

QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please obtain answers to the questions below, using separate sheets of paper for each interview).

1. What creatures or things were used to frighten or threaten you with when you were a child? (e.g. the Devil; bogey man etc). (List each scary figure and elaborate on: its name, the place where it is used, frequency, potency etc).
2. Were the threats playful or serious? Did you really feel scared when threatened? (Give details where possible).
3. Were children threatened for any of the following reasons?
 - a. Because they were naughty
 - b. To prevent them going to dangerous places
 - c. To prevent them interfering with animals, crops or tools
 - d. To get them in before dark
 - e. To induce them to sleep
 - f. Any other reasons
4. Do you remember any customs which include masked figures or other frightening figures?
5. Do you know of any local figures used to scare children? (e.g. a person renowned for his eccentricity or any other reason. Give names and details).
6. Do you know of any rhymes or songs which include references to scary figures? (Include children's rhymes).
7. Do any local place-names (including names of houses, fields, roads etc) contain any reference to scary figures? Do these scary figures live in any particular place?
8. Are such people as the local doctor, policeman, nurse etc. used to frighten or threaten children with? (For instance might a child be told to behave himself or else "the policeman will take you away"?). Can you remember the words actually used in any of the other threats? (Involving bogey-men etc).
9. Are the mummers or similar figures used to scare children? Give details of the activities of the mummers.
10. Do you use the terms BOGEY, BOO, BOO-MAN or any similar term (list any variants) to mean anything other than a frightening figure?
11. What do you say to a child when its nose needs wiping? (Refer to BOO(S), BOO-BAGGER(S), BULLY-BOO(S), LAMB'S LEGS, CONKER BELLS, and list any other terms or points of interest).
12. Please add any other details relevant to the subject, and give:

Name of informant
Place of birth
Present place of residence
Age

Name of interviewer
Date of interview

Please return to J.D.A. Widdowson, Memorial University, St John's.