

FRIGHTENING AND THREATENING FIGURES

In answering the questions below, please give full details of any frightening figures you have heard of, and the place(s) where each is/was used.

1. What creatures or things have you heard used to frighten or threaten children (i.e. usually to induce good behavior, encourage obedience, etc. The figures might include, for example, the Boogie Man, the Devil, ghosts, dogs, etc.). Please list each frightening or threatening figure and elaborate on: its NAME, the PLACE where it was used, frequency, potency, etc.

2. Were the threats serious or playful? Were children really scared when threatened. Please give details where possible.

3. Do you know of any local customs which include masked figures or frightening figures? (e.g. mummings). Please give details.

4. Do you know of any local figures used to scare children? (e.g. a person who is unusual). Please give details where possible.

5. Do any local place-names (including names of houses, fields, roads, etc.) contain any reference to frightening figures? Do these figures live in one particular place? If so, where?

6. Are such people as the local doctor, policeman, nurse, etc. used to frighten or threaten children? (Might a child be told to behave himself "or the policeman will take you away" for instance?). Please give actual words used in threats if possible.

7. In what ways is physical punishment threatened (give actual words used, and full context).

8. Please add any other details which seem relevant to the subject (e.g. rewards, promises, sayings, encouragements to good behaviour, etc.). Quote actual words where possible. Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.

Please add the following information:-

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| Now living at _____ | Age(s) _____ |
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