

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
DEPARTMENT OF FOLKLORE
CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

You can help us to preserve the folklore of Newfoundland. This traditional material is part of the unwritten history of the province which the university is attempting to record. Every community is rich in many areas of folklore, so if you have any information on the subject in which we are interested or can get it from someone else, please find answers for our questions.

General Instructions

1. Write down the information exactly as you learned it or as it was told to you. Use the exact words and phrasing of the informant.
Do not attempt to "correct" the form of the information.
2. Write in black or blue ink, or type (double-spaced).
3. Complete the following information.

Informants name	age	occupation
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Home community	Bay	religion
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Learned from	community	relationship
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When

Students name	age	Course no. Home community
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St. John's Address	Date
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4. Indicate clearly if you or your informant want any names withheld.

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This questionnaire is being distributed as part of a survey concerned with the Christmas carolling tradition in Newfoundland. We are anxious to learn more about this subject. If you know about this yourself or can get information from other people, especially older persons, you can help us by writing it down. Please feel free to write about any aspect of Christmas carolling even though it may not be covered by the questions.

1. Have you ever sung Christmas carols in your community, other than in church? (Yes) (No). If Yes where have they been sung?
 - a. In your home? (Yes) (No)
 - b. In house to house visiting? (Yes) (No)
 - c. At parties? (Yes) (No)
 - d. With local organizations? (Yes) (No)

2. If you know, or have heard of any group of carol singers visiting peoples' homes at Christmas time, answer the following questions:
 - a. On what day or days during the Christmas season did the carol singers visit houses in the community?
 - b. Is the tradition still being continued? (Yes) (No). If not when was the last time it occurred?
 - c. At what time would the carol singers set out, and at what time would they return?
 - d. How many carol singers would there be in the group? Give some idea of age and sex.
 - e. How many houses would be visited, and how would these be chosen?
 - f. Were the carols sung outside or indoors? If the latter, in what part of the house would they be sung?

- g. Did the carol singers sit or stand to sing, and were the lights turned on or off?
 - h. How many carols were sung, what were the titles, or first lines, and in what order were they performed?
 - i. Was food and drink served? If so give details.
 - j. Was this custom treated light heartedly, or was it regarded as a serious event?
 - k. Were the carols which were sung house to house, performed on any other occasion or in any other place in the community?
3. Please add any other details which seem relevant to the subject. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.