead, and his wife had killed herself, and there was a big bloodstain on the floor, and the children were