

THE CATHOLIC BOHEMIAN GERMAN DIALECT
OF ELLIS, KANSAS

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ABSTRACT

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Beginning in the 1880s, many German speaking immigrants left the Austrian settlements in Bukovina for the United States. The Bukovina immigrants to the Ellis area in west central Kansas formed two distinct groups in Ellis. The Lutheran "Swabian" Germans, who speak a Palatine type of dialect, came from southwest Germany. The Catholic Bohemian Germans, which represent the focus of my research, found their way to America and Kansas via Bukovina from the Bohemian Forest, today situated in the Czech Republic.

The Catholic Bohemian Germans retained the native dialect for the first two generations following their arrival in Kansas. The pressure of assimilation into the American mainstream society and the subsequent decline of the German dialect grew with increasing anti-German animosity between the two World Wars.

This dissertation provides a written documentation of what is left of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis, Kansas, which, like other remaining German dialects in Kansas, faces its linguistic demise. The linguistic data for this study were gathered by tape recorded interviews with eleven informants. The main source for the recorded interview sessions were a series of forty *Wenker sentences* and a number of isolated vocabulary items used for the compilation of the *Deutscher Wortatlas* (the German word atlas). Recordings of free conversations and picture descriptions of rural scenes in the dialect also provided data for this project. In addition, anecdotes and jokes were obtained from some informants. The interview materials were presented in English with the informants answering in the native dialect.

The language of the Catholic Bohemian Germans has dialect features which are mainly associated with Central Bavarian, but it also shows characteristics of the Central-North Bavarian dialect transition zone.

In addition to the historical background of the Bukovina Germans, the phonology, morphology, and syntactic structure of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect are described in detail. Other linguistic issues dealt with are lexical forms, borrowing, the linguistic history and dialect geographical origin. Finally, implications on language death and the revival of heritage awareness of Bukovina Germans are discussed.

Dedication

First and foremost this dissertation is dedicated to those speakers of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis, Kansas, who participated in this dialect study and patiently endured the recording of the dialect interviews. Thanks to them, their dialect could be recorded and documented for generations to come. Descendants of the Catholic Bohemian German settlers who came to Ellis will be able to listen to recorded cassette tapes of this unique dialect of their ancestors. These are not only archived for them, but they are also preserved as a part of the rich German-American heritage.

Diese Dissertation ist ebenfalls meinen verstorbenen Eltern Matthias und Maria Lunte gewidmet, die mir die Schönheit und den Reichtum ihres Dialekts, des Plattdeutschen, vermittelt haben.

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Foreword

People may change their residence from their land of origin to seek a home elsewhere. Rather than succumb to insurmountable difficulties such as economic hardship, political insecurity or religious persecution people may leave their homeland for new territory. In addition, scarcity of land caused by overpopulation and the customary rule of primogeniture may force family descendants to emigrate. In a new location these immigrants often settle together and form communities closely connected through language and customs. They create linguistic enclaves being removed from the cohesive speech habits in their original homeland.

Being isolated from the land of origin and no longer influenced by linguistic processes in its language, the language of the linguistic island may retain dialect features obsolete in the speech of the speakers in the homeland. Various groups of speakers originating in different dialect regions of the homeland many times settle together in a linguistic island, hence often leading to a mixing in the speech of the settlers. Their speech may be subject to interference by the dominant language in the newly settled location. By assimilating into the socio-economic and cultural system of the dominant speech community, people making up the speech island may not be able to resist the intrusion of the language of the surrounding speech community. They may lose their language loyalty and give way to the pressure of assimilation. Thus they do not retain the native dialect which faces its rapid demise and consequently suffers language death.

Linguistic research on language contact, language maintenance, and language death has received increasing interest in recent years as immigrant languages and dialects are in their last stages of decline. In the case of German dialects during the

period between the First and Second World Wars research of German settlements and German dialects in Kansas came to a stop due to extreme anti-German sentiments. J. Neale Carman's *Foreign Language Units of Kansas* , partially published in 1962, built the groundwork for the current projects of the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies under the supervision of Dr. William Keel to document, analyze, and preserve the remaining German dialects in Kansas.

Isolated from the linguistic developments in Germany, the Catholic Bohemian German settlers from German-speaking areas of Bohemia immigrated to Bukovina, then an Austrian province, at the end of the eighteenth and in the first half of the nineteenth century. These settlers were mainly working in glass and timber industries. After only a few decades and enduring severe economic hardship they chose to emigrate to the Americas beginning in the 1880s. Destinations included the United States, Canada, and Brazil. In time the descendants of these immigrants to the New World assimilated into the mainstream culture of each of these countries, gradually giving way to the dominant English-speaking or Portuguese-speaking culture respectively.

This dissertation provides a written documentation of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect spoken in Ellis, Kansas, before it is dies out. Based on interviews with dialect speakers, a local grammar is established for the dialect. Thus it can be preserved as a part of the rich German-American heritage, as well as an important aspect of the Catholic Bohemian German culture in Kansas for future generations.

Chapter 1

The Bukovina German Dialects of Ellis, Kansas: An Overview

Beginning in the 1880s a number of German-speaking immigrants from the Austrian settlements in Bukovina, on the eastern slopes of the Carpathian mountains, began settling in west central Kansas. There they found a refuge from the population growth and resulting economic hardships facing them in Bukovina. They settled in the counties of Ellis, Trego, and Rooks, with the town of Ellis as the center. The immigrants to west central Kansas have traditionally called themselves "Swabian" or Bohemian Germans, although they were commonly referred to as Austrians. They came from Bukovina, but did not originate there. The Lutheran "Swabians" came from southwest Germany, whereas the Catholic Bohemian Germans came from western Bohemia. The Lutheran "Swabians" settled north of the city of Ellis, whereas the Catholic Bohemian Germans built their homesteads south of Ellis.

Linguistically we have to differentiate two groups of Bukovina Germans: the Lutheran "Swabians," who speak a Palatine type of dialect from southwest Germany, and the Catholic Bohemian Germans, whose dialect derives from the area of the Bohemian Forest in the western part of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire. This dialect mainly shows features of Central Bavarian with some North Bavarian characteristics.

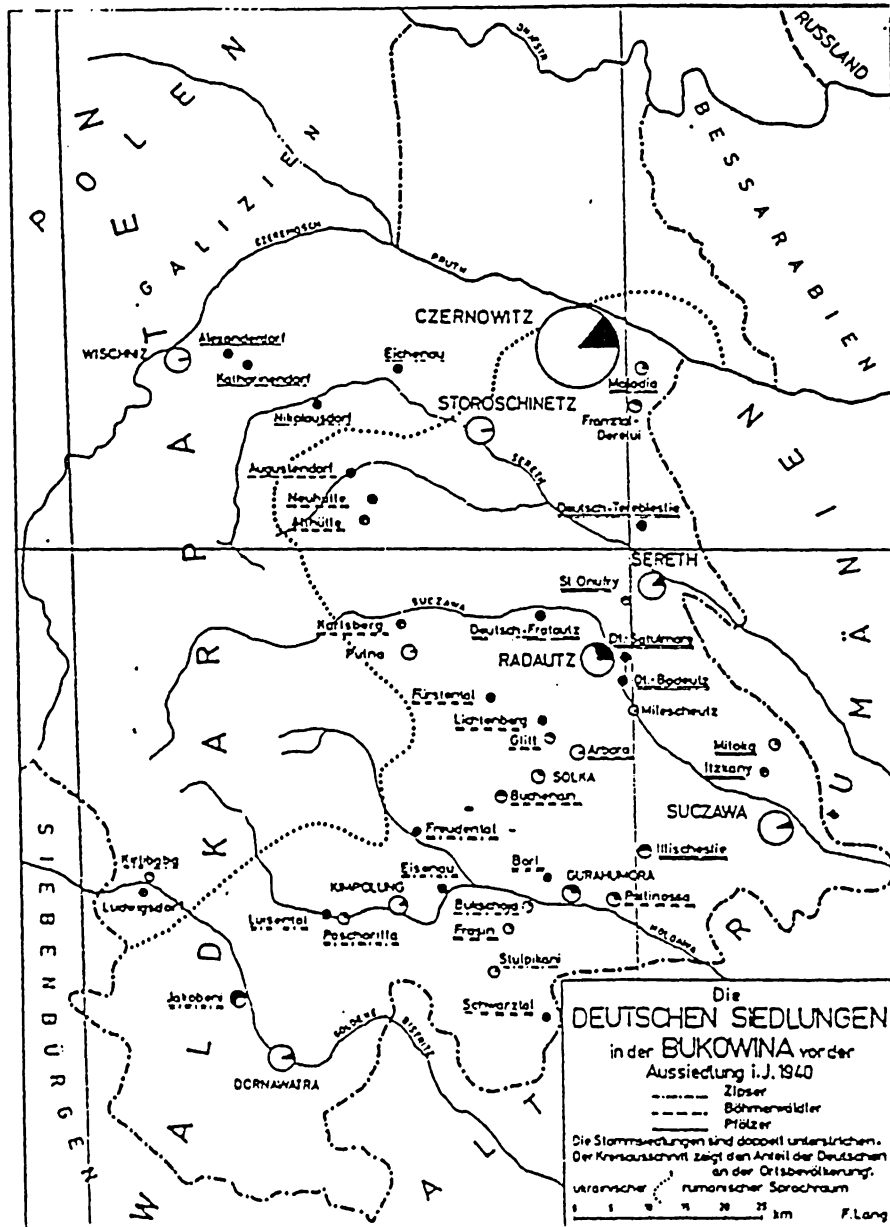
Although numerous works deal with the political and ethnic history of both peoples there has never been any research on the Catholic Bohemian German dialect in Ellis County, Kansas. Prior linguistic research in general, involving the Lutheran "Swabians," as well as the Catholic Bohemian Germans appears limited to a 1933

study by Franz Lang, a linguist who studied Bukovina dialects, in his article "Bukowina: IV. Werden und Wesen des deutschen Volkstums." This article published by O. Petersen et al. in the *Handwörterbuch des Grenz- und Auslandsdeutschtums* discusses both dialects generally, as well as the Zipser German dialect, whereby the distinctive linguistic elements of all three dialects are based to a large degree on his own findings.

Map 1

German settlements in Bukovina prior to 1940.

Reprinted from Franz Lang (1963-64, 49).



In 1876, the German dialectologist Georg Wenker developed forty test sentences that remain a valuable research tool for German dialect research. These sentences consist of words that have the most useful phonological and morphological features for the differentiation of German dialects. They were a part of an interview questionnaire that was sent to schoolteachers throughout Germany, asking them to render the written sentences into the dialect spoken in the area where they taught. Wenker used the information as the basis for his "Deutscher Sprachatlas," which is a collection of data on the German dialects at the University of Marburg, Germany. The *Deutscher Sprachatlas (DSA)* served as a basis for a series of published and unpublished dialect area maps of German dialect usage.

Wenker's test sentences were used as a part of Bronislaus Irion's interview technique for his dialect research on the "Swabian" colonies in Bukovina. Irion's dissertation, prompted by Franz Lang and written in 1938, is entitled "Die Mundart der deutschen Sprachinsel Illischestie und Umgebung: Ein Beitrag zur Erforschung der westmitteldeutschen Mundarten in der Bukowina." It provides a linguistic description of the dialect, as spoken in Illischestie and in its surrounding area. A related article about the dialect in the "Swabian" colonies in Bukovina concentrates only on the phonological description of the eight different "Swabian" colonies there. Published by Irion in 1940, it is entitled *Die Mundart der sogenannten Schwabensiedlungen in der Bukowina. Erster Teil: Lautlehre*, and includes all of the forty Wenker sentences and their renditions.

Rudolf Schwartz's dialect research concentrated on Illischestie, the same "Swabian" colony studied by Irion, and resulted in a book in 1939 under the title *Die pfälzische Mundart der Deutschen in Illischestie: Ein Beitrag zur deutschen Sprachinsel-*

forschung. He analyzes the phonology of this Palatine dialect in its historical development from Middle High German (MHG) and its morphology as well.

However, there is apparently no linguistic work dealing with the analysis of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect in the various colonies in Bukovina. As stated above, since the Catholic Bohemian German dialect shows mainly Central Bavarian features, it seems necessary to mention the important contribution to the study of Bavarian dialects by the Bavarian Andreas Schmeller. His work *Bayerisches Wörterbuch*, published in 1827, is viewed as the first scientific lexicographic work on German dialects and serves as an important reference in this dissertation.¹

Some one hundred years later, the affiliation of the Catholic Bohemian German dialects with Bavarian dialects was noted by Rudolf Kubitschek in his book on *Die Mundarten des Böhmerwaldes* (1927). This author was the first one to establish that the dialects of the Bohemian Forest are Bavarian dialects. He states: "Die Mundarten des Böhmerwaldes, ..., gehören dem bairischen Dialekte an" (Kubitschek, 1927, 5). He gives a very detailed phonological description of these dialects. Kubitschek's work appears to be the only publication that provides reference to the linguistic settlement history of the Catholic Bohemian Germans.² The significance of this work can be seen by the fact that Franz Lang draws from Kubitschek's research on the Catholic German dialect in his article mentioned above. The resettlement of all Bukovina Germans to Nazi Germany in 1940 during the Second World War brought not only an end to the Lutheran "Swabian" speech islands, but to the Catholic Bohemian German

¹ See Bach (1969, 16-18) for a detailed analysis of Schmeller's contribution to German dialect research.

² Kubitschek (1927) studies the individual dialects of that region of the Bohemian Forest from a linguistic perspective and differentiates three major geo-political dialect areas, the lower, central, and upper Bohemian Forest. The author bases his dialect distinctions by comparing the different vowels to Middle High German vowels, and the consonants to those of Germanic. He also enumerates frequently used words that differ in various parts of the Bohemian Forest. He adds a detailed map showing the various lines and isoglosses that divide each area from the other. The border area between the upper and the central Bohemian Forest also separates northern Bavarian from central Bavarian. This area is most likely the region from which the Catholic German Bohemians originated.

speech islands as well (see Map 1). Nowadays the descendants are spread throughout Germany and Austria, with only a few architectural markers remaining of their nearly 160 years in Bukovina.

After World War II there have only been a handful of articles written on the Bukovina Germans in Germany or in Bukovina after the resettlement. Most of the publications about the Bukovina Germans deal to a large degree with their culture and history.³ In the 1980s three works were published focussing on different aspects of the Bukovina Germans.

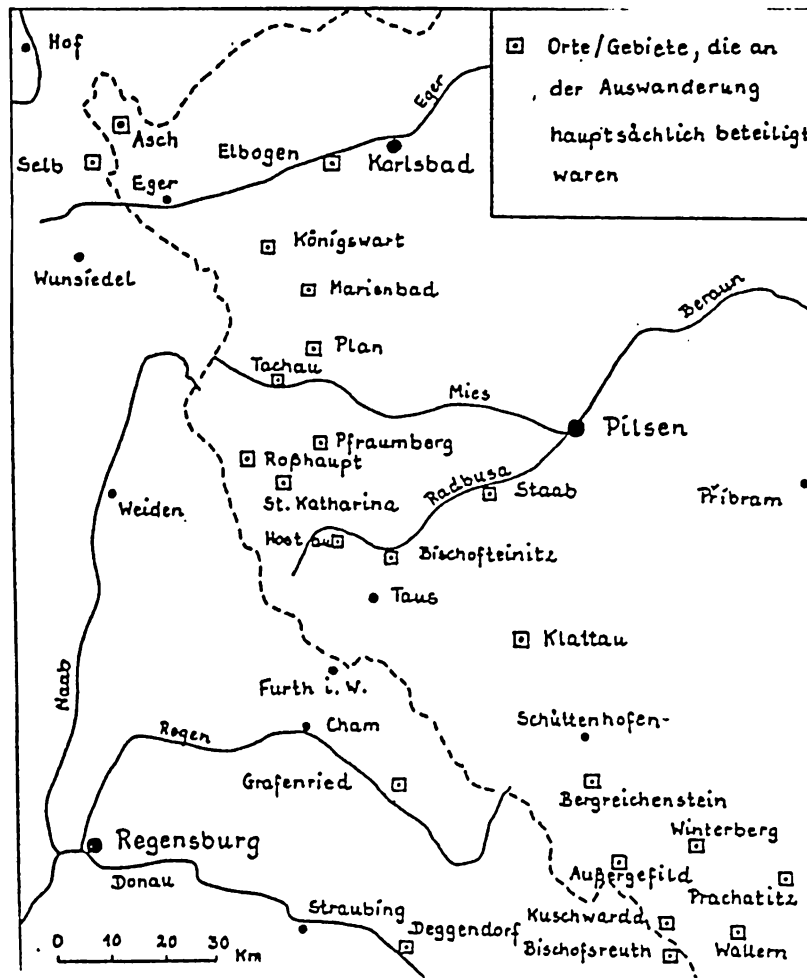
In 1984, Manfred Klaube contributed to the historical appraisal of the Catholic Bohemian Germans in his book on *Deutschböhmisches Siedlungen im Karpatenraum*. He painstakingly treats the socioeconomic development of the new settlements in Bukovina and in other locations in the Carpathian region from the beginning to the present. He cites reasons for emigration from the Bohemian Forest to Bukovina and attempts to provide a detailed map of the main locations in western Bohemia and eastern Bavaria where the Catholic Bohemian Germans originated (see Map 2).

³ In 1949, the Bukovina Germans who were resettled in Germany founded a society in Munich, Germany, called *Landsmannschaft der Buchenlanddeutschen e.V.*, to preserve their interests and their genealogy. Furthermore, the *Raimund Friedrich Kaindl Gesellschaft e.V.*, based in Stuttgart, Germany, and the *Bukowina Institut* in Augsburg, Germany, publish documentaries, as well as historical, cultural, and literary articles on Bukovina Germans in Germany and abroad.

Map 2

Main locations in western Bohemia and eastern Bavaria where
Catholic Bohemian Germans originated.

Reprinted from Klaube (1984, 8).



Irma Bornemann in her work *Die Buchenlanddeutschen*, which appeared in 1986, gives a concise overview on topics concerning German settlements in Bukovina after 1775 and their development. This ranges from the geographical location of Bukovina, national politics and education, literary figures and fine arts, to the resettlement of Bukovina Germans during World War II to Nazi Germany, and their founding of heritage societies in Germany after 1945.

In 1989, Siegfried Mirwald published a book entitled *Das Brauchtum von bayrischen, deutsch-böhmischen Buchenländern*. Inspired by his family's genealogy he gives a very detailed cultural account of customs observed by Catholic Bohemian Germans throughout the decades and centuries after their migration from Bavaria and the Bohemian Forest, via Bukovina and back to Bavaria where most of them resettled during the 1940s.

The best known linguistic work is probably the article, "Fratautzerisches," written in 1957 by Kurt Rein and published in *Fratautz und die Fratautzer: Vom Werden und Vergehen einer deutschen Dorfgemeinschaft in der Bukowina* by Kurt Rein, Erwin Massier, and Johann Bessai. Besides focusing on sociocultural aspects, Rein's article provides a concise summary of the main linguistic features of his own Lutheran "Swabian" dialect. He uses the forty Wenker sentences as a linguistic tool and locates his dialect geographically among the German dialects in Central Europe.

Thirty years after the publication of his concise summary on both Bukovina German dialects, the Lutheran "Swabian" dialect inspired Franz Lang again to write a more detailed description of the Lutheran "Swabian" dialect. In his 1963 article, "Mundart und Herkunft der 1787 in der Bukowina angesiedelten sogenannten Schwaben," he attempts to determine the area of origin of the settlers from the dialect spoken in their eight colonies. He also uses the forty sentences proposed by Wenker as the basis for his conclusions.

Two decades later, an article by Sophie A. Welisch finally drew attention to the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. It is entitled "Das deutschböhmisches Dorf Karlsberg," and was published in a book by Rudolf Wagner *Bori, Karlsberg und andere deutschböhmisches Siedlungen in der Bukowina* (1982). Even though Welisch mainly explores the historical and cultural background of the people of Karlsberg, the author also includes a section comparing the Karlsberg dialect with the one spoken in their area of origin in the Bohemian Forest. She uses a selection of lexical items from the *Deutscher Wortatlas* collected by W. Mitzka and L. E. Schmitt. ⁴

The dialect from another Catholic Bohemian German settlement, Augustendorf, in northern Bukovina became the subject of a book by Siegfried Mirwald in 1988 entitled *Die Sprache von bayrischen, deutsch-böhmischen Buchenländern*. Mirwald gives an excellent insight into a Catholic Bohemian German dialect, that was spoken by his parents. His book concentrates on sayings and proverbs that refer to customs typical for these people, and it includes an extensive glossary of words. ⁵

The Bukovina Germans who emigrated to the United States about one hundred years after settling in Bukovina did not immediately catch attention of scholars in Kansas. In fact, they are the least investigated group of immigrants from the German settlements in eastern Europe to the United States according to Kurt Rein. ⁶ Although the first immigration period of Bukovina Germans to west central Kansas had already

⁴ Welisch bases her conclusion on the Karlsberg dialect on Kubitschek's phonological distinctions for the lower, central, and upper Bohemian Forest (1927). See footnote 2. Welisch also includes an article on the German Bohemian pioneers in American cities, which appears to be the first monograph studying the Bukovina Germans in the United States. See Welisch (1982). The *Deutscher Wortatlas* was created in addition to Wenker's sentences to conduct word geography studies in German dialects.

⁵ Mirwald's work on the language of the Catholic Bohemian German settlement in Bukovina, Augustendorf, is followed by a book on customs in Augustendorf published in 1989, under the title *Das Brauchtum von bayrischen, deutsch-böhmischen Buchenländern*. His third book *Die Geschichte von bayrischen, deutsch-böhmischen Buchenländern*, 1992, chronicles the Catholic Bohemian Germans from Bukovina and also illustrates bibliographies of different individuals from Augustendorf.

⁶ See the unpublished paper by Kurt Rein, entitled "A Project (of the Bukovina Institute, Augsburg, Germany) on the German Emigration from Bukovina to America," presented at the SGAS Symposium 1991 in Washington D.C.

begun, William H. Carruth in his article on foreign immigrants to Kansas in 1893 entitled "Foreign Settlements in Kansas" does not mention the Bukovina German communities. He only talks about Russian-German "Mennonites" located in Ellis County, Kansas, and other counties in the state. In his revised summary of foreign settlements in Kansas, published under the same title as his earlier essay in 1895, there is also no reference to the Bukovina Germans in the counties of Ellis, Trego, and Rooks. Carruth only mentions small settlements of Germans in Trego and Rooks Counties, Kansas, with church services conducted in German only in the latter.

Prior to World War I only one work was written that confirms the existence of the Bukovina German dialects in that part of Kansas. This study, written by Jacob C. Ruppenthal and entitled "The German Element in Central Kansas," was published in 1913-14. Even though his article focusses on the Russian German settlements in central Kansas, he still gives detailed information on other German settlements and also includes German language newspapers. He notes: "Germans from Austria are not very numerous." He mentions Bukovina as the place of emigration and also lists the names of the villages most settlers came from (Ruppenthal 1913-14, 529).

During the period between World Wars I and II all attention to settlements and German dialects in Kansas came to a stop. Furthermore, because of the extreme anti-German sentiments and even persecution of people of German descent, parents stopped conveying their dialect to the younger generation. Consequently an active command of the dialect declined heavily among their children and their language loyalty began to vanish. It was not until 1961 that the first account of the decline of the use of the German language in Kansas was given by J. Neale Carman in his article on "Germans in Kansas." Carman describes the location of the main German settlements in Kansas noting a correlation between their faith and their use of German dialects. With reference to the Roman Catholic Volgans and the Mennonites he states that these groups

have remained faithful to the use of German dialects, whereas the internal religious disunity caused the Protestant Volgans to linguistically assimilate into the dominant English-speaking culture, "and while there are among them some ferocious advocates of the German language, very few of these are young" (Carman 1961,7). Carman had already detected the decline of the German language in and around the city of Ellis, Kansas, when he took field notes on a trip to that area in summer of 1953. He quotes one interviewee who says that none of his grandchildren speak well. He cites someone else who claimed that "none of the grandchildren can speak. They understand, but don't answer." ⁷ In 1962, Carman published the first volume of a three-volume study on the *Foreign Language Units of Kansas* in which he documents the extent of use and decline of all foreign languages in the various counties of the state. ⁸ He assigns a "critical year" to an approximate point in time in which parents ceased to use their native language "habitually in the majority of homes where there were growing children" (Carman 1962, 2). Carman highlights the impending death of the non-English speech islands in Kansas and identifies areas of great potential for foreign language research. From other field notes that Carman took on another field trip to the Ellis area in the summer of 1964, one gathers that the use of the German language had obviously diminished. He quotes someone who said that at Ellis more and more people did not use German in the home anymore, [but] "some classmates have a brogue which shows they come from a German speaking family", while another person added "those in their 20's speak a little [German], [but] know the words they shouldn't." ⁹ Although Carman's work has led linguists to study Volga German dialects in Kansas, there has

⁷ See Carman's field notes on the Ellis Bukovinian Germans of Ellis, Kansas, in the J. Neale Carman papers at the University of Kansas Archives, Helen F. Spencer Research Library.

⁸ See Carman's three-volume study on the *Foreign Language Units of Kansas* , Kansas Collection, Helen F. Spencer Research Library.

⁹ See Carman's field notes on the Ellis Bukovinian Germans.

been no linguistically significant study of either of the two Bukovina German dialects in Ellis County, Kansas, prior to this dissertation. ¹⁰

However, an important account of cultural renewal of the Bukovina Germans in Kansas was published by Irmgard Hein Ellingson. In her role as a Lutheran pastor's wife, Hein Ellingson developed an interest in the ethnic and cultural background of the Lutheran "Swabian" parishioners from Bukovina in Ellis County, Kansas. It inspired Hein Ellingson to write a book on *The Bukovina Germans in Kansas: A 200 Year History of the Lutheran Swabians*, published in 1987. In her book she chronicles two hundred years of history of the Lutheran "Swabians" from Bukovina to Kansas, based largely on the compilation of her own data and interviews. Furthermore, she investigates the development of the Lutheran churches in the Ellis County area and describes the events of the twentieth century, such as the two world wars, the Bukovina region and Bukovina-Germans had to face.

The renewed interest in their history led some Bukovina Germans to form the *Bukovina Society of the Americas* in Ellis, Kansas, in 1988, "to promote recognition of the Bukovina German people and encourage historical research of their heritage." ¹¹ One of their former presidents and himself of Catholic Bohemian German descent on his mother's side, Oren Windholz, published in 1991 a chronology of his mother's family entitled *The Erberts*. In his detailed work, Windholz traces his maternal ancestors' journey from Bukovina to Kansas and conveys a specific and easy to follow family history illustrated by many pictures. ¹² In another book that followed

¹⁰ Since the early 1980s William Keel at the University of Kansas has been systematically gathering linguistic data on the Volga German dialects in Kansas and has written extensively about them. See Keel, (1981, 1982, 1988, 1989). Chris Johnson wrote a dissertation in 1994 on the Volga German dialect of Schoenchen, Kansas, in which he provides an "Ortsgrammatik" and determines a possible German homeland. See Johnson (1994).

¹¹ See official brochure of the *Bukovina Society of the Americas*, Ellis, Kansas.

¹² Windholz's work is the counterpart to Hein-Ellingson's historic overview on the Lutheran Swabians. See Hein Ellingson (1987).

soon after in 1993 called *Bohemian Germans in Kansas: A Catholic Community From Bukovina*, Windholz provides an all encompassing historical overview on the Catholic Bohemian Germans, underscoring it with many helpful pictures and illustrations of documents. He speaks about the homeland of the Catholic Bohemian Germans, the region they originated from in the Bohemian Forest , but mainly dwells on their life in Kansas, their culture, tradition and customs, basing his account largely on interviews with people from the community.

In 1990, the *Bukovina Society of the Americas* had already published a book by Sophie A. Welisch called *Bukovina Villages/Towns/Cities and their Germans*. Welisch gives a concise history of the settlements of Bukovina's Germans and even adds a list of names of pioneering families to the various villages. ¹³

Another very valuable and helpful book about the history and genealogy of the Catholic Bohemian Germans in Kansas is *Pioneer Profiles. A Profile of the Catholic Bukovina "Austrians" who settled in Ellis, Ransom and WaKeeney Kansas*, published by Edward Lang, no date. The author profiles the family names of those Catholic Bohemian Germans, who migrated from Bukovina to Kansas, in genealogical succession in order to trace their family origins.

The Bukovina Germans in Colorado also received some attention in the 1987 article by Paul Polansky-Schneller. His essay "Zur Geschichte der Einwanderung von Bukowinadeutschen in die Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika," examines how a group of settlers from different villages in Bukovina found their way to America with their descendants still remaining a tight-knit group in Yuma, Colorado.

In 1996 William Keel and Kurt Rein edited a book called *German Emigration from Bukovina to the Americas*. This is the most recent and comprehensive work on

¹³ Welisch (1990, 9), like Klaube (1984, 8) shows a map of the origin of Bukovina's Bohemian Germans.

German emigration from Bukovina to the Americas. Apart from contributions of various scholars and authors on the immigration and settlement in certain regions of the New World, on traditions and customs of Bukovina Germans, and on Bukovinian genealogical research, maps and copies of personal documents illustrate the experience of immigration. In addition samples of the Lutheran "Swabian" German dialect and the Catholic Bohemian German dialect spoken by the German immigrants from Bukovina are also included.

Chapter 2

A Brief Historical Account of the Bukovina Germans in Ellis, Kansas, from the Beginnings to the Present

Ellis, Kansas, is located on I-70 near the western boundary of Ellis County and twelve miles west of the county seat of Hays (see Map 1). With the Cedar Bluff Reservoir nearby and rolling hills north of Ellis in the Saline River valley its location is on flat terrain, which is distinctive for the high plains, about twelve miles north of the Smoky Hill River, which stretches across central Kansas. Big Creek runs through the town of Ellis, eventually feeding into the Smoky Hill River. Ellis is surrounded by farms with agriculture as the source of income, producing wheat, milo, winter barley, and other crops. Cattle ranching and oil drilling also provide additional income for some farmers.

Landmark buildings in Ellis, especially churches, are made from limestone, and the "post rock" fence posts in the area are remnants of the type of rock inherent to the area. ¹

¹ A citizen of Ellis relates that, because of the lack of lumber, in earlier times people quarried a lot of limestone for the foundation of their houses or for the storefronts in downtown Ellis, e.g., from around Munjor, Kansas.

The city's logo combines the three symbols for which the town is known; agriculture, oil production, and the railroad.



Figure 1

Logo of the city of Ellis, Kansas. Reprinted from the Ellis city map, city clerk Ellis, Kansas (1996).

The town of Ellis lies on the Union Pacific Railway and it once served as a stop where locomotives were repaired.² Because of its lower elevation, Ellis was selected by the railroad in the mid 1860s to serve as a division point between Kansas City and Denver (see Map 2). The railroad needed water for the locomotives, and access to water in Ellis was easy, this was the best location the surveyors could find for the railroad. In the late 1860s and early 1870s, the railroad put wells in and a wooden dam to recruit and lure settlers into coming and building a town in the area surrounding the railroad tracks.³ The reason for Ellis as a major railroad stop can be seen in a

² Formerly Kansas Pacific Railroad. In the *Emigrants' Guide to the Kansas Pacific Railway Lands* the Land Department of the Kansas Pacific Railway Co. (1871, 21) mentions Ellis as a town that "is the end of the third division of the railroad."

³ See Shortridge (1995), chapter 4, for a comprehensive overview on the expansion of the railroad, as well as the settling of Kansas and the Great Plains by immigrants from Europe and the continental United States.

depiction by John H. Freese in his *Souvenir of Hays City and Ellis County* , some thirty years later, in 1908, when he writes that "beautifully situated in the valley of Big Creek, which is dammed here, making a lake one hundred yards wide and almost a mile long with fine forest trees covering both banks, Ellis, ... is an ideal residence spot" (Freese 1908, n.p.). In an effort to attract foreign immigrants to settle the land, land agents from the United States distributed flyers overseas promoting the opportunities for those who would come to America. The possibility of employment by the Union Pacific Railroad, as well as word from friends and relatives who had emigrated many years before, contributed heavily to the decision of Bukovina Germans to seek a new life on the Great Plains and in Ellis County. Most people who came initially engaged in farming. Single people, who did not have land, worked for the Union Pacific Railroad to get money to buy crops and/or land via the Homestead Act of 1862.⁴ The Homestead Act enabled them to get 160 acres of land for free until shortly after 1900. For most people this was the sole chance to get a headstart in farming, for "complexities of land availability and cost were greatest in the central belt" (Shortridge 1995, 74). The so-called timber claim had to be met by people, in order to keep their homesteads. This meant that they had to plant a certain number of trees on their property . They also had to maintain and harvest many different crops over a period of time to be given the title of the land. Intermarriages between neighbors' children took place to join the acres of land, or inherited grounds were sold off to the oldest brother for purposes of enlarging one's property. The development of wheat as an agricultural commodity helped the railroad to thrive even more. In Ellis wheat and cattle were loaded on trains for shipping to bigger cities in the East.

⁴ The Homestead Act of 1862 entitled any person who was twenty-one years old, a citizen of the United States or who had filed to become such "to enter one quarter section, or a less quantity, of unappropriated public land" (Land Department, Kansas Pacific Railway Co. 1871, 13).

The immigrants to Ellis, Kansas, originated from Bukovina (see Maps 5-6). Bukovina, which in English means the land of the beech trees, is located on the eastern rim of the Carpathians and owes its name to the extensive forests of beech trees in the hilly country of northeast Bukovina. This region has been a part of several different countries. Today the northern part of Bukovina belongs to the Ukraine, whereas the southern section is a part of Romania. In 1775 Bukovina became an Austrian province and was a sparsely-settled region. The Austrian administration, eager to colonize the region, subsidized the immigration of colonists to Bukovina. In addition to many different ethnic groups, German settlers took part in that immigration and came from three distinct areas in Germany. The Lutheran "Swabians" from southwest Germany, from what is now Baden-Württemberg and Rheinland-Pfalz, the Catholic Bohemian Germans, from the Bohemian Forest, now in the Czech Republic, and the Zipsers, from the Zips mountains, now in Slovakia. The Lutheran "Swabians" immigrated to Bukovina mostly between 1782-87, and the Zipsers between 1784-1809. The Catholic Bohemian Germans colonized that region in two waves, the first time between 1793-1817, working in the glass and timber industry, and then the second time as late as 1835-50 as farmers (Weczerka 1961, 31).⁵ Otto Boelitz maintained in 1926 that there were the "Donauschwaben, die ... sich in den achtziger Jahren des 18. Jahrhunderts dort niederließen. Ferner wurden ... zahlreiche Deutschböhmern als Handwerker und Ackerbauer angesiedelt, und auch Zipser Bergleute fanden sich in dem Gebirge der südlichen Bukowina ein" (Boelitz 1926, 87). Norbert Zimmer listed all German settlements in his 1930 dissertation on "die deutschen Siedlungen im Buchenland (Bukowina)." The farming settlements of the Catholic Bohemian Germans were Schwarzthal, Bori, Glitt, Lichtenberg, and Buchenhain (Poiana Micului), while the

⁵ See Weczerka (1961, 23-43) for an overview on the settlement of Germans in Bukovina.

settlements of the timber workers and glass blowers with a Bohemian German majority were Karlsberg, Althütte, Neuhütte, and Fürstenthal (Zimmer 1930, 9). As a result Bukovina's population grew rapidly in the next few decades.⁶ In the 1870s this region had become one of the most densely populated areas in that part of Europe.⁷ The opportunities that had first attracted the original German colonists from different areas in Germany had vastly changed. They were faced with similar conditions again that had been the reasons for emigration to Bukovina from their home country. There were a number of economic hardships, such as the closing down of the glass and timber industries. In addition after a few generations there was a scarcity of land again caused by overpopulation and the rule of primogeniture, by which the first-born son inherited the property.⁸ This combination of factors forced many Germans in Bukovina to consider emigrating.

Ports of embarkation were, for example, Bremen or Hamburg, Germany. Destinations included the United States, Canada, and Brazil (see Map 7). The first substantial wave of Bukovina German emigration to the American Great Plains (Colorado, Kansas) occurred in the 1880s, followed by a second emigration period some twenty years later in the years preceding World War I.⁹ Edward Lang mentions in the foreword to his compilation on names of Bukovina Germans that settled in the Ellis area that approximately 32 families made it to Kansas, with the majority of these migrations occurring between 1892 and 1901 (Lang n.d.).

⁶ See also Welisch (1986) for details about the Bukovina Germans during the Hapsburg period.

⁷ According to Carman's field notes on Ellis Bukovina Germans, "villages furnishing population to Kansas were founded as late as 1841" (Carman, 1962, 1).

⁸ For a comprehensive account of reasons for emigration to Bukovina by Bohemian Germans see Klaube, chapter 3 (1984).

⁹ According to one of the informants, since some families that came to Ellis, Kansas, with their children, had seen World War I coming, this was also a contributing factor to their decision to emigrate. Also, in 1921, the United States instituted a quota system for immigrants of all eastern European countries. By then Bukovina had also been absorbed by Romania. This limited the emigration of Bukovina Germans quite extensively. See also Windholz (1993, 16) for details on how the quota system affected immigration of Bukovina Germans to the United States.

The immigrants to west central Kansas were commonly referred to as Austrians in their new country, as well as in their old country, Bukovina, because they had settled in Bukovina under the Austrian Empire. The Lutheran "Swabian" Germans came mostly from villages such as Illischestie, Tereblestie, and Alt-Fratautz in Bukovina, while the Catholic Bohemian Germans mainly came from Karlsberg, Fürstenthal, and Buchenhain (Poiana Micului) to Kansas.¹⁰

Since the Volga Germans had come to Ellis County about ten years earlier and had relocated in eastern Ellis County thereby settling all the land up to about Ellis, the Bukovina Germans started settling from Ellis on west so as to occupy land in adjoining Trego County. The "Swabians" from Bukovina, who were Lutherans, who settled north of the city of Ellis, usually stayed on their land with the church being the only center for socializing with others. The Catholic Bohemian Germans, on the other hand, who settled south of Ellis, although staying in their ethnic community, integrated fast into the ethnically diverse Catholic community in Ellis.

There is some controversy as to when Ellis was officially founded. The Union Pacific Railroad says the town of Ellis was born in 1867 when the then called Kansas Pacific had built a watering station there when it laid track lines west across the state. There are other accounts that it was officially established in 1870. According to an article in the *Hays Daily News* entitled "Founders of Ellis made own History," "on July 1, 1870, the brand-new town of Ellis arrived on the train from Ellsworth" because "railroad workmen, section men, equipment and small buildings were deposited on the new townsite" (*Hays Daily News*, 1976). This article explores the early history of Ellis to the present while touching on famous people who helped to shape the image of

¹⁰ See map of the German settlements in Bukovina prior to 1940, reprinted from Franz Lang (1963-64, 49) in chapter 1, Map 1. See Bornemann (1986) and Kjaube (1984) for a thorough history of various Bohemian German settlements in Bukovina, as well as Welisch (1982) and Rein (1957) for detailed settlement histories of individual settlements in Bukovina. In addition, see Hein Ellingson (1987), chapters 1 and 2 for a thorough insight into the history of Bukovina and its German settlers.

this town. What is certain is that the city was named for a Union soldier by the name of George Ellis. ¹¹

The official slogan for the city of Ellis is "a city with a rich past and a promising future" (see the city logo). It encompasses everything that the town has been and stands for today. It was a "hustling railroad town" in the early 1900s and "all lines of business are represented and the stock in all stores is especially fine" (Freese, 1908). And even in 1976 the *Ellis County Star* described Ellis to be "a thriving modern little city situated on the Union Pacific Railroad" and "the second largest city in Ellis County" (*Ellis County Star*, 1976). When the diesel locomotive replaced the steam locomotive the railroad kept on phasing down. Service people who worked inside railroad cars, as well as workers in the roundhouse, that had been built in 1871, lost their jobs. The roundhouse was finally closed in 1962, and passenger trains stopped serving Ellis in 1964-65. Nowadays only freight trains make their stop in Ellis. In fact, Ellis has paid tribute to its rich history of the railroad by opening a railroad museum in 1993.

But agriculture has also always played a significant role in the history of Ellis, which is reflected by the fact that the local Co-Op is one of the two major employers in town. ¹² When Ellis was laid out by the railroad there were less than one hundred people in town, some of those coming in with the buffalo hunters, and other people just

¹¹ Windholz (1993) and Fesler (1962) state that Ellis was founded in 1867. The article by Mary E. Pearson on Ellis and its history from the book entitled *At Home in Ellis County, Kansas, 1867-1992, Vol. I*, published by the Historic Book Committee, Ellis County Historical Society, makes mention of it, but states that the historical consensus places the founding of the town in 1870. The most credible date seems to be 1870, which put the town on the map in 1870. This was reported by the first postmaster, Henry H. Metcalf (Pearson, 1991, 49).

¹² According to the *Community Profile of Ellis, Kansas*, published by the Kansas Department of Economic Development (1991), the Golden Belt Co-Op is the city's major employer, besides the city of Ellis.

starting up a private business there.¹³ People had to live in railroad cars, when they first came, according to the personal account of the early days of Ellis, Kansas, by the first woman ever settling in that town (Smith Martin 1903). The first people who came lived in dugouts and lots of stores were crude paper tar shacks. The first house was not built until around 1870. If neighbors had a building they would share it with other people.¹⁴ The town grew slowly in addition to the railroad crews by some people of Scots-Irish background and a large group of people from Montgomery County, New York, out of the Mohawk Valley. The greatest influx in population came with the European immigration in the 1880s. A lot of the first-generation homesteaders from Bukovina were already among them. With the growth of the railroad and the availability of land via the Homestead Act, the population in the surrounding areas of town soon increased.

The new community started out with 150 inhabitants in 1870.¹⁵ The population was very small then in comparison to the figure that was given two decades later in 1890 with 1,107 residents. These population figures show that a great increase in population must have come in those two decades between 1870 and 1890. This underscores the fact that the greatest influx in population took place in the 1880s when the European immigration began. The first immigration wave of the Bukovina Germans also fell in this time period, when the population of Ellis rose by more than seven times.¹⁶ At the turn of the century, in 1900, however, the census reported 932

¹³ See Smith Martin (1903) on a brief personal account of the early days of Ellis, Kansas. She was the first woman to come to Ellis. She describes how she and her parents along with her siblings came to the United States and settled in Ellis, Kansas.

¹⁴ One informant said that his grandparents shared a house with another family. They would simply turn their stove around to let the other family cook their meal.

¹⁵ This was reported by the first postmaster of Ellis, Kansas, Henry H. Metcalf (Pearson, 1991, 49).

¹⁶ Carman, in his printed field notes on Ellis Bukovinian Germans, notes that "in 1895 there were in the town of Ellis 10 persons born in Russia as compared with the 24 born in Austria; in 1915 Russia 70, Austria 28" (Carman, 1962, 2). This underscores, he said, that the Catholic Bohemian Germans moved westward into the countryside.

inhabitants for Ellis, showing a decline in population of almost 175 people.¹⁷ This might have been an indication that some settlers moved away into the surrounding countryside (most of the Catholic Bohemian Germans farmed), or into other counties or states. The figure for the 1910 census, 1,404, when the population figure had gone up by more than 500, provides the first evidence for an upswing in population again.¹⁸ The actual population figure in 1910 reflects the influx of another relocation of immigrants to Ellis. One major factor here is most certainly the second wave of German immigrants from Bukovina, that was mostly completed by the middle of the first decade.

Because of the profound territorial changes in the former Austrian Empire, the multicultural nationalities who together constituted this domain were called Austrians. Consequently all Bukovina Germans called themselves Austrians and were referred to as such by others, when they came to Ellis.¹⁹ This made it harder for the census to determine the country of birth. Everyone simply listed Austria as birthplace. In some cases a variety of countries of origin were put down, like Bohemia, Romania, or Hungary. Most of the time only the last name of the male immigrants would give away their heritage. In a 1905 population count,²⁰ for example, quite a few of the Catholic Bohemian German last names appear in the Ellis census, with everyone listing Austria as their country of origin. Whereas the census records show a steady increase in

¹⁷ The population of Ellis Township, that area including and immediately surrounding Ellis, displays the same trend of population decline. While there were 501 residents officially recorded in 1890, the census in 1900 showed the population to be 363 in Ellis Township.

¹⁸ In 1908 Freese mentioned that the population of Ellis already counted about 1500 (Freese 1908, n. page). The population of Ellis Township, 721, almost doubled at the same time.

¹⁹ Various informants, Lutheran "Swabians" and Catholic Bohemians, told the author that they were always referred to as Austrians.

²⁰ This was before governmental regulations on privacy in Kansas thereby restricting the release of names of individual citizens in the census. From then on that information was only released to blood relatives. The so-called decennial censuses in Kansas were initiated in 1865. These surveys were issued by the Kansas State Board of agriculture through 1925 (Shortridge, 1995, 231). See also the microfiche collection on Ellis County at the Government Documents & Maps Library at the University of Kansas.

population in the city of Ellis from 1910 to 1950, 2,649, the figure for the 1960 census, 2,218, provides the first evidence for a decline in population that has continued into the 1990s. ²¹

The 1990 census lists the population of Ellis as 1,814, whereas the 1980 census still showed 2,062 residents. The median age for the town of Ellis is 37. ²² The age breakdown in larger categories for Ellis is as follows, according to the 1990 census:

Age	Number of Residents
5 and under	116
5 to 14 years	279
15 to 74 years	1,193
75 years and older	160
85 years and older	66

The number of people from age 65 and over is 415. ²³ It is primarily from the last two groups that speakers of Catholic Bohemian German can be found. However, there are sporadically speakers, children or nieces and nephews of those belonging to the last two groups listed above, born in the late 1920s or early to mid 1930s, who are competent in Catholic Bohemian German as well. ²⁴

A look through the phone directory for Ellis and its surrounding area from April 1994 reveals that the number of mostly male descendants of the original Catholic

²¹ The population of Ellis Township does not display the same trend towards an increase in population. There was a steady drop from 1910, 721, to 1950, 536, that continued on until the 1970 census, 352. By 1990 the population increased again slightly and the 1990 census listed the number as 384 residents.

²² The same median age, 37, was recorded for Ellis Township.

²³ In Ellis Township the population of those 65 and over numbers 67.

²⁴ With the first generation slowly dying out it became more and more difficult for the second generation of German immigrants to Kansas to resist pressures of abandoning German, according to Carman (Carman, 1962, 314).

Bohemian German immigrants to Ellis, who still live in the town, ²⁵ is 121, with the names of Catholic Bohemian Germans living in WaKeeney in nearby Trego County, 47, only counting up to a third of it. ²⁶ This seems to show that the majority of the first generation Catholic Bohemian German settlers to Ellis stayed there or in the nearby countryside.

While the descendants of Lutheran "Swabian" Germans and Catholic Bohemian Germans settlers still continue to form a large percentage of the town's population, linguistically, the pressure of abandoning their settlement dialects has led to a lack in language loyalty and a loss for understanding of their cultural heritage. Thus, in 1988 the Bukovina Society of the Americas was formed to promote recognition of the Bukovina German people and to preserve their heritage. In memory of the Bukovina people that came to Kansas, the society created a memorial to the Bukovina settlers in the city park of Ellis. The memorial shows the slopes of the Carpathian Mountains and its inscription includes a tribute to the settlers. The memorial was dedicated in 1993 at the Fifth Bukovinafest, held annually in the summer.

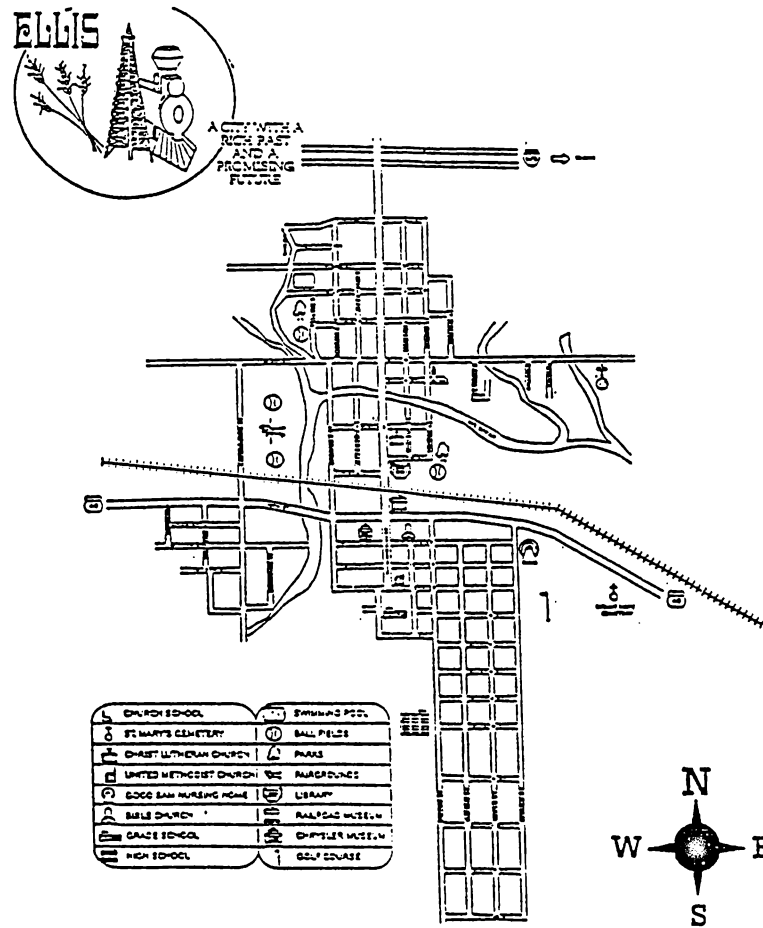
²⁵ This figure includes Ellis Township.

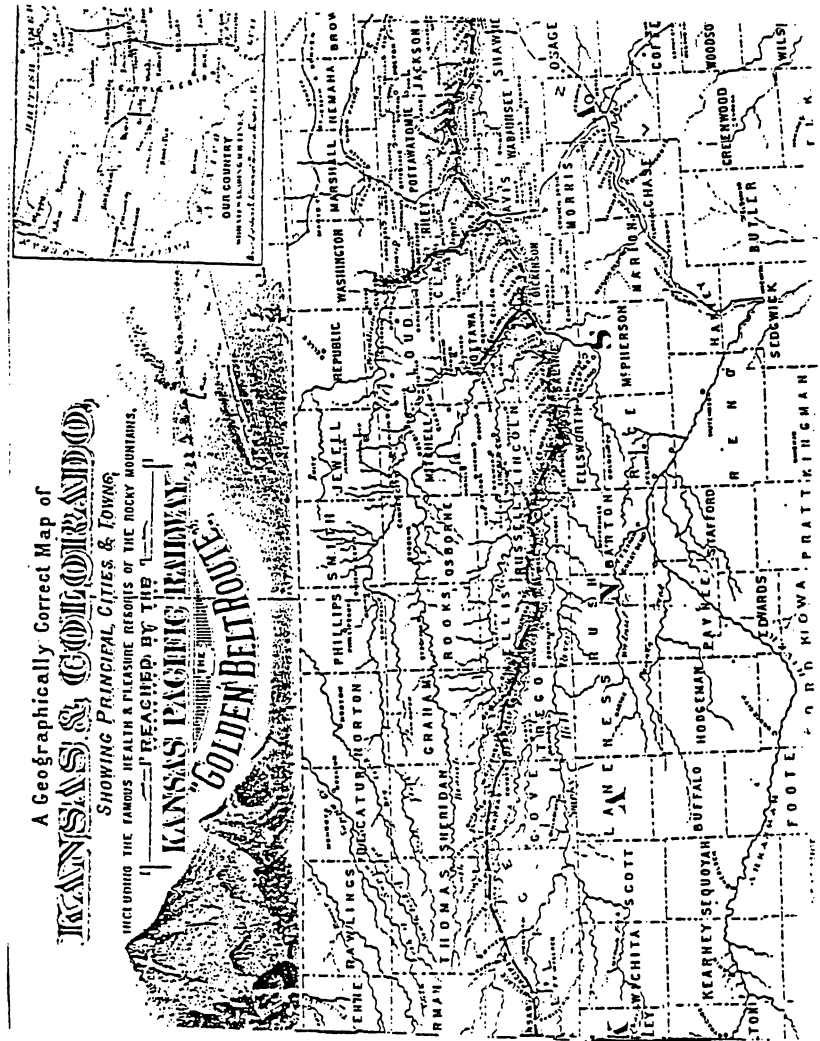
²⁶ See Sprint telephone directory with listings for Bogue, Dighton, Ellis, Hill City, Ness City, Ogallah, Quinter, and WaKeeney from April 1994.

Map 3

City Map of Ellis, Kansas

Reprinted from Ellis city map, city clerk Ellis, Kansas (1996).





Map 4

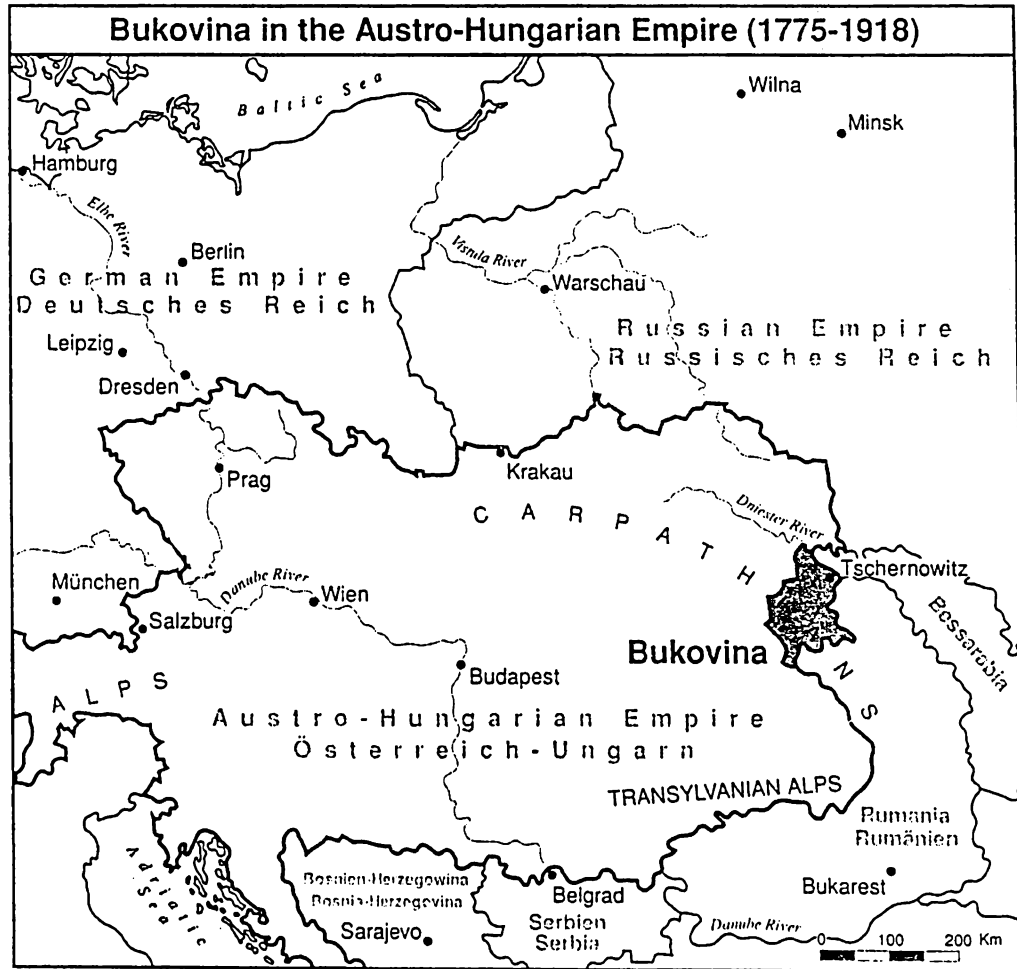
Geographical map of Kansas showing the Kansas Pacific Railway

Reprinted from Kansas Pacific Railway Company (1879).

Map 5

Bukovina in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

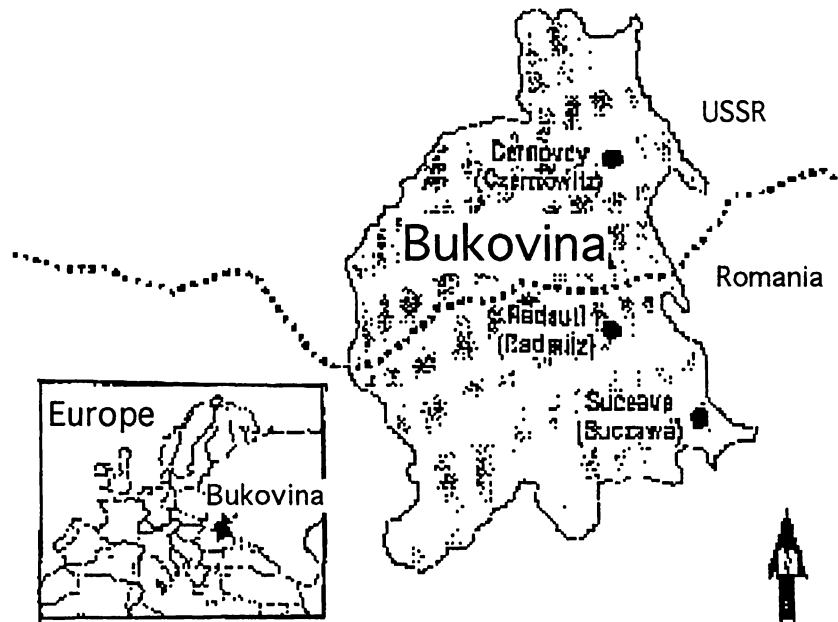
Reprinted from Keel and Rein (1996, 26).



Map 6

Bukovina

The Bukovina Germans who settled Ellis, Trego and Rooks counties earlier had migrated from Germany to Bukovina, in the Austrian Empire. Shaded according to its 1910 borders, Bukovina now straddles Romania and the Soviet Union.



Charles Riegel and Doug Weller /Hays Daily News
Reprinted from the Hays Daily News, July 16, 1989.

Since the map predates the break-up of the USSR the area north of the dotted broken line belongs to the Ukraine.

Map 7

Areas of Settlement in the New World
Reprinted from Keel and Rein (1996, 18).



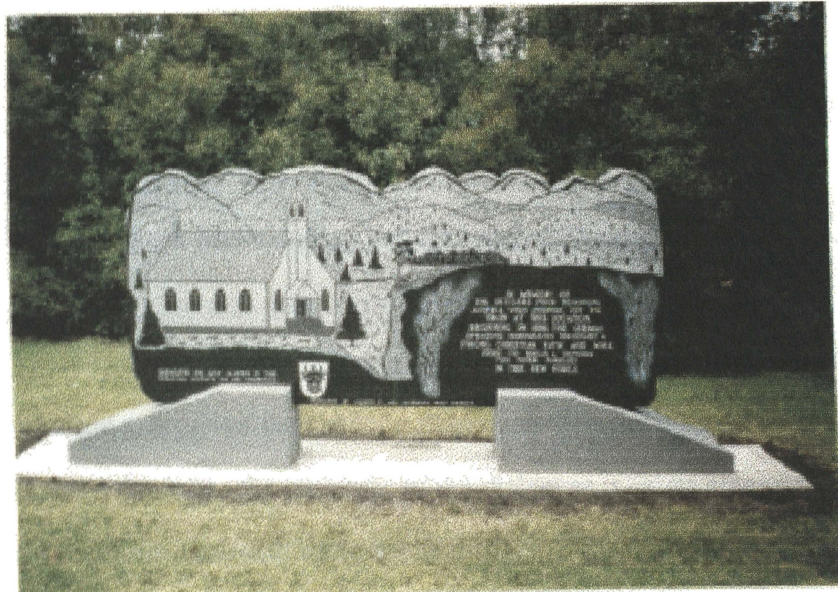


Figure 2 Memorial honoring Bukovina German settlers in Ellis, Kansas.

It was dedicated on July 16, 1993 by *the Bukovina Society of the Americas*.

The inscription says:

In memory of the settlers from Bukovina Austria who stepped off the train at this location.

Beginning in 1886 the German speaking immigrants brought a strong Christian faith and work ethic to build a future for their families in the new world.



Figure 3 The Ellis Railroad Museum

The Field Work Methodology and Protocol of Dialect Interviews

The linguistic analysis of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis, Kansas, in Chapter 4 describes the grammar of the dialect as it exists among the remaining speakers of this dialect at this particular place. Therefore, it can be referred to what Johnson calls an "Ortsgrammatik" (1994, 21). This linguistic description serves the purpose of documenting the main phonological, morphological, and syntactical features of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis. By recording this dialect, valuable data will be provided for linguists interested in German language history and German dialectology, especially in isolated foreign speech islands, as well as the development of German dialects in the United States. There has never been any research on the Catholic Bohemian German dialect, but several linguists have conducted prior research on German dialects in the United States.¹ The field work methodology also involved interviews that employed the 40 Wenker sentences.²

Fluency could not be used as a criterion for the interviews, due to the language decay of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. Only a handful of people still have the ability to converse fluently on a variety of topics. Some informants, though they like to

¹ In the United States linguists such as Lester W. J. Seifert and William Keel, among others, have made valuable contributions to the research of German dialects for Wisconsin German and Volga German in Kansas, respectively.

² The forty original Wenker sentences were a part of an interview questionnaire developed by Georg Wenker for the determination of dialect isoglosses in Germany in 1876. The 40 Wenker sentences used for this study are from Mitzka (1952, 13-14). In addition, other dialect questionnaires used as references for the design of the interviews are the 200 items word list of the *Deutscher Wortatlas (DWA)*, which appeared in 1973, and the unpublished Seifert Questionnaire (1946). Other questionnaires consulted include Kurath (1939, 149-58) and Haugen (1953, 645-53).

converse in their dialect, hardly ever use their language, because the number of speakers has dwindled immensely. None of them ever continually speaks it, unless being addressed in the dialect. This often leads to a smaller range and frequency of uses. Thus, the majority of informants just speak from memory, often vividly recollecting childhood memories such as Christmas customs. With gradual social, as well as linguistic acculturation to the English-speaking environment English has become the primary language for everyday communication. With regard to language demise and language death Dorian states it seems realistic "that the reduced use of a language will lead also to a reduced form of that language" and uses the term "semi-speakers" to classify such speakers (1977, 24).

Nevertheless, several informants included in this study did not show, in Dorian's term, the reduced use of their language, either when involved in free speech alone or in dialogue with other speakers. They were able to engage in long conversations in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect on a wide scope of subjects. They easily and enthusiastically carried on for a considerable amount of time when asked about childhood memories. For instance, growing up on a farm in the country was a favorite topic. Also when asked about something habitual that has long been engrained in them since their childhood like cooking certain dishes, or farming, the informants never hesitated responding in the German dialect. When interrupted in their stories for explanations or clarifications, however, they switched to English. The easy flow of speech proved mostly true with informants of the second generation of immigrants from Bukovina. Informants belonging to the third generation of immigrants from that area felt more comfortable with English.³ Their use of the

³ However, in a conversation between Informant 1 (the main dialect informant), an informant of the second generation of immigrants from Bukovina, and Informant 5, who belongs to the third generation of immigrants from that area, the latter was very comfortable speaking the Catholic Bohemian German dialect.

Catholic Bohemian German dialect was more hesitant and they showed longer pauses. These informants were capable, notwithstanding, of providing necessary data for this study.

The bilingual factor was very crucial in conducting the interviews. None of the dialect informants had any problem with switching the language codes, because all of them had practiced it most of their lives. All sentences and grammatical exercises were given to them in English which they rendered into the equivalents of their dialect. Conversations with the informants were also bilingual. Each exercise was introduced in English. Questions were usually asked in English, and the informants provided answers in their German dialect.⁴ When a question was, however, occasionally posed in Standard German there was no hesitancy in responding in German dialect.⁵ Few had any concern about the correctness of their use of German.⁶

The basic interview was made up of four different exercises and was designed to last approximately two hours.⁷ The interview started out with the forty Wenker sentences translated into English (Appendix 1), which were rendered by most informants into the dialect equivalents.⁸ They were then asked to give the dialect version of as many words and terms as possible from the two-hundred-item list from

⁴ Questions were posed in English in order to avoid possible "echoing" of Standard German and avoid causing any discomfort to the informants as to their ability to speak "correct" German.

⁵ Few informants understood the author's Standard German. Most of the informants immediately reverted back to English or looked puzzled. One dialect informant conceded to the author that, when she attended church services in German as a little child, she could not understand the type of German spoken. However, all informants were aware of it because of the non-dialectal "High German" used earlier in church and school.

⁶ Informant 1, although being the most fluent, nonetheless frequently tagged on "recht so" (right) after a response awaiting an affirmative nod. This person knew Standard German because of time served in Germany during World War II. The author is certain that this informant added this tag out of habit, not because of insecurity in the dialect.

⁷ The design of the basic interview was used in 1993-95. Because of time constraints, one of the exercises had to be shortened or left out. This usually meant that the question and answer session was not employed.

⁸ The appendix shows the original German sentences with their English equivalent given to the informants. They never saw or heard the German originals.

the *Deutscher Wortatlas (DWA)*, also translated into English (Appendix 1).⁹ The third exercise consisted of the description of five pictures with many details depicting familiar rural life scenes. Finally, a free speech sample was obtained by asking the informant to relate an anecdote in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect or asking specific questions in English about significant events in their lives replying in the dialect. Topics of interest comprised things such as growing up on the farm, family life, cooking recipes of ethnic dishes, the wedding day, or the dust bowl era of the 1930s in the central United States. The dust bowl was a period of hardship which impacted the lives of many people in Ellis County. Topics had to be chosen for free speech involving events that could be recalled up to the 1950s. By then, in the majority of Bukovina German families, English had taken over as the primary language in the home, due not only to the anti-German sentiments that developed because of the two world wars, but also to the development of the English language mass media in the United States. Also English as the language of education was a big switch for most of the informants because they had all grown up speaking Ellis Catholic Bohemian German at home.

The Wenker sentences were employed as an essential exercise for the interview because they have been traditionally used as a parameter for the collection of data on German dialects by dialectologists since their formulation in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. In utilizing these forty sentences, it is possible to solicit data for determining the approximate location in the Bohemian Forest where the dialect of these Catholic Bohemian Germans originated. Even though Wenker's sentences could certainly sound somewhat old-fashioned and outdated to a speaker of modern German and therefore they may be inappropriate for the study of modern German dialects, the

⁹ The most common terms are listed and mapped out in the *dtv-Atlas zur deutschen Sprache (dtvA)* (König, 1992), which is based on *DSA* and *DWA*.

results of the author's own field work led her to thoroughly agree with Johnson who maintains that these sentences are "very practical for translation exercises involving informants born into a rural environment" (Johnson 1994, 23). Every informant, whether literally translating or paraphrasing these sentences, was always capable of expressing them in their dialect. Because all sentences deal with life in the country, the informants could easily relate them to their experience. Several of the dialect informants were also amused by some of the expressions, especially the tag "du Affe" (you monkey) (see Wenker sentence no. 11, Appendix 1).

Johnson (1994, 24) points out his concern of using the forty Wenker sentences for syntactic analysis of each model sentence. The author shares his concern, for in her experience the informants' rendering of each sentence may have been constructed according to the English word order in some of the test sentences. This may have altered the natural dialectal realization of the sentence structure, as well as the fact that some informants asked to have some of the sentences read aloud to them. This was done by reading the model sentence in phrases. The results were partial translations in concordance with the sentence structure of the English model given. This problem will be addressed in Chapter 4 with the discussion of syntactic structures in the dialect utilizing free speech samples. However, the Wenker sentences will only be minimally taken into account with reference to syntax.

The *Deutscher Wortatlas (DWA)*, utilized since 1939, is important for the word geography of German dialects. Using the two-hundred-word list as another part of the interview increased the chance of narrowing down the possible place of origin of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect in the Bohemian Forest. Although most terms could be collected from the informants, they were unable to provide all the word items. Partly because of topographical and climatic differences between the Bohemian Forest, the mountainous landscape of Bukovina, and the Great Plains of Kansas, many

vegetation terms asked for were not known, such as "stinging nettle" or "chamomile." Specific insects or birds were also lost from the dialect or could not be recalled such as "dragon fly" or "lark," or an obscure word such as "cockchafer larva." Terms not native to the mountainous region of Bukovina were usually rendered in English, such as "tomato" or "strawberry."¹⁰ However, the informants remembered most of the terms.

The third and fourth exercise served the purpose of gathering data in a natural language setting. First, informants were shown five pictures depicting rural life. They were asked to describe them in as much detail as possible, talking about such things as the farm, farm tools, animals, the landscape, the seasons. None of the pictures caused the informants any difficulty and they were very at ease describing the scenes. In fact, for some it was very entertaining at times, for example when they did not immediately identify a detail pictured.

For the last part of the initial interview some informants agreed to participate in a conversation with the author. A couple of simple questions were posed to collect a conversational sample. Other informants, however, did not only readily respond, but also recited anecdotes and told jokes in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. The anecdotes and jokes were a part of their memorized repertoire. They were useful for the comparison between the conversational (spontaneous) and "fossilized" forms of speech with respect to verb forms, and the vocabulary. The main informant in particular had a whole repertoire of anecdotes, of which he narrated one or two with a slightly different choice of vocabulary every time he was recorded.¹¹ Two versions of a recipe for an ethnic dish were taped from Informant 2, with the first one being

¹⁰ Informant 1 also frequently paraphrased terms that either he could not recollect, or that were lost from the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis.

¹¹ The same informant paraphrased terms asked from the *DWA*. It reflects his flexibility and ability to improvise in the language. All anecdotes were conveyed to him by his mother.

recalled from memory and the second one being explained while making the dish. The latter version is an excellent example of a free conversational environment and shows the informant's ease with the dialect. This example can be utilized very well for the syntactic analysis of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect.

The author deemed it necessary to choose a main informant for the development of a detailed description of the grammar. The decision for determining which one of these two informants would serve as the principal informant was difficult. Both informants had the fluency, flexibility, and a wide range of vocabulary. They would be capable of reciting isolated verb paradigms and noun phrases, and also produce them within the context of a sentence. Finally, the decisive criteria were the ability to improvise in the dialect, as well as the full completion of the grammar charts and the Wisconsin German Questionnaire. Informant 1 proved to be more comfortable with the grammar, remembered more of the paradigms, and translated the whole Wisconsin German Questionnaire. Informant 2, along with the other informants provided the corroborating data.

The main informant (Informant 1) selected for this study was born in 1918, in Ellis, Kansas. He has worked as a farmer his whole life. He was educated through the eighth grade, but never received formal German language training. He can speak "High German" because he was stationed in Germany during World War II. He is very well known among residents in Ellis and its surrounding area because he stems from a large family whose last name is common in Ellis County. The Bukovina Germans of Ellis highly regard him as the most fluent speaker of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. He was also recommended to the author by Kurt Rein

(University of Munich), a well known expert on Bukovina and the Lutheran "Swabian" Germans in Ellis and abroad. ¹²

Informant 1 was first recorded by the author in 1993 and again in 1995. ¹³ In these interviews he provided a set of Wenker sentence translations, and an almost complete list of the two- hundred-items of the *DWA* . He also gave a full descriptions of the pictures, recited anecdotes and participated in question and answer sessions. In subsequent interviews, he rendered different grammar questionnaires into the German dialect, as well as cited verb and noun phrase paradigms in isolation. Furthermore, he provided a complete translation of the Wisconsin German Questionnaire. He was chosen as the principal informant for this dialect study because his interviews were of the best quality and quantity.

Informant 2 was born in 1916, in Ellis, Kansas. She, like Informant 1, did not receive schooling in "High German." She lived and worked on a farm all her life. Informant 2 was also interviewed in 1993 and subsequently in 1995. She translated the Wenker sentences, as well as the majority of words from the *DWA* two-hundred-items list, was able to isolate most of the verb paradigms and noun phrases, provided picture descriptions, and responded to questions. In a later interview she described a cooking recipe and translated two-thirds of the Wisconsin German Questionnaire.

A third 1993 informant, Informant 3, is male, and was born in 1907. He is the oldest of all informants in this study. He was able to give the equivalents of the Wenker sentences, as well as some items from the *DWA* in his German dialect. Additionally, he was able to respond in a question and answer sequence.

¹² Rein, aside from dozen of other publications, has published many articles on the history and cultural heritage of the Lutheran "Swabian" Germans.

¹³ Tape copies of the interviews conducted between 1993 and 1995 by the author are kept at the Max Kade Center for German-American Studies at the University of Kansas.

The majority of informants for this study were interviewed in 1995.

Information on the 1995 informants:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>
4	F	1915
5	F	1926
6	F	1913
7	F	1923
8	F	1928
9	M	1935
10	F	1922

All informants in these 1995 interviews recorded Wenker sentences, whereby Informants 6 and 7 translated one set of Wenker sentences alternately. They did not render any of the two-hundred items from the *DWA*, whereas Informants 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 translated most of them. The 1995 informants participated in the picture description exercises, with some giving details on all five of them.

Informants 4, 5, and 9 delivered data on a very extensive list of verb paradigms and noun phrases in isolation and within the context of the sentence, while Informant 8 provided a few grammar exercises. Informants 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 agreed to free conversation as well. Informant 4 related some expressions in the dialect.

One other informant, informant 11, was also interviewed in 1996. She was born in 1920. Informant 11 provided a complete translation of Wenker sentences as well as selected items from the *DWA*. In addition, she gave a description of three pictures and was able to relate an anecdote in the dialect. All the informants have a school education through the eighth grade.

For the purpose of ascertaining the extent of dialect mixing among the informants' ancestors, the author sought some information on the family history of the 11 informants. It is important to know the parental place of birth in order to assess dialect mixing. Each dialect speaker has different phonological realizations for certain dialect words. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers whose ancestors came from the villages of Buchenhain (Poiana Micului) in Bukovina realize falling diphthongs in their speech, while those dialect informants with ancestors from Fürstenthal, Bukovina, pronounce reversed diphthongs. The following chart shows the parental place of birth reflecting the information as provided by the informants themselves:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Mother</u>	<u>Father</u>
1	Poiana Micului	Poiana Micului
2	Poiana Micului	Poiana Micului
3	Poiana Micului	Poiana Micului
4	Ellis	Fürstenthal
5	Ellis	Ellis
6	Poiana Micului	Poiana Micului
7	Poiana Micului	Poiana Micului
8	Fürstenthal	Poiana Micului
9	Fürstenthal	Ellis
10	Poiana Micului	Poiana Micului
11	Fürstenthal	Poiana Micului

Informants 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 10 fit in one category, in that both parents were born in Poiana Micului (Buchenhain), Bukovina, while Informants 8 and 11 have only one parent born in Poiana Micului.¹⁴ Informants 4 and 9 have at least one parent born in Ellis, Kansas, except for Informant 5, whose parents were both born in Ellis. All

¹⁴ Poiana Micului (Buchenhain) and Fürstenthal, north of Poiana Micului, were both German settlements in Bukovina. See map 1 in chapter 1 showing German settlements in Bukovina.

the informants' grandparents are from Bukovina. All informants were born in Ellis County, with the exception of Informant 10, who was born in Poiana Micului , Bukovina, and came to Ellis in 1954.

The transcription system used in this study is consistent with symbols chosen by the International Phonetic Association. The author decided to modify one particular phonetic symbol.¹⁵ There is a tense/lax distinction with vowels. Vowel length is predictable and is not indicated.¹⁶

The recording of the informants participating in the interviews between 1993-96 was done on cassette tape using a Realistic CTR-73 AC, a battery cassette recorder. A small lapel microphone was used during the recording sessions. The interviews were all held in informants' homes.

The location of the interviews presented an interesting problem for recording of the informants. Although it is the author's belief that interviewees are the most relaxed in their natural surrounding, i.e., at home, situations can arise that cause pitfalls to the quality of taping. The artificial speech setting of a meeting room, for example, would have guaranteed optimal conditions under those circumstances. Consequently, speech samples had to be transcribed that were interrupted by a toddler's interjections or people talking in the background (for example other family members). Other interviews were impeded by the noise of a lawnmower in the background. Thus, the taping and transcribing of some informants' speech caused the author a certain amount of distress. Nevertheless, the recording sessions were all conducted in a setting that was comfortable for the informants.

¹⁵ The author consulted Pullum and Ladusaw (1986) to clarify the use of a particular symbol, such as the arbitrary decision to use [a] for the lax lower front unrounded vowel and [ɑ] for the tense lower back unrounded vowel.

¹⁶ Vowel length is not indicated because tense vowels in stressed syllables are by nature longer than in unstressed syllables. Moulton also states, in Standard German, in relation to spelling a tense vowel is followed by a single consonant and a lax vowel by a double consonant or a consonant cluster. See Moulton (1966, 62-4).

Chapter 4

The Grammatical Analysis of the Catholic Bohemian German Dialect of Ellis, Kansas

This chapter outlines the grammar or linguistic structure of the *Ortsmundart*, i.e. the local dialect of the Catholic Bohemian Germans of Ellis, Kansas. The phonological, morphological, and syntactical features of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect are shown as completely and thoroughly as possible given the present state of the dialect.

	Bilabial	Labio- Dental	Alveolar	Post- Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Glottal
Stops:							
- Voiceless	p		t			k	
- Voiced	b		d			g	
Fricatives:							
- Voiceless		f	s	ʃ	ç	x	h
- Voiced		v					
Affricates:		pf	ts	tʃ			
Nasals:	m		n			ŋ	
Liquids:			l				
Trill:			r				
Approximant:					j		

The Consonant System of the Catholic Bohemian German Dialect of Ellis, Kansas ¹

¹ Forms in tables are phonemic symbols.

Phonology: Consonants

Stops

/p/ [p] - The voiceless bilabial stop occurs in word-initial, word-final and syllable-final position before a following consonant and in consonant clusters. It occurs rarely in intervocalic syllable-final position.²

word-initial position: - /partʃn/ 'whip'; /pʊtsn/ 'to clean (infinitive)'; /pɒlɪtsaɪ/ 'police'; /pɛntrɪ/ 'pantry'; /pɑst/ '(it) fits', /pʊlvə/ 'powder'

intervocalic position: - /pɑpɪrsək/ 'paper sack'; /ʃlɪpəri/ 'slippery'; /kɒpə/ 'bucket'

word-final position: - /blaɪp/ 'stay!'; /gɪp/ 'give!'; /li:p/ 'love'; /ʊrlaʊp/ 'vacation'

clusters: - /ɛps/ 'something'; /gɪpst/ '(you) give'; /kɑmpt/ '(she) combs'; /lɑmpl/ '(little) lamb'; /hɑɪpl/ 'a head (of lettuce,kale)';

/b/ [b] - The voiced bilabial stop occurs mainly in word-initial position. It occasionally occurs in intervocalic position and never word-finally. Clusters containing /b/ and a following liquid or resonant occur only word-initially or in syllable-initial position.

word-initial position: - /bɑm/ 'tree'; /bɛt/ 'bed'; /bɛs/ 'angry'; /bɑsl/ 'aunt'; /bɪɡn/ 'to iron (inf.)'; /bɪtmʊ/ 'faucet'; /bɛrnʊ/ 'boar'; /bɑrgəln/ 'cookies'

² The voiceless bilabial stop /p/ is slightly aspirated in foreign words such as /pesta/ 'pasture' or /pɛntrɪ/ 'pantry'. There is, however, in word-initial position a tendency for /p/ to be lenited to the voiced bilabial stop /b/, but the voiceless nature of the sound is still preserved. As a general remark the three voiceless stops /p/, /t/, and /k/ are normally not aspirated in word-initial position and are pronounced more softly. Yet the sound quality is still voiceless word-initially. There is, however phonemic variation in word-initial /p/ and /b/ in some instances. The word for "bald", for example was collected from two-informants using the Wisconsin Questionnaire, section 43. It was realized respectively as /plɔtɔt/ and /blɔtɔt/. This represents individual variation on the pronunciation of the individual.

intervocalic position: - /saubomoxo/ 'to clean (inf.)'; /groubu/ 'mean'³

clusters: - /bladln/ 'leaves'; /blosn/ 'to blow (inf.)'; /blitsn/ 'lightning';

/blumɔ/ 'flowers'; /bruk/ 'bridge'; /brɛnt/ 'burnt (past participle);

/brɔfkə/ 'toad'

/t/ [t] - The voiceless alveolar stop occurs in word-initial position, where it is not aspirated.⁴ It most often occurs word-finally and in consonant clusters. With regard to clusters, the voiceless alveolar stop occurs mostly as the second element, but it sometimes word-initially followed by a resonant. /t/ occurs intervocalically, but often the voiced alveolar stop /d/ is used in this position instead.

word-initial position: - /taftet/ 'godfather'; /taftot/ 'godmother';⁵ /tatɔ/

'father'; /taubəɔ/ 'male dove'; /tuɔt/ 'does'; /tɔk/

'day'

intervocalic position: - /guntə/ 'good (decl. adj.)'; /routə/ 'red' (decl. adj.);

/kɔtɔ/ 'tomcat'; /aɪtɔ/ 'udder'; /ʃmɛtɪ/ 'cream'

but: - /muɔtɔ/, /muɔdɔ/ 'mother'; /fɛtɔ/, /fɛdɔ/

'uncle'

³ /b/ rarely occurs in intervocalic position because often the syllable *-ben* is in many words progressively assimilated from *-bn* to *-bm* and finally to *-m*. The voiced bilabial stop /b/ is hardly pronounced in most words and lost in the verb /ham/ 'to have'. Assimilation is a common feature in Bavarian dialects and it is always mentioned in Bavarian grammars. See Merkle (1984, 34-37) for a detailed overview. Furthermore, see the section on vowels in this chapter for a description on the vowels /ɔ/ and /ə/.

⁴ /t/ is sometimes lenited to /d/ word-initially. This seems to be dependent on the individual speaker. For example, the word /tuɔtɔ/ "daughter" was collected in the context of the Wenker sentence 8. The voiceless alveolar stop was used by most informants, but the phonemic variation /d/ occurred with one informant. The same informant used /d/ in word-initial position with the word /tɔtɔ/ "dead" in Wenker sentence 14. The phonemic variation in word-initial /t/ and /d/ again appears in Wenker sentence 32 with the word /tɪf/ "table", but this time the voiced alveolar stop occurs with a different informant. And again in Wenker sentence 35, the phonemic variation of /t/ and /d/ occurs by more than one informant with the past participle /tɔ/ "done".

⁵ In these two words collected using the *DWA* two-hundred word list, two informants clearly used the voiced alveolar stop /d/ in word-initial position and syllable-initial position. The words are /dɔfdet/ "godfather", and /dɔfdodn/ "godmother".

word-final position: - /**h**aɪt/ 'today'; /**g**uɒt/ 'good'; /**b**ʊlt/ 'soon'; /**m**ɪt/ 'with';
/**v**ɪrt/ 'becomes'; /**b**ɛt/ 'bed'; /**h**ʊnt/ 'dog'; /**ʃ**tɑt/ 'quiet'

clusters: - /**t**rʊkɒ/ 'dry'; /**t**rɛɒt/ 'soil'; /**t**rɪŋɒ/ 'to drink'; /**bl**ɪtst/ '(it is)
lightning'; /**k**ɔxt/ 'cooks'; /**t**sɑɪn/ 'times'; /**n**ɔxt/ 'night'; /**d**rɑʊst/
'outside'

/d/ [d] - The voiced alveolar stop occurs most often in word-initial and syllable-initial position. It occasionally occurs in word-medial position intervocalically, but never word-finally. It occurs in clusters often accompanied by a liquid and preceded by a nasal or initially followed by /r/.⁶

word-initial position: - /**d**ʊrx/ 'through'; /**d**ɛŋ/ '(I) think'; /**d**u/ 'you (2nd person Singular)'; /**d**ʊm/ 'stupid'; /**d**ɪŋ/ 'thing'; /**d**ɛkn/ 'quilt';
/**d**ɔ/ 'there'

intervocalic position: - /**d**ʊdɛrɒ/ 'yolk'; /**v**ɛdɒ/ 'weather'; /**f**lɛdɒmaʊs/ 'bat';
/**f**ɛdɒn/ 'feathers'; /**d**ɔnɪdɒ/ 'down'

clusters: - /**n**ɑdl/ 'grandmother'; /**n**ɛdl/ 'grandfather'; /**t**sɑɪdlɪn/ 'to milk (inf.)';
/**k**ɑndl/ 'can'; /**d**rɑʊst/ 'outside'; /**d**rɑɪ/ 'three'

/k/ [k] - The voiceless velar stop occurs slightly aspirated word-initially and syllable-initially, but not word-finally.⁷ Some words could also be collected with /k/ in intervocalic position. It can occur as the first element of a cluster accompanied by a voiceless fricative and in one case preceded by /ʃ/ at a syllable boundary. It also appears initially in a cluster often followed by a nasal, liquid, or resonant.

⁶ The voiced alveolar stop is often omitted in the pronunciation of words such as /rɛn/ "to talk (inf.)", in all forms of the verb /vɛrn/ "to be (inf.)" and in the words /gfʊnɒ/ "found (past part.)", and /ɑɪlɔnɒ/ "to invite (inf.)".

⁷ The voiceless velar stop is also slightly aspirated in loanwords such as /kɛɪk/ "cake", and /kɑpɪntɚ/ "carpenter".

word-initial position: - /kmt/ 'child'; /koxo/ 'to cook (inf.)'; /kuxo/ 'cake';
/kopf/ 'head'; /kefo/ 'beetle'; /kampln/ 'to comb';
/kukuruts/ 'corn';

intervocalic position: - /truko/ 'dry'; /tsviko/ 'to pinch (inf.)'; /iodruko/ 'to
chew cud (inf.)'; /boko/ 'to bake (inf.)'

word-final position: - /sok!/ 'say!'; /gnak/ 'neck'; /ek/ 'corner'; /bok/ 'buck';
/ruk/ 'coat'; /tok/ 'day'; /tovak/ 'tobacco'; /tsuruk/
'back (adverb)'

clusters: - /kloon/ 'little'; /voksn/ 'to grow'; /knedl/ 'dumplings'; /broʃkə/
'toad'; /kratts/ 'back'; /kre/ 'horseradish'; /kneçl/ 'ankle' ⁸

/g/ [g] - The voiced velar stop occurs word-initially preceding a vowel or in a cluster often followed by a resonant, a liquid, or a nasal. It also appears in intervocalic position, sometimes being the first element of the second part of a compound or a multi-syllabic word. It does not occur in word-final position.

word-initial position: - /guot/ 'good'; /godtn/ 'garden'; /geston/ 'yesterday';
/gens/ 'geese'; /gesn/ 'eaten (past part.)'; /goelsn/
'mosquito'

intervocalic position: - /ʃvigomuoʔo/ 'mother-in-law'; /ligo/ 'to lie';
/henogaro/ 'hawk'; /nargin/ 'curious'; /argone/ 'own'

clusters: - /flun/ 'fly'; /gsokt/ 'said (past part.)'; /gven/ 'been (past part.)';
/gnuo/ 'enough'; /bigln/ 'to iron'; /fogl/ 'bird'; /gros/ 'grass'

⁸ If word-initial /k/ is followed by the nasal /n/ it is lenited to such an extent that it is hardly pronounced.

Fricatives

/f/ [f] - The voiceless labio-dental fricative occurs mainly in word-initial position. It occasionally occurs in intervocalic position. Its usage word-finally is rare. It also appears in two-consonant clusters word-initially and word-finally where it is often the first element before a nasal or a resonant.

word-initial position: - /fʊd/ 'foot'; /fasl/ 'barrel'; /fœlt/ 'field'; /faɪər/ 'fire';
/fetsn/ 'rag'; /fɒkʌft/ 'sold (past part.)'; /fɒbrɛnt/
'burnt (past part.)'

intervocalic position: - /kʌf/ 'to buy (inf.)'; /lʌf/ 'to run'; /ɒf/ 'oven';
/sɔɪf/ 'soap'; /kef/ 'beetle'; /ʌf/ 'up'; /bɛfər/
'before'

word-final position: - /ɔf/ 'monkey'; /ʌf/ 'on'; /fɪf/ 'five'; /brɪf/ 'letter';
/ʃvɔɪf/ 'tail'; /ʃɔf/ 'sheep'

clusters: - /aft/ 'later (adverb)'; /hɛrʃɔft/ 'dominance'; /hœlf/ 'to help (inf.)';
/lefl/ 'spoon'; /flaɪf/ 'meat'; /ʃaʊfl/ 'shovel'; /frɛmdɔ/ 'stranger'

/v/ [v] - The voiced labio-dental fricative occurs most often word-initially. It also appears intervocalically, but does not occur word-finally. In consonant clusters it can occur at a syllable boundary preceded by words describing pain at different parts of the body. And furthermore it also appears word-initially following the affricate /ts/ or post alveolar fricative /ʃ/.

word-initial position: - /vɪntɔ/ 'winter'; /vɪnt/ 'wind'; /vedɔ/ 'weather'; /vɛnt/
'wall'; /vɛʃ/ 'clothes'; /vɔɪtsn/ 'wheat'; /vɪs/ 'meadow'

intervocalic position: - /ɔvəl/ 'always'; /ɪvɔ/ 'over'; /tɔvɔk/ 'tobacco';
/hɪvəl/ 'mountains'; /ɔvɔ/ 'but'; /hɔvɔn/ 'oats'

clusters: - /gven/ 'been (past part.)', /ʃvɔʊts/ 'black'; /sɔɛlvɔ/ 'self';

/ʃvestɔ/ 'sister'; /tsvɔʊ/ 'two'; /oʊvatɪn/ 'to work (inf.)'; /mɔŋve/
'stomach ache'

/s/ [s] - The voiceless alveolar fricative occurs in all environments . It can often be found in two-consonant clusters with /s/ being the first element followed by a nasal, a liquid or the voiceless alveolar stop /t/.⁹ In three-consonant clusters it can be found at syllable boundaries.

word-initial position: - /sɛks/ 'six'; /sɔɪfə/ 'soap'; /sults/ 'salt'; /si/ 'she,
they'; /siʊs/ 'sweet (adj.)'; /sʊndɔ/ 'sunday'; /sɔmstɔ/
'saturday'; /su/ 'son'

intervocalic position: - /bɛsɔ/ 'better'; /vʊsɔ/ 'water'; /vaɪsə/ 'white'; /haɪsɔ/
'houses'; /mɪsɔ/ 'knife'; /kʊsɪn/ 'cousin'; /klɔʊs/ 'little
(adj.)'

word-final position: - /ɪs/ 'is'; /ros/ 'horse'; /hɔs/ 'rabbit'; /aɪs/ 'ice'; /ʊns/
'us'; /grɔʊs/ 'big'; /grɔs/ 'grass'; /haus/ 'house';
'goats'; /gɔʊs/ 'goat'

clusters: - /blɔst/ 'blows'; /ɪst/ 'eats'; /baɪsnt/ 'they bite'; /harrɪsl/
'grasshopper'; /rosflʊɪŋ/ 'horsefly'; /fɔsttsart/ 'lent'; /mɔsn/ 'scar'

/ʃ/ [ʃ] - The voiceless post-alveolar fricative occurs primarily in word-initial position, both as a single element or in a two-consonant cluster with a voiceless stop. A two-consonant cluster can be found in word-final position. A three-consonant cluster also appears word-initially and word-finally. In the latter position it is noticeable

⁹ There is no data collected on the voiced alveolar fricative /z/ in all environments. Merkle (1984, 25) points out that in Bavarian there is no voiced fricative whether it is word-initially, intervocalically, or word-finally.

that here the voiceless alveolar fricative /s/ becomes /ʃ/ after /r/ and before /t/.¹⁰ It is rarely used in intervocalic position.

word-initial position: - /ʃen/ 'nice'; /ʃo/ 'already (adv.)'; /ʃof/ 'sheep'; /ʃedl/ 'head';
/ʃu/ 'shoe'; /ʃon/ 'cabinet'; /ʃentn/ 'to scold (inf.)'; /ʃaʊfl/
'shovel'

intervocalic position: - /dreʃmɔʃm/ 'threshing machine'

word-final position: - /froʃ/ 'frog'; /tiʃ/ 'table'; /flaɪʃ/ 'meat'; /dɑmiʃ/ 'dizzy'; /vɛʃ/
'clothes'; /hɑpɔltəriʃ/ 'stubborn'

clusters: - /ʃvestɔ/ 'sister'; /ʃtɔp/ 'stone'; /ʃtrak/ 'straight'; /ʃtət/ 'quiet'; /gʃtoom/
'died (past part.)'; /dreʃn/ 'to thresh (inf.)'; /gʃpɔpsi/ 'silly'; /vɪrʃt/
'sausage'; /ɛrʃt/ 'first'; /firʃtəndɔl/ 'Fürstenthal'

/ç/ [ç] - The voiceless palatal fricative never appears in word-initial position. It appears intervocalically, word-finally or in a cluster. It is often the first element of a two-consonant cluster followed by /t/. By definition it is always preceded by a front vowel intervocalically or word-finally.

intervocalic position: - /heçɔ/ 'higher (comparative)'; /sɪçəl/ 'scythe'; /drekiçə/
'dirty'; /reçɔ/ 'rake'; /tsariçə/ 'ripe'; /glaiçɔ/ 'to like (inf.)';
/ledriçə/ 'single'

word-final position: - /bebəriç/ 'baby'; /bettsariç/ 'bed sheet'; /glaiç/ '(I) like'; /bɪliç/
'cheap' clusters: - /ʃleçt/ 'bad'; /laɪçt/ 'funeral'; /gʃiçt/ 'story';
/ʊnrɛçt/ 'wrong'; /reçtə/ 'right thing'; /laɪçtn/ 'light (adj.)';
/friçtn/ 'fruits'

¹⁰ Two words were collected that keep the voiceless alveolar fricative after the alveolar trill. These words are /vɪrst/ "you become, will (2nd pers. Sg. pres. tense)"; and /bɪst/ "you are (2nd pers. Sg. imp.)".

/x/ [x] - The voiceless velar fricative does not occur in word-initial position. It appears in intervocalic position and in word-final position. Like its corresponding consonant, in clusters it is often found with a following /t/. This consonant always follows a back vowel. ¹¹

intervocalic position: - /kɔxx/ 'to cook (inf.)'; /brɔxx/ 'broken (past part.)'; /kuxx/ 'cake'; /lardinx/ 'bed sheets'; /valaxən/ 'geldings'; /vɔxə/ 'week'

word-final position: - /hɔux/ 'high'; /lartux/ 'bed sheet'; /mɔx!/ 'make! (2nd pers. Sg. imp.)'; /ɑx/ 'also'; /lox/ 'hole'; /liɔx/ 'light'; /pfluɔx/ 'plow'

clusters: - /kɔxt/ 'cooks'; /dʊrx/ 'through'; /nɔxt/ 'night'; /fruxt/ 'fruit'; /ɪɔrxto/ 'Tuesday'; /rauxt/ 'smokes'; /jɔxn/ 'to hunt (inf.)'; /biɔxl/ 'book'

/h/ [h] - The voiceless glottal fricative occurs mainly word-initially. No word was collected for /h/ in intervocalic position. It is sometimes found in consonant clusters where it is pronounced after a juncture pause at compound-word boundaries. ¹²

¹¹ In the word /ɔxtobɔ/ "october" one speaker pronounces the voiceless velar fricative whereas other speakers realize it as the voiceless velar stop /k/. The same variation occurs in /hɔxst/ and /hɔrkst/ "autumn". The reason for this variation in pronunciation is perhaps the Old High German (OHG) /x/. König (1992, 63) shows the change from /k/ to the affricate /kx/ or /x/ in OHG that took place in the 7th and 8th century in Upper German. On this note another variation in pronunciation of the voiceless velar stop should be mentioned. Many speakers realize the voiceless velar stop /k/ word-finally alone or in a cluster, but some exceptions collected are for example /ftɔox/ "strong", or the past participle /gsɔxt/ "said". Another obvious occurrence is the pronunciation of the voiced velar stop /g/ as a voiceless velar or uvular fricative intervocalically, as well as word-finally. Some examples collected are /dɛrkçə/ "dirty" or /ledrçə/ "grass widow", or /truxə/ "coffin", and /viox/ "cradle".

¹² One word was collected respectively where /h/ becomes /x/ or /k/ word-finally; these are the words /gfiox/ "cattle", in the Wisconsin Questionnaire, section 17, and the imperative /fotsaɪk mɔ!/ "I am sorry", in the same questionnaire, section 57. In intervocalic position the voiceless glottal fricative is replaced by /k/ in two verbforms collected of the verb "to see", one in the Wisconsin Questionnaire, section 48 /sekst/ "you see (2nd. person Sg.)", and the other one /sekt/ "sees" in a verb questionnaire on strong verbs. However, the usage of a consonant replacing /h/ intervocalically can vary between /g/ and /ç/ for the same word. Examples are words such as /heçɔ/ and /hegɔ/ "higher (comparative)" collected in Wenker sentence 17, as well as /negəɔçɔ/ and /negəngɔ/ "closer (comparative)" collected in the Wisconsin Questionnaire, sections 65 and 66.

word-initial position: - /hɑʊs/ 'house'; /hɔ:m/ 'home'; /hʊnt/ 'dog'; /hɪntə/ 'behind';
/hɔ:n/ '(I) have'; /hɔ:sn/ 'pants'; /hɛmət/ 'shirt'; /hɑɪ/ 'hay';
/hɑksn/ 'legs'

clusters: - /ɔfəhe:n/ 'oven'; /vɛʃhe:n/ 'clotheshook'; /bɔ:həpɛdɪ/ 'bare-headed'

Affricates ¹³

/pf/ [pf] - The voiceless labio-dental affricate occurs most often in word-initial position and in two-consonant clusters. Here the affricate /pf/ appears as the first element with a following liquid /l/ or at a compound-word boundary. Two words were collected in intervocalic position and one word was documented in word-final position.

word-initial position: - /pʰɛfə/ 'pepper'; /pʰʊnt/ 'pound'; /pʰɪnstə/ 'Thursday';
/pʰaɪfn/ 'to whistle'; /pʰaɪfə/ 'pipe'

intervocalic position: - /kɛpʰə/ 'heads'; /ɛmpʰɔ:n/ 'reception'

word-final position: - /kɔpʰ/ 'head'

clusters: - /pʰlɔ:mə/ 'plum'; /pʰlʊw/ 'plow'; /pʰlɪw/ 'plows' /pʰlɔ:nts/ 'plant';
/kɔpʰvɛ/ 'headache'; /trɛapʰl/ 'potato'; /ɛpʰl/ 'apple'

/ts/ [ts] - The voiceless alveolar affricate occurs in all environments. It frequently occurs in two-consonant clusters, where it often appears before /v/, but can also be an element in a three-consonant cluster.

word-initial position: - /tseŋ/ 'basket'; /tsʊkə/ 'sugar'; /tsaɪç/ 'things'; /tsartʊŋ/
'newspaper'; /tsɔ:nt/ 'tooth'; /tsɔ:n/ 'tears'; /tsaɪdl/ 'to milk';
/tsʊŋ/ 'to show'

¹³ Linguistic scholars treat affricates either as single units or as a consonant clusters. Moulton (1966, 44-48) treats each affricate as a single phoneme, while Fox (1990, 37-38) prefers to see them either as phonologically distinct units or as two elements. In this study each affricate is included in the phonemic inventory as a single unit.

intervocalic position: - /fɔtsœlt/ 'told (past part.)'; /sɪtsənt/ 'they sit'; /katsələ/
'kittens'

word-final position: - /hɔlts/ 'wood'; /vɔɪts/ 'wheat'; /kɔts/ 'cat'; /krarts/ 'back';
/ʃpɔts/ 'sparrow'

clusters: - /pflɔntsɪn/ 'plant'; /tsvɪkɔ/ 'to pinch (inf.)'; /krɔntsbrɪlə/ 'cranberry';
/krartsblɪts/ 'cross lightning'; /pɔtst/ 'cleans'; /fɔsttsart/ 'lent'; /tsvɪr/
'string'; /lɛtstə/ 'last'

/tʃ/ [tʃ] - The voiceless post-alveolar affricate occurs rarely, but in all positions.
One word was found word-initially, three words were collected both intervocalically
and in two-consonant clusters with a following /n/, while four words were counted
word-finally. With the exception of four words all others are loan words.

word-initial position: - /tʃu/ 'chewing tobacco'

intervocalic position: - /matʃɪ/ 'muddy'; /bʊtʃərʃɔp/ 'butcher shop'; /mætʃəs/
'matches';

word-final position: - /mʌtʃ/ 'much'; /lʌntʃ/ 'lunch'; /vɪlɪtʃ/ 'village'; /dʌrtʃ/
'German'

clusters: - /pɑrtʃn/ 'whip'; /dʌrtʃn/ 'German (adj.)'; /dɔtʃn/ 'turnip'

Nasals

/m/ [m] - The bilabial nasal occurs in all environments. It is found in two or three-
consonant clusters and it is often preceded by /ʃ/ or followed by /p/.¹⁴

word-initial position: - /mɪr/ 'we (1st pers. pl.)'; /muɔtɔ/ 'mother'; /mɪl/ 'milk';
/mɔɛl/ 'flour'; /mɪvɔt/ 'tired'; /mɔl/ 'mouth'; /mɔɪdl/ 'girl';
/mɔntɔ/ 'monday'

¹⁴ The bilabial nasal /m/ always occurs at syllable junctures of the first person plural forms, where a pause occurs between the verb form and the tag that starts with the nasal.

intervocalic position: - /ɪmð/ 'always'; /bairmə/ 'trees'; /maw/ 'wall'; /dɑmɪʃ/ 'dizzy';
/umɑɪsn/ 'ant'; /umʊrkɪn/ 'cucumber'; /tʊməl dɪ!/ 'hurry up!
(2nd pers. sg.)'

word-final position: - /bɑm/ 'tree'; /ʃnaim/ 'to snow (inf.)'; /buɔm/ 'boys'; /vəm?/
'whom'; /blɪm/ 'stayed (past part.)'; /ʃlɪm/ 'bad'; /graʊpm/
'hail'

clusters: - /mɪr sʊlmð/ 'we should'; /mɪr mɪsmð/ 'we must'; /vʊɔrm/ 'worm';
/ʃmɛtn/ 'cream'; /lɑmpl/ 'lamb'; /kɑmpln/ 'to comb'; /ʃɪmpl/ 'mole';
/tsvɛʃm/ 'plum'

/n/ [n] - The alveolar nasal occurs in all positions. It appears in clusters preceding /t/ or another alveolar consonant, as a second element of a cluster following /ʃ/, and in word-final position in combination with other consonants.

word-initial position: - /nɪt/ 'not'; /nʊr/ 'only'; /nɪmð/ 'never'; /nɔxt/ 'night';
/nɑɪjɔð/ 'New Year's Day'; /nebl/ 'fog'; /nɔrt/ 'north'

intervocalic position: - /ʃtenənt/ '(they) are standing'; /bənɔmð/ 'behaved (past
part.)'; /mamə/ 'my (poss. pronoun)'; /jʊnɪ/ 'june'; /hɔnə/
'rooster'; /flɛnð/ 'to cry (inf.)'

word-final position: - /ɪn/ 'in'; /kɔn/ '(I) can'; /nɑn/ 'to sew (inf.)'; /mɑn/ 'to mow'
(inf.)'

clusters: - /vɪntð/ 'winter'; /ʊnkraʊt/ 'weed'; /flʊmɪt/ '(they) are flying'; /hɑnt/
'today'; /hɪntrɪ/ 'back there'; /nosn/ 'nose'; /ʃnaim/ 'to snow (inf.)'; /vɑrtsn/
'wart';

/ŋ/ [ŋ] - The velar nasal does not occur word-initially. It often occurs in clusters followed by the velar consonant /k/ but it also appears in combination with other consonants.

intervocalic position: - /trɪŋp/ 'to drink (inf.)'; /gɔŋp/ 'gone (past part.)'; /brʊŋp/
'brought (past part.)'; /ðfɔŋp/ 'to start (inf.)';

word-final position: - /dɛŋ/ '(I) think'; /glɛŋ/ 'lain (past part.)'; /rɛŋ/ 'rain';
/ɛmpfɔŋ/ 'reception'; /raʊxɔŋ/ 'chimney'; /ɛŋ/ 'you (2nd
pers. pl.)'; /lɔŋ/ 'long'

clusters: - /fɔŋt/ 'catches'; /dɛŋkt/ 'thought (past part.)'; /ʃɔŋmɔxɔ/ 'cabinetmaker';
/ɛŋkl/ 'ankle'; /ʃtɪŋkɔts/ 'skunk'; /bɪŋl/ 'bundle; bump'¹⁵;

Liquid

/l/ [l] - The alveolar liquid occurs in all positions. It occurs in many two and three-consonant clusters in combination with many consonants. If the cluster appears word-finally with /l/ as the final element, the alveolar liquid is then always syllabic.

word-initial position: - /lʊft/ 'air'; /larçt/ 'funeral'; /lʊŋə/ 'lung'; /lɛvɔ/ 'liver';
/lɑmp/ 'lamb'; /kɑmp/ 'comb'; /lɛtstə/ 'last'; /liɔps/ 'dear';
/larçtə/ 'light (adj.)'

intervocalic position: - /ʊlə/ 'all'; /fɔlɑnt/ 'melted (past part.)'; /hɔɛlɔ/ 'louder
(comp.)'; /hɑɪlɪŋp/ 'holy'; /ʃɔfələ/ 'little sheep'; mɑɪlɔ/ 'miles';
/bɪɪç/ 'cheap'

word-final position: - /mɪl/ 'milk'; /ʃul/ 'school'; /ʃvɑɪl/ 'piglet'; /fɔɛl/ 'much'; /hɔɛl/
'loud'; /mɔɛl/ 'flour'; /hɪvəl/ 'hill'; /tʊməl dɪ!/ 'hurry up! (2nd
pers. sg.)'

clusters: - /bɑsl/ 'aunt'; /gɑnsl/ 'gosling'; /fɑsl/ 'barrel'; /mɔɪdl/ 'girl'; /gɔɛlt/
'money'; /ɛpfl/ 'apples'; /ʃɪlm/ 'bad'; /nɑdl/ 'grandmother'

¹⁵ In this particular word, many speakers pronounce the word with /ŋ/ and a following velar consonant /k/.

/r/ [r] - The alveolar trill occurs in all environments. It appears in many two or three-consonant clusters, and often occurs as the the second element in two-consonant clusters. The trill is stronger in a stressed syllable and is pronounced with little constriction in unstressed syllable, where it tends to weaken and become approximate in nature. ¹⁶ The /r/ can become syllabic and is vocalized in postvocalic position word-medially and word-finally. In some words the alveolar trill loses some of its friction, but does not become approximate, especially when /r/ precedes /ʃ/ in a combination of consonants. The consonant is however pronounced word-finally when immediately followed by a word beginning with a vowel. ¹⁷

word-initial position: - /rɔʊtə/ 'red'; /rɛçt/ 'rather, right (adv.)'; /rɛn/ 'to talk'; /ros/ 'horse' /raʊdɔx/ 'chimney'; /ruɔm/ 'turnip'; /raɪst əf/ 'opens up'

intervocalic position: - /hɛrɪnt/ 'inside'; /frɪrɔrɔ/ 'earlier (comp.)'; /marɔdi/ 'tired'; /taubəro/ 'male dove'; /kukuruts/ 'corn'; /pfɔrɔ/ 'priest'; /ʃtɔrɪ/ 'story'

word-final position: - /fir/ 'for'; /mir/ 'we (1st pers. pl.)'; /dutr/ 'egg yolk'; /bɛfɔr/ 'before'; /vɛr/ '(I) will, become'; /dɛr/ 'the (definite article)'

clusters: - /brɛnt/ 'burnt (past part.)'; /grʊnd/ 'run (past part.)'; /ʃvɔɔts/ 'black'; /brɪʃtn/ 'brush'; /grɛt/ 'straight (adv.)'; /brɔʊt/ 'bread'; /ɛɔdl/ 'ear'; /ɔɔvatn/ 'to work (inf.)'

¹⁶ A good example for this phenomenon is the word /ɔndɔn/ "other", collected for example in Wenker sentence 15.

¹⁷ Most words ending in the vowel phoneme /ɔ/, such as /farɔ/ "fire" are also realized with the affix /ɛr/, such as /farɛr/ when followed by a vowel. Another noticeable feature is the occurrence of /r/ between vowels and simply its epenthetic nature in a word. Examples collected were the phrases such as /dɛs tuɔ -r -i nɪmɔ/ "I don't ever want to do it again", or /i vɔɛls nɪmɔ mɛɔrtɔ -rɔ so/ "I don't ever want to do it again" in Wenker sentence 10, or the word /kuɔrɔʊtɔ/ "udder". Schmeller (1821, 142-43) calls this occurrence simply an additional /r/ and lists examples in his book on the grammatical overview on Bavarian dialects, while Kranzmayer (1956, 127) claims that this consonant is a "Hiatusstilger", a hiatus blocker, that is especially used in Central Bavarian.

Approximant

/j/ [j] -- The palatal approximant (semivowel) mainly occurs word-initially and sometimes intervocalically. In the latter position the palatal approximant sometimes occurs at a compound boundary as the first element of the second compound after a juncture pause. It never appears in the word-final position.

word-initial position: - /jʊŋ/ 'young'; /jɪŋp/ 'younger (comp.)'; /jɔp/ 'year'; /jusn/ 'to use (inf.)'; /juni/ 'june'; /juli/ 'july'; /jɔxn/ 'to hunt (inf)'

intervocalic-position: - /frijɔp/ 'spring'; /ejə/ 'marriage'; /famœljə/ 'family'; /ɔjɔp/ 'eggs'¹⁸

clusters: - /aməgjokt/ 'chased (past part.)'; /gjust/ 'used (past part.)'; /fjunərəl/ 'funeral'

The phonemic distribution of the consonant phonemes in word-initial, intervocalic, and word-final position is shown in the following chart. It is not easy to find exact minimal pair contrasts because not all consonants occur in each environment. This table, however illustrates enough contrasting phonemes by listing all consonants described above in the phonemic inventory of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect.¹⁹

¹⁸ This word was collected in Wenker sentence 7 and in free speech as well as another realization of it by one of the speaker with the mid back tense rounded vowel /o/, /oɔp/ "eggs". Perhaps it is the informant's individual emphasis on that word in a free speech passage, because the speaker pronounces the word with a diphthong in the questionnaire. Schatz (1907, 101-02) in his discussion on sonorants in his *Altbairische Grammatik* points out the non-approximation of /j/ after long vowels and diphthongs and he adds that the palatal approximant is originally pronounced in the plural form of "eggs".

¹⁹ This chart is designed after the one used by Moulton (1966, 21).

<u>Word-Initial</u>			<u>Intervocalic</u>		<u>Word-Final</u>	
/p/	/partʃn/	'whip'	/kɔpə/	'bucket'	ɡɪp!/'	'give!'
/pf/	/pfaɪfn/	'to whistle'	/kepʃə/	'heads'	kɔpʃ/'	'head'
/b/	/baɪsn/	'to bite'	/saubɔ/	'clean'		
/v/	/vɔɛln/	'to want'	/hovɔn/	'oats'	/ʃɔf	'sheep'
/f/	/fɔɛln/	'colt'	/ofɔ/	'oven'		
/t/	/tuɔt/	'does'	/feto/	'uncle'	/hart/	'today'
/d/	/duɔɪʃtɪ/	'thirsty'	/fedɔn/	'feathers'		
/s/	/su/	'son'	/mɛsɔ/	'knife'	/dɛs/	'the '
/ʃ/	/ʃu/	'shoe'	/mɔʃɪn/	'machine'	/vɛʃ/	'clothes'
/ç/			/rɛçɔ/	'rake'	/raɪç/	'rich'
/k/	/kuɔ/	'cow'	/ɔkɔn/	'to plow'	/ruk/	'coat'
/g/	/gʊɔt/	'good'	/gɔgɔtsn/	'to cackle'	/ɑx/	'also'
/x/			/vɔxɔ/	'weeks'	/braʊx/	'(I) need'
/h/	/huɔstn/	'cough'				
/m/	/mɔn/	'to mow'	/amə/	'inside'	ɔm/	'on'
/n/	/nɔn/	'to sew'	/barmə/	'trees'	/kɔn/	'(I) can'
/ŋ/			/gɔŋɔ/	'went'	/ʃɔŋ/	'cabinet'
/l/	/lɔɪçt/	'funeral'	/harlɪgɔ/	'holy'	/mɪl/	'milk'
/r/	/raɪç/	'rich'	/harrɔtɪn/	'to marry'	/mɪr/	'we'
/j/	/jɔt/	'yard'	/ɔɪjɔ/	'eggs'		
/ts/	/tsu/	'to'	/katsɛlə/	'kittens'	/vɔɪts/	'wheat'
/tʃ/	/tʃu/	'chew'	/matʃɪ/	'muddy'	/dairtʃ/	'German'

In the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis the voiceless consonants display differences in comparison with historical linguistic changes of German and its modern day usage. The tendency towards lenition is not consistent in all environments. Voiceless stops are mostly lenited in initial positions, especially in sentence translations and free conversation. In words collected individually voiceless stops tend to be much more enunciated. Voiced stops occasionally show lenition in medial environments.

The Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis shows that Old High German (OHG) /p/ is most often fully pronounced in word-initial position, but lenition is also documented as in /pl̥ot̥t/ and /bl̥ot̥t/ *platt, glatzköpfig* 'bald'.²⁰ There is always full pronunciation of /p/ in word-final position. However, the Catholic Bohemian German dialect displays the reflex of the second sound shift from West Germanic /p/ to the Old High German (OHG) affricate /pf/ in all environments: /pfunt/ *Pfund* 'pound'; /ɛmpf̥on/ 'reception'; /kopf/ *Kopf* 'head'.²¹ In word-medial position WG gemination /pp/ shifts to OHG /pf/: /tr̥ɛapfl/ *Erdapfel* 'potato'. WG /p/ also shifts to OHG /f(f)/ medially: /pfĕf̆r/ *Pfeffer* 'pepper'. Medial OHG /b/ is usually weakened to the voiced labio-dental fricative /v/ between vowels, after /r/, and after /l/: /var̥v̥/ *Weiber, Frauen* 'women' /ŏv̥at̥n/ *arbeiten* 'to work (inf.)'; /h̥v̥l̥v̥t/ *halb* 'half (adv.)'. There is also a shift from /b/ to the voiceless labio-dental fricative /f/ when followed by the liquid /l/ in the following two words: /ts̥vif̥əl/ *Zwiebel* 'onion'; /kn̥ofl̥ət/ *Knoblauch* 'garlic'. The voiced bilabial stop, however, changes to the voiceless bilabial stop /p/ between /m/ and /l/: /lam̥pl/ *Lamm* 'lamb';

²⁰ New High German (NHG) forms are given in italics.

²¹ There is one word collected in the picture description that is inconsistent with the reflex of the sound shift usually shown by the speakers. The word /postn/ "post" was pronounced that way by all speakers, but one. This speaker realized the affricate /pf/. However, the word might be a borrowing from English that was incorporated into the dialect when the Catholic Bohemian Germans had already settled in Ellis, Kansas.

/kɑmpɫ/ *Kamm* 'comb'. It is sometimes not actualized at all word-finally or after the alveolar trill /r/: /bʊɒ/ *Bube* 'boy'; /hɪɔrkst/ *Herbst* 'fall'.

The dialect reflects the sound shift WG /t/ → OHG /ts/ in word-initial position and → OHG /s(s)/ word-medially: /tsartʊŋ/ *Zeitung* 'newspaper'; /vɔsɔ/ *Wasser* 'water'. There is also evidence of the shift of WG /t/ → OHG /s/ in word-final position: /hɔɔs/ *heiß* 'hot'. Word-initial WG /d/ → OHG /t/ is inconsistently lenited, even in the same words such as : /dɔʊt/ *tot* 'dead'; /daiɕ/ *Teich* 'pond'; but also /tɔʊt/ and /taiɕ/. Medial WG /ð/ shifts to OHG /d/: /brʊɔdɔ/ *Bruder* 'brother'. Medial OHG /t/ is unshifted or lenited: /bʊtɔ/ *Butter* 'butter' ; but: /blɔdɫn/ *Blättlein* 'leaves'. Two words show evidence with medial OHG /t/ lenited to its voiced corresponding consonant whereby OHG /v/ is omitted: /vidɪn/ *Witwe* 'widow'; /vidmɔ/ *Witwer* 'widower'.

There is no lenition of word-initial OHG /k/ in the dialect: /kɫɔɔnə/ *kleine* 'little'; /kʊɫn/ *Kohlen* 'coals'. WG /k/ → OHG /hh/ is inconsistently reflected word-medially following a vowel: /kɔxɔ/ *kochen* 'to boil'; /broxɔ/ *gebrochen* 'broken'; but: /bɔkɔ/ *backen* 'to bake'.²² The voiceless velar stop WG /k/ → OHG /h/ is either pronounced or lost word-finally: /raʊx/ *Rauch* 'smoke, but: /mil/ *Milch* 'milk'; /i/ *ich* 'I'. OHG /g/ is reflected word-initially and word-medially: /glʊk/ *Glucke* 'sitting hen'; /gnak/ *Genick* 'neck'; /aigənə/ *eigene* 'own'; /liɡɔ/ *liegen* 'to lie (inf.)'. Word-final OHG /g/ however is deleted in unstressed syllables such as in names for weekdays: /montɔ/ *Montag* 'monday'.

Besides lenition and apocope, the dialect displays other interesting linguistic aspects. The voiceless alveolar fricative is mostly palatalized when it is preceded by /r/ and followed by /t / which is mostly attributed to assimilation processes: /gerʃtn/

²² The NHG verb *backen* is based on the OHG forms *bahhan*, *backan* and the MHG *bachen*. See *Duden, Das Herkunftswörterbuch*, 1989) for a more detailed description on the etymology of this verb.

Gerste 'barley'; /ɛʀʃt/ *erst* 'first'. In intervocalic position the consonants /f/ and /g/ are sometimes lenited to /v/: /fɪnvə/ *fünf* 'five'; /kevɔ/ *Käfer* 'eleven'; /hivəl/ *Hügel* 'hill'; /ʃpiɔvəl/ *Spiegel* 'mirror'. The consonant /b/ almost always shifts to /v/ between vowels, after /r/ and after /l/.²³ A change of consonants takes place in some words. In the first person plural which in Standard German is realized as *wir* the /v/ shifts to /m/: /mɪr/ *wir* 'we', and the consonant cluster /tv/ is reflected by /p/ in the word /ɛps/ *etwas* 'something'. The plural verb forms of the verb /sa/ *sein* 'to be' are replaced with the plural verb forms of the verb /ham/ *haben* 'to have' through levelling: /han/ (*wir*) *haben* '(we) have'. It is common in Bavarian dialects for the plural forms of the verb /sa/ to be replaced with plural forms of the verb /ham/.²⁴ Furthermore, an apocope of the alveolar nasal /n/ documented word-finally often causes the preceding vowel to nasalize slightly. The nasalization of vowels and diphthongs, however, is not marked in the transcription of the dialect. This inherent feature to Bavarian dialects is, however, added in a few cases where the nasal diacritic shows a difference in the meaning of a word or a prefix: /vaĩ/ *Wein* 'wine'; /vaɪ/ *Weib, Frau* 'woman'; /õ/ *an* 'on (prefix)'; /o/ *ab* 'off (prefix)'.²⁵ In addition, when individual words were translated three informants vocalized the alveolar liquid /l/ in the NHG word *Kälbchen* 'calf' as /karvəl/, all informants vocalized the liquid in the NHG word *Schwalbe* 'swallow' as /ʃvarvəl/, and the same feature is reflected in the word /pɔistl/ *Polsterlein, Kissenbezug* 'pillowslip' by the main

²³ The literature on Bavarian grammars always mentions especially the lenition of /b/ to /v/. Schmeller (1821, 82) mentioned the lenition of /b/ to /v/ before unstressed vowels or before /r/, and Weinhold (1867, 129) traces back word-medial /b/ to Gothic-Saxon /bh/. Ringseis in his *Neues Bayerisches Wörterbuch* points out that the voiced bilabial stop is lenited to the voiced labio-dental fricative in Bavarian dialects (Ringseis 1994, 22).

²⁴ Merkle (1984, 65) calls this "bäuerliche Form", that is rural form. There is still evidence of this today in mainly rural areas of Bavaria.

²⁵ Schwind (1968, 178) maintains that Bavarian vowels and diphthongs are only slightly nasalized. Merkle (1984, 18) points out that the gradation of nasalizing a word depends on the speech habits of the individual speaker.

informant. His ideolect also reflects a word-final backing after the alveolar trill /r/ to the voiceless velar fricative /x/ in numerous words. For example, the following collected words such as: /lɑrx/ *leer* 'empty'; /tʰɪɔrx/ *Tür* 'door'; /februɑrx/ *Februar* 'february'. Thus it seems that in postvocalic position the alveolar trill is realized as a uvular type of /r/ that has a tendency to devoice and becomes the uvular fricative /x/.²⁶

²⁶ There is also an epenthetic uvular fricative between /r/ and /t/ in the NHG word *Garten*, realized by the informant as /gɔɔxtɪn/. Kranzmayer (1956, 124) provides examples of medial /r/ often being replaced by /x/ or the uvular fricative appearing before /t/ in certain regions. One example he cites is /ʃtɔɔxk/ "strong". Kohler (1995, 166) also argues that in some regional accents the uvular fricative /x/ appears before voiceless plosives and fricatives. For example the NHG word *hart* is thus realized as /haxt/ "hard". The pronunciation of this word by the main informant reflects this phonetic feature: /hɛɔxt/.

	Front	Front	Central	Back	Back
	Unrounded	Rounded	Unrounded	Unrounded	Rounded
High Tense:	i				u
Lax:	ɪ				ʊ
Mid Tense:	e				o
Lax:	ɛ	œ	ə		ɔ
Low Tense:				ɑ	
Lax:	a		ɒ		

Diphthongs

Falling Diphthongs

uɒ

iɒ

oɒ

ɛɒ

Rising Diphthongs

ɔʊ

ɛɪ

ɔɪ

aɪ

ʊɪ

aʊ

The vowel system of the Catholic Bohemian German Dialect of Ellis, Kansas

Phonology - Vowels

Front Vowels

/i/ [i] - The high front tense unrounded vowel mostly occurs in interconsonantal position and is rare word-initially and word-finally. It occurs in stressed syllables in all positions. ²⁷

word-initial position: - /i/ 'I'; /ivɔ/ 'over'; /irə/ 'her (fem. poss. pronoun)'

interconsonantal position: - /biglɪ/ 'to iron (inf.)'; /vidɔ/ 'again (adverb)';

/dis/ 'this'; /disl/ 'thistle'; /blɛçfmit/ 'tinsmith'

word-final position: - /di/ 'the (fem. sg.nom.); /si/ 'she (3rd pers. nom. sg.

pronoun), 'they (3rd pers. nom. pl.)'

/ɪ/ [ɪ] - The high front lax unrounded vowel mainly occurs in interconsonantal position, but also appears word-initially and word-finally. It occurs in both stressed and unstressed syllables.

word-initial position: - /ɪn/ 'in'; /ɪmɔ/ 'always'; /ɪntɔ/ 'under'; /ɪs/ 'is'

interconsonantal position: - /tɪf/ 'table'; /kɪnt/ 'child'; /mɪt/ 'with'; /vɪnt/

'wind'; /nɪt/ 'not'; /mɪl/ 'milk'; /lɪnks/ 'left'; /ʃlɪm/

'bad'

word-final position: - /ʊfɪ/ 'up'; /ʌʊsɪ/ 'outside'; /rɪçtɪ/ 'right'; /jʊnɪ/ 'june'

/e/ [e] - The mid front tense unrounded vowel. It mostly occurs in interconsonantal position in a stressed syllable. It rarely appears word-initially and word-finally in a stressed syllable.

²⁷ NHG stress rules apply for this dialect as well. The prominent stressed syllables in many loan words can differ from Standard German pronunciation. The stress is usually on the last syllable for example in words such as /tɔvɔk/ "tobacco"; /kɛfɛ/ "coffee". Ebner (1980, 219-20) underscores that borrowed words are usually stressed on the last syllable. However, vowel length is not indicated as mentioned in chapter 3. For tense vowels in stressed syllables are noticeably longer than tense or lax vowels occurring in unstressed positions. See Moulton (1966, 62-64).

word-initial position: - /esəl/ 'donkey'; /epfl/ 'apple'; /ejərɪŋ/ 'wedding
ring'

interconsonantal position: - /tseɡɒ/ 'basket'; /nedl/ 'grandfather'; /kefɒ/
'bug'; /veç/ 'path'; /ʃenə/ 'pretty'; /nebl/ 'fog'

word-final position: - /ge/ 'to go (inf.)'; /ʃte!/ 'stand!'; /kre/ 'horseradish';
/ve/ 'ache'

/ɛ/ [ɛ] - The mid front lax unrounded vowel occurs in word-initial and
interconsonantal position in stressed syllables. It does not occur in word-final position.

word-initial position: - /ɛsn/ 'to eat (inf.)'; /ɛŋ/ 'you (2nd pers. nom. pl.
pronoun)'; /ɛps/ 'something'; /ɛk/ 'corner'

interconsonantal position: - /ʃleçt/ 'bad'; /gɛns/ 'geese'; /ʃvɛstɒ/ 'sister';
/fɛtn/ 'lard' /pfeɸɒ/ 'pepper'; /rɛk/ 'coats'

/a/ [a] - The low front lax unrounded vowel occurs most often in interconsonantal
position in stressed syllables. It sometimes appears in a stressed syllable word-
initially.

word-initial position: - /antəɾɒ/ 'drake'; /antn/ duck, ducks'; /aft / 'later'

interconsonantal position: - /hamɒ/ '(we) have'; /gansl/ 'gosling'; /katsl/
'kitten'; /gnak/ 'neck'; /tatɒ/ 'dad'.

/œ/ [œ] - The mid front lax rounded vowel occurs in stressed syllables in
interconsonantal position, but rarely in word-initial position in a stressed syllable. It is
always followed by the liquid /l/.

word-initial position: - /œlstɒ/ 'oldest'; /œltɒn/ 'parents'

interconsonantal position: - /vœln/ 'to want to (inf.)'; /foelt/ 'field'; /goelt/
'money'; /gœlbə/ 'yellow'; /gœlsn/ 'mosquito'

Central Vowels

/ə/ [ə] - The mid central lax unrounded vowel merely occurs interconsonantly and word-finally in unstressed syllables. It does not occur word-initially.

interconsonantal position: - /trʊkənə/ 'dry'; /ʃtenənt/ '(they) are standing';

/bənəʊm/ 'behaved (past part.)'; /hɛmət/ 'shirt'

word-final position: - /gɔntsə/ 'whole'; /bɪrlə/ 'berry'; /sɔɪfə/ 'soap';

/kɒpə/ 'bucket'

/ɒ/ [ɒ] - The low central lax unrounded vowel only occurs in unstressed syllables. It does not appear in word-initial position. It occurs when /ɪ/ is vocalized in postvocalic position or with the vocalization of /ən/. The affix /ən/ is vocalized in nouns, infinitives, and past participles. Here it depends on the stem-final position, usually after the labial fricative /f/, the uvular fricative /x/, the velar stop /k/ and after all nasals; otherwise /n/ is retained in stem-final position.²⁸

interconsonantal position: - /fɒbrɛnt/ 'burnt (past part.)'; /liɡɒblɪm/ 'stayed

(past part.)'; /hʊndɒt/ 'hundred'; /ɔkɒn/ 'to plow'

word-final position: - /kɔxɒ/ 'to cook (inf.)'; /brʊðɒ/ 'brother'; /sʊmɒ/

'summer'; /kɔfɒ/ 'to buy (inf.)'; /tɪŋɒ/ 'to drink

(inf.)'; /ʃtɪkɒ/ 'to knit (inf.)'

Back Vowels

/u/ [u] - The high back tense rounded vowel occurs in stressed syllables in all environments. It mostly appears in interconsonantal position.

word-initial position: - /ʊmɔɪsn/ 'ant'; /ʊmʊrkɪn/ 'cucumber'

interconsonantal position: - /kuxən/ 'cake'; /jusn/ 'to use (inf.)'; /ʃuə/

'shoes'; /ʃvʊgɒ/ 'brother-in-law'; /lʊtɛm/ 'lantern'

²⁸ Some examples for the retention of /n/ are: /kɑmpln/ "to comb (inf.)" and /krɪɒŋ/ "to get (inf.)".

word-final position: - /tsu/ 'to'; /du/ 'you (2nd pers. nom. sg. pronoun)';

/ʃu/ 'shoe'

/ʊ/ [ʊ] - The high back lax rounded vowel occurs mainly interconsonantly in stressed and unstressed syllables. It occasionally appears word-initially, and never word-finally.

word-initial position: - /ʊnkraʊt/ 'weed'; /ʊnsɔ/ 'our (poss. adj.)'; /ʊfo/

'open'

interconsonantal position: - /sʊntɔ/ 'sunday'; /sʊmmɔ/ 'summer'; /dʊndɔ/

'thunder'; /ʊmʊrkɪ/ 'cucumber'; /kʊkʊrʊts/ 'corn'

/o/ [o] - The mid back tense rounded vowel occurs mainly in interconsonantal position in a stressed syllable. It can also appear word-initially and word-finally where the stress also falls on this vowel.

word-initial position: - /ofɔ/ 'oven'; /ovɔ/ 'or'; /opst/ 'fruit'; /oklaʊpt/

'picked (past part.)'; /okʊlt/ 'killed (past part.)'

interconsonantal position: - /ros/ 'horse'; /brɔt/ 'brought (past part.)'; /fogl/

'bird'; /nogl/ 'nail'; /hosn/ 'pants'

word-final position: - /vɔ?/ 'where?'; /ʃɔ/ 'already'; /tɔ/ 'done (past part.)';

/sɔ/ 'so'

/ɔ/ [ɔ] - The mid back lax rounded vowel occurs frequently in interconsonantal position and word-final position in stressed and unstressed syllables. It can be followed by a single consonant or multiple consonants.

word-initial position: - /ɔptɪt/ 'privy'; /ɔf/ 'monkey'; /ɔmɔt/ 'above';

/ɔproel/ 'april'; /ɔndɔn/ 'other'; /ɔktɔbɔ/ 'oktober'

interconsonantal position: - /kɔxɔ/ 'to cook (inf.)'; /hɔt/ 'has'; /ʃvɔmɔ/
'mushroom'; /noxt/ 'night'; /hɔs/ 'rabbit'; /gɔgɔtsn/
'to cackle (inf.)'

/ɑ/ [ɑ] - The low back tense unrounded vowel occurs in stressed syllables
interconsonantly and word-finally. It rarely appears word-initially in a stressed
syllable.

word-initial position: - /ɑ/ 'also'; /ɑft/ 'up'; /ɑfhɛɔn/ 'to stop (inf.)'

interconsonantal position: - /blɑdl/ 'leaves'; /nɑdl/ 'grandmother'; /bɑm/
'tree'; /glɑs/ 'glass'; /lɑr/ 'empty'

word-final position: - /nɑ/ 'no'; /tsvɑ/ 'two'; /ʃtɑ/ 'they are standing';
'/sɑ!/' 'be!'

Diphthongs

/uo/ [uo] - The diphthong /uo/ occurs in interconsonantal and word-final position
in stressed syllables.

interconsonantal position: - /guot/ 'good'; /duorfʃt/ 'thirsty'; /fuos/ 'foot';
'/bluot/ 'blood'; /pfluox/ 'plow'; /ʃtuotn/ 'mare'

word-final position: - /buo/ 'boy'; /kuo/ 'cow'; /gnuo/ 'enough'; /tuo/
'to do (inf.)'

/io/ [io] - The diphthong /io/ occurs in stressed syllables word-initially and
interconsonantly.

word-initial position: - /iortɔ/ 'tuesday'; /iodrukɔ/ 'to chew cud (inf.)'

interconsonantal position: - /fios/ 'feet'; /pfliox/ 'plows'; /briof/ 'letter';
'/liops/ 'dear'

/oʊ/ [oʊ] - The diphthong /oʊ/ appears in word-initial position, interconsonantal position, and word-final position in a stressed syllable.

word-initial position: -/oʊ/ 'egg'; /oʊvas/ 'pea'; /oʊbat/ 'work'; /oʊm/
'arm'

interconsonantal position: - /hʊʊs/ 'hot'; /gʊʊs/ 'goat'; /vʊʊx/ 'soft';
/vʊʊm/ 'warm'; /ʃvʊʊts/ 'black'

word-final position: - /fʊʊ/ 'color'; /ʃtʊʊ/ 'stone'; /bʊʊ/ 'bone'

/eɪ/ [eɪ] - The diphthong /eɪ/ appears in a stressed syllable word-initially, interconsonantly, and word-finally, but is unstressed in conjunction with a verbal prefix in infinitives and past participles.

word-initial position: - /eɪdl/ 'ear'; /eɪnst/ 'serious'; /eɪgɔn/ 'to offend
(inf.)'

interconsonantal position: - /hɛɪts/ 'heart'; /tɛɪt/ 'soil'; /hɛɪn/ 'to hear
(inf.)'; /nɛɪmɔt/ 'no one'; /aʊskɛɪn/ 'to sweep
(inf.)'

word-final position: - /mɛɪ/ 'more'

/aʊ/ [aʊ] - The diphthong /aʊ/ only occurs in stressed syllables in all environments.

word-initial position: - /aʊstɔn/ 'Easter'

interconsonantal position: - /grʌʊs/ 'big'; /brʌʊt/ 'bread'; /rʌʊt/
'red'; /fʌʊs/ 'foot'; /hʌʊx/ 'high'; /tʌʊt/ 'dead';

word-final position: - /kʌʊ/ 'cow'; /frʌʊ/ 'happy'; /sʌʊ/ 'sow'

/ɛɪ/ [ɛɪ] - The diphthong /ɛɪ/ occurs in interconsonantal position and word-final position in a stressed syllable.

interconsonantal position: - /brɛɪf/ 'letter'; /vɛɪfɔɛl?/ 'how much?'; /fɛɪs/ 'feet'; /frɛɪθ/ 'earlier (comp.)'; /mɛɪplɪbm/ 'maple tree'

word-final position: - /kɛɪ/ 'cows'; /frɛɪ/ 'morning'; /ʃnɛɪ/ 'snow'; /vɛɪ/ 'ache'

/ɔɪ/ [ɔɪ] - The diphthong /ɔɪ/ occurs in stressed and unstressed syllables in word-initial, interconsonantal, and word-final position.

word-initial position: - /ɔɪθ/ 'eggs'; /ɔɪnə/ 'one'; /ɔɪçkatslə/ 'squirrel'; /ɔɪfɔɪn/ 'dropped (past part.)'; /ɔɪgɔɪθ/ 'walked off (past part.)'

interconsonantal position: - /mɔɪdl/ 'girl'; /vɔɪtsn/ 'wheat'; /ʊmɔɪsn/ 'ant'; /sɔɪfə/ 'soap'; /frɔɪθm/ 'earlier (comp.)'; /nɔɪtɔɪln/ 'owl'

word-final position: - /frɔɪ/ 'morning'; /dɔɪ/ 'down'

/ʊɪ/ [ʊɪ] - The diphthong /ʊɪ/ occurs in all environments in stressed syllables.

There is only one word documented in word-initial position.

word-initial position: - /ʊɪ/ 'some'

interconsonantal position: - /flʊɪŋ/ 'fly'; /flʊɪkt/ '(it) flies'; /tʊɪf/ 'deep'; /tsʊɪŋ/ 'to pull (inf.)'; /krʊɪçt/ '(it) crawls';

word-final position: - /kʊɪ/ 'none'; /ʃtʊɪ/ 'stones'

/aɪ/ [aɪ] - The diphthong /aɪ/ appears in all environments in stressed syllables.

word-initial position: - /aɪθ/ 'udder'; /aɪgʃtɔɛlt/ 'hired (past part.)'; /aɪtson/ 'tightwad (past part. adj.)'; /aɪlonθ/ 'to invite (inf.)'

interconsonantal position: - /tsaidln/ 'to milk (inf.)'; /harp/ 'head (of a vegetable)'; /glarçən/ 'to like (inf.)'; /haisɔ/ 'houses';
/krats/ 'back'

word-final position: - /vaĩ/ 'wine'; /vai/ 'woman'; /drai/ 'three'; /hai/ 'hay';
/mai/ 'my (poss. pronoun)'; /ʃnai/ 'to cut (inf.)'

/aʊ/ [aʊ] - The diphthong /aʊ/ occurs in word-initial, interconsonantal, and word-final position. It mainly appears in stressed syllables, but sometimes in an unstressed syllable.

word-initial position: - /aus/ 'outside'; /aʊvedl/ 'eye lid'; /aʊtɔ/ 'udder';
/aʊstserʊŋ/ 'consumption'; /aʊgʊst/ 'august'

interconsonantal position: - /mitaus/ 'without'; /haus/ 'house'; /maʊs/ 'mouse';
/kraʊt/ 'cabbage'; /unkraʊt/ 'weed';
/naʊʃn/ 'to chew (inf.)'

word-final position: - /frau/ 'woman'; /haʊ/ '(I) hit'; /ʃaʊ!/ 'look!
(2nd sg. imperative)'

The following vowel chart contrasts the vowel phonemes in stressed position word-initially, interconsonantly, and word-finally, but also includes the vowels /ə/ and /ɒ/ that only occur in unstressed position. Although the majority of vowels occur in pairs of similar quality, it is rather difficult to pair up all of them to show a perfect complementary distribution.

<u>Word-Initial</u>			<u>Interconsonantal</u>		<u>Word-Final</u>	
/i/	/i/	'I'	/niðɒ/	'down'	si/	'she, they'
/ɪ/	/m/	'in'	/nɪt/	'no'	/mi/	'me'
/e/	/esəl/	'donkey'	/nedl/	'grandfather'	/ge/	'to go'
/ɛ/	/ɛs/	'it'	/nedls/	'nettles'		
/ʌ/	/ʌmɔɪsn/	'ant'	/kuxən/	'cake'	/ʃu/	'shoe'
/ʊ/	/ʊns/	'us'	/kʊxl/	'kitchen'		
/o/	/ofɒ/	'oven'	/hof/	'yard'	/so/	'so'
/ɔ/	/ɔf!/	'monkey!'	/hɔt/	'has'	/dɔ/	'there'
/ɑ/	/ɑf/	'on'	/glɑsl/	'glass'	/nɑ/	'no'
/a/	/aft/	'later'	/gɑnsl/	'gosling'		
/œ/	/œlton/	'parents'	/mœl/	'flour'		
/ə/			/hɛmɛt/	'shirt'	/simə/	'seven'
/ɒ/			/hʊndɒt/	'hundred'	/sʊmɒ/	'summer'
/ʊɒ/			/fʊɒs/	'foot'	/kʊɒ/	'cow'
/iɒ/	/iɒrtɒ/	'tuesday'	/fiɒs/	'feet'	/kiɒ/	'cows'
/ɔʊ/	/ɔʊstɒn/	'Easter'	/fɔʊs/	'foot'	/kɔʊ/	'cow'
/ɛi/			/fɛis/	'feet'	/kɛi/	'cows'
/oɒ/	/oɒ/	'egg'	/noɒx/	'fool'	/koɒ/	'no'
/ɛɒ/	/ɛɒntɪn/	'harvest'	/nɛɒx/	'afterwards'	/mɛɒ/	'more'
/ɔɪ/	/ɔɪɒ/	'eggs'	/tsɔɪŋ/	'to show'	/dɔɪ/	'down'
/ʊɪ/	/ʊɪ/	'some'	/tsʊɪŋ/	'to pull'	/kʊɪ/	'none'
/aɪ/	/aɪtɒ/	'udder'	/haɪsɒ/	'houses'	/haɪ/	'hay'
/aʊ/	/aʊtɒ/	'udder'	/haʊs/	'house'	/haʊ/	'(I) hit'

1)		2)				
MHG	NHG	CBG	MHG	NHG	CBG	
<ê>, <ë>	/ɛ/, /œ/, /ø/	/ɛ/, /ɛ/				
<ü>	/y/, /ʏ/	/i/, /ɪ/	<uo>	/u/	/uo/, /ou/	
<â>, <a>	/a/, /a/	/o/, /ɔ/	<ie>, <üe>	/i/, /y/	/io/, /eu/	
<u>	/ɔ/	/ʊ/	<ei>	/ai/	/oo/	
<ou>	/au/	/a/	<ô>, <â>, <a>	/ɔ/, /a/, /a/	/oo/	
<æ>	/æ/, /e/	/a/	<ei>	/ai/	/ɔi/	
<i>, <ê>, <ë>, <üe>	/i/, /ɪ/, /ɛ/, /y/	/œ/	<iu>	/i/	/ɔi/	
			<ou>, <iu>	/ɔi/	/ai/, /am/	
			<î>	/ai/	/ai/	
			<ô>	/o/	/ɔu/	
			<ie>, <üe>, <e>	/i/, /ɛ/	/ɛo/, /mɛo/	
			<û>	/au/	/au/	

The chart shows an overview of the major vowel correspondences between Middle High German (MHG), New High German (NHG), and the Catholic Bohemian German Dialect (CBG) of Ellis, Kansas. There is no connection between NHG and CBG. The chart only serves as a comparison between MHG, NHG, and CBG. There are phonemic symbols as well as graphemic symbols. The vowels of the dialect are under 1), while the diphthongs are under 2).

The Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis does not show the New High German (NHG) front rounded vowels /y/, /ʏ/, /ø/, or /œ/.²⁹ They are unrounded and are realized respectively as /i/, /iɔ/, /ɪ/, /e/, and /ɛ/: /frijɔɐ/ *Frühjahr* 'spring'; /miɔt/ *müde* 'tired'; /friçtn/ *Früchte* 'fruit'; /knɛdl/ *Knödel* 'dumpling'; /kɛpʃ/ *Köpfe* 'heads'. The plural formation and some suffixes, such as several plural allomorphs often do create a fronting of the vowels in the dialect: /fuɔs/ *Fuß* 'foot' versus /fins/ *Füße* 'feet'; /fogl/ *Vogel* 'bird' versus /fegl/ *Vögel* 'birds'; /lartuɔx/ *Bettuch* 'bedsheet' versus /lardiɔxɔ/ *Bettücher* 'bedsheets'; /frɔxt/ 'fruit (sg.)'; /friçtn/ 'fruit (pl.)'.

The diphthongs /uɔ/, /iɔ/, /oɔ/, /ɛɔ/, and /ʊɪ/ are pronounced as two distinct vowel phonemes with the second component /ɔ/ realized almost like a mumbling sound which leads to a stretching of the vowels, while the diphthongs /ɔʊ/, /ɛɪ/, /ɔɪ/, /aɪ/, and /aʊ/ have a compound vowel character. The so called falling diphthongs /uɔ/ and /iɔ/ are a significant feature in the vowel system of the dialect. Middle High German (MHG) <uo> → New High German (NHG) tense /u/ via monophthongization is realized as /uɔ/: /fuɔs/ *Fuß* 'foot'; /kuɔ/ *Kuh* 'cow'. And the MHG diphthong <ie> → NHG tense /i/ occurs as /iɔ/: /liɔp/ *lieb* 'lovely'; /tsiɔngl/ *Ziegel* 'brick'. MHG <üe> → NHG tense /y/ is also realized as /iɔ/: /kiɔ/ *Kühe* 'cows'; /miɔt/ *müde* 'tired'. The diphthongs /uɔ/ and /iɔ/ can also occur as secondary diphthongs through the vocalization of /r/ with the following /ɪ/ slightly pronounced or totally unpronounced: /miɔ/ *mir* 'me'; /fuɔt/ *fort* 'away' /biɔrʃtn/ *Bürste* 'brush'.³⁰ In addition, the MHG monophthong <e> is realized as the

²⁹ The author chose to use the symbol of the NHG front rounded vowel /œ/ to show the realization of the NHG vowels /i/, /ɪ/, /ɛ/ and /y/ < Middle High German (MHG) <i>, <ê>, <ë>, and <üe> influenced by the liquid /l/ which has given rise to rounded vowels: /foelt/ *Feld* 'field'.

³⁰ Kubitschek (1927, 15) calls them "unechte Zwielaute" in his discussion on the vowel system of the dialects of the Bohemian Forest. The author translated this term as 'secondary diphthong'.

diphthong /iɔ/ in words such as : /hiɔrkst/ *Herbst* 'fall'; /kiɔrtsn/ *Kerze* 'candle'; /iɔrtɔ/ *Dienstag* 'tuesday'. The falling diphthongs can also be realized as reversed diphthongs, /uo/ as /ɔu/: /fɔʊs/ *Fuß* 'foot'; /kɔʊ/ *Kuh* 'cow'; while /iɔ/ becomes /ɛɪ/: /fɛɪs/ *Füße* 'feet'; /kɛɪ/ *Kühe* 'cows'. The latter is characteristic of North Bavarian and is known as *gestürzte Diphthonge*, that is reversed diphthongs.

The MHG diphthong <ei> → NHG /ai/ appears as a rounded diphthong /oɔ/ in monosyllabic words: /oɔ/ *Ei* 'egg'; /gɔɔs/ *Geiß* 'goat'; /ʃtɔɔ/ *Stein* 'stone'; but changes to the rising diphthong /ɔɪ/ if historically two syllables are used: /ɔɪ/ *Eier* 'eggs'; /gɔɪs/ *Ziegen* 'goats'; /sɔɪfə/ *Seife* 'soap'. It can, however also occur as /ʊɪ/ with the following nasal /n/ lost: /ʃtʊɪ/ *Steine* 'stones'; /ʊɪ/ *einige* 'some'; /kʊɪ/ *kein(e)* 'no (negative pronoun)'. The rounded diphthong /oɔ/ also appears from the MHG vowels <ô>, <â>, and <a> through /r/ vocalization or when followed by the fricative /s/: /dɔɔf/ *Dorf* 'village'; /jɔɔ/ *Jahr* 'year'; /vɔɔm/ *warm* 'warm'; /oɔvas/ *Erbse* 'pea'. The diphthong /ɛɔ/ occurs when the /r/ is vocalized and disappears completely following the lax /ɛ/: /mɛɔ/ *mehr* 'more'; /ɛɔntn/ *Ernte* 'harvest'; /gɛɔn/ *gern* 'to like to do something'; or when MHG <ie> and <üe> → NHG tense /i/ precede the nasals /m/ or /n/: /ɛɔn/ *ihn* 'him'; /nɛɔmɔt/ *niemand* 'no one'; NHG tense /i/ ← via MHG <iu> is often realized as the reversed diphthong /ʊɪ/: /tʊɪf/ *tief* 'deep'; /flʊɪŋ/ *Fliege* 'fly'.³¹ The NHG monophthongs /i/, /i/, /ɛ/, and tense /y/ ← MHG vowels <i>, <ê>, <ë>, and <üe> appear often as the front rounded vowel /œ/ when influenced by the liquid /l/ as mentioned above: /besnʃtœl/ *Besenstiel* 'broom handle'; /gœlsn/ *Mücke*

³¹ OHG <iu> became the MHG long vowel <iu> collapsing with the vowel <iu> from Germanic <î>. The OHG form apparently reflects the Bavarian development of Germanic <eu> to <iu> in the OHG period. For a detailed discussion see Braune/Eggers (1975, 48).

'mosquito'; /gœlt/ *Geld* 'money'; /hœlft/ *helfen* 'to help'; /fœkœln/ *sich verkühlen* 'to catch a cold'. There are two exceptions: /balt/ (*er*) *bellt* '(it) barks', /tɔlb/ *Teller* 'plate'. The NHG diphthong /ai/ ← MHG tense long vowel <î> does reflect NHG diphthongization in the dialect: /darnə/ *dein* 'your'; /ʃnai/ *schneiden* 'to cut'; /tsardln/ *melken* 'to milk'. And MHG <ou> and <iu> realized as the NHG diphthong /ɔɪ/ are unrounded to the rising diphthong /ai/: /lart/ *Leute* 'people'; /fard/ *Feuer* 'fire'; /har/ *Heu* 'hay'. NHG /aʊ/ ← MHG <û> consistently reflects the diphthongization /aʊ/: /ʃaʊfl/ *Schaufel* 'shovel'; /haʊs/ *Haus* 'house'; /braʊt/ *Braut* 'bride'. There is one exception before the liquid /l/: /mɔl/ *Maul* 'mouth'.³² The NHG /aʊ/ ← MHG <ou> sometimes appears as the diphthong /aʊ/: /raʊxɔ/ *rauchen* 'to smoke'; /haupt/ *Haupt* 'head'; it occurs as the back tense vowel /ɑ/ before the nasal /m/: /bam/ *Baum* 'tree'; /tramp/ *träumen* 'to dream'. The back tense vowel /ɑ/ is also realized in words with the NHG vowels /æ/ and /e/ ← OHG long <â> via MHG <æ> : /nan/ *nähen* 'to sew'; /lar/ *leer* 'empty'; /ʃvar/ *schwer* 'heavy'. MHG <e> and tense long <ê> are retained in the dialect as /e/: /nebl/ *Nebel* 'fog'; /fedɔm/ *Federn* 'feathers'; /vɛ/ *weh* '(it) hurts'. The NHG word *Schnee*, however, does not show the realization of /e/, but of the diphthong /ɛɪ/ word-finally: /ʃnɛɪ/ 'snow'. There is also a retention of /e/ or /ɛ/ in the dialect when MHG <ê> and <ë> are reflected in NHG as either /ɛ/, /ø/ or /œ/: /kefɔ/ *Käfer* 'bug'; /ʃɛn/ *schön* 'beautiful'; /lefl/ *Löffel* 'spoon'; /pfeftɔ/ *Pfeffer* 'pepper'; /fɛtsn/ *Fetzen* 'rag'. NHG /y/ and /ʏ/ corresponding to MHG <ü> is unrounded in the dialect to /i/ and /ɪ/ respectively: /hivɔln/ *Hügel* 'hills'; /fɪnf/ *fünf* 'five'. MHG <i> and <u> are largely preserved in the dialect: /i/ *ich* 'I'; /juni/ *Juni* 'June'. A noticeable exception is: /ɪntɔ/ *unter* 'under' where MHG

³² This word was realized as /mɔl/ by some speakers or with the diphthong as /maʊl/.

<u> → NHG /ʊ/ is also realized as /ɪ/. NHG tense /ɑ/ and lax /a/ ← MHG <â> and <a> is often rounded to /o/ or /ɔ/ in the dialect: /mosn/ *Narbe* 'scar'; /ɔkon/ *ackern, pflügen* 'to plow'. A significant change in the realization of the vowels /o/ and /ɔ/ to /u/ and /ʊ/ primarily takes place in some words of the dialect with a following liquid /l/ or the nasal /m/ with NHG /ɑ/, /a/, and /o/ ← MHG <â>, <a>, and <o> respectively: /umɔisn/ *Ameise* 'ant'; /ʃmʊltsrɪŋl/ *Schmaltzriegel* 'doughnut'; /kʊlt/ *kalt* 'cold'; /kʊln/ *Kohlen* 'coals'; .³³ NHG /o/ ← MHG <ô> is reflected as the secondary diphthong /ɔʊ/: /rɔʊt/ *rot* 'red'; /tɔʊt/ *tot* 'dead'; /brɔʊt/ *Brot* 'bread'. But the dialect retains the vowel /ʊ/ from MHG <u> → NHG lax /ɔ/: /sʊmɐ/ *Sommer* 'summer'; /sʊntə/ *Sonntag* 'sunday'.

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers have a tendency to reduce vowels in unstressed syllables such as in the past participle prefix /g/ with the apocope of the unstressed vowel /ə/. Tense long vowels in single-syllable words in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German differ from Standard German pronunciation, e.g., the word /ros/ *Roß, Pferd* 'horse'. Other scholars have noticed this lengthening of vowels in Bavarian dialects. One scholar noted: "Dehnung und Schärfung der Vokale und der damit zusammenhängende Wechsel einfacher und verdoppelter Consonanten folgen in der altbayerischen Mundart nicht den Gesetzen der Schriftsprache" (Mutzl 1860, 343).³⁴ Furthermore, Ellis Catholic Bohemian German has two words that are distinct in the dialect. In the words /nedl/ *Großvater, Ahn(e)* 'grandfather', and /nadl/ *Großmutter, Ahnin* 'grandmother' they insert an epenthetic consonant /d/

³³ The NHG word *kalt* 'cold' was also realized as /kɔlt/ by some speakers.

³⁴ Mutzl (1860, 343) gives a detailed description on pronunciation differences in Bavarian dialects as opposed to Standard German. Ebner (1980, 219-20) in his discussion on German in Austria also lists numerous examples for the phenomenon of vowel quantity and intonation in Austrian German based on Bavarian dialects that differ from the literary language.

between the vowel and the syllabic /l/ and metathesize the nasal /n/ and the vowel.³⁵

The words are derived from MHG /an/ and /ane/ respectively. Metathesis also occurs in the word /trɛɔt/ *Erde* 'ground, soil'; and the word for NHG *Kartoffel*, *Erdapfel* /trɛapfl/ 'potato' between the vowel /ɛ/ and the alveolar trill /r/. The initial alveolar stop /t/ is perhaps added from a preceding article with assimilation of the unstressed vowel.³⁶

Pronominal Morphology³⁷

	Nom.	Acc.	Dat.	Possessive
1st person singular	i	mi	mir	mai(n)
2nd person singular	du	di	dir	dai(n)
3rd singular masculine	ɛr, dɛr	ɛɔn, ɛɔm	ɛɔm	sai(n)
feminine	si, di	si, di	ir	ir, sai(n)
neuter	ɛs, dɛs	ɛs, dɛs	dɛs	sai(n)
1st person plural	mir	uns	uns	unsənə(rə)
2nd person plural	dɛs (tsvɔɔ)	ɛŋ	ɛŋ, ɛs	ɛŋənə
3rd person plural	si, di	si, di	dɛnə ³⁸	ɛvrə(nə), dɛrənə

The chart on the pronominal system of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect displays three cases, the nominative, accusative, and dative cases. Some personal

³⁵ The syllabic /l/ is the diminutive suffix.

³⁶ Weinhold (1867, 169-70) mentions the frequent transposition of /r/ and /ɛ/ in the prefix -ɛ-, for example *da restarb* (*da erstarb*) 'then died'.

³⁷ The grammatical tables were completed either by asking the informants directly for specific forms or by translation exercises.

³⁸ Apart from the demonstrative pronoun form for the 3rd person plural dative case, no specific pronoun form could be collected.

pronouns occur in a reduced form when unstressed, such as: /ɛr/ > /ɐ/ *er* 'he'; /si/ > /sə/ *sie* (sg. and pl.) 'she, they', and /ɛs/ > /s/ *es* 'it'. There is, however a tendency for the dative and accusative case to merge into a common objective case, especially in the 3rd person singular masculine. The collapse of these cases can also be observed in the 1st and 2nd person plural forms, whereas the 3rd person dative plural shows a distinctive dative form. There is a clear distinction of the dative and accusative forms in the 1st and 2nd person singular forms, as well as the 3rd person singular feminine form.

In the following examples the accusative and dative case distinction is retained:

/tʊməl dɪ/! *Beeile dich!* 'Hurry up!'

/aft genmɔ mit dɪr/ *Dann gehen wir mit dir zusammen.* 'Then we will go with you.'

The breakdown of the accusative/dative distinction is, however evident in the inconsistent use of the 1st person singular pronoun as an indirect dative object as is illustrated by the following sentence:

/dɛr ivʊruk past mɪr nɪt/ *Dieser Mantel paßt mir nicht.* 'This coat does not fit me.'

/dɛr ivʊruk past mɪ nɪt/ *Dieser Mantel paßt mir nicht.* 'This coat does not fit me.'

The shift to a common objective case is also apparent in the use of the 3rd person singular masculine dative pronoun for a direct accusative object, contrary to the historically used masculine accusative form with /n/, as the following examples represent:

/i hən ɛpm gsɔkt, jɔ, i se ɛpm/ *Ich habe ihm gesagt, ja, ich sehe ihn.*
'So I told him yes, I see him.'

/i vɪl ɛpm ɔm kʊpf haʊ.../ *Ich will ihn schlagen....* 'I want to hit him...'

The 2nd person plural forms are unique in this table in that they show the old dual form *ös/enk* (MHG *ir/iuch*) > /ɛŋ/ *euch* 'you (2nd pers. pl.)' in the accusative and dative case. The dual form stems from the Indo-European dual pronoun form *es*.

³⁹ The nominative case expresses the dual by using the demonstrative pronoun /dɛs/ *diese* 'these', and the number 'two' /tsvɔp/ *zwei*. The following sentence illustrates the use:

/dɛs tsvɔp hats a ʃes haʊs kɔt/ *Ihr habt ein schönes Haus gehabt* 'You two had a nice house'

The possessive pronouns tend to have weakened endings. The singular forms sometimes occur with the final nasal being lost. In addition, the 3rd person singular masculine/neuter possessive pronoun is sometimes used instead of its feminine counterpart:

/irə mo hot ir a narə ruk kɔft/ *Ihr Mann hat ihr einen neuen Rock gekauft.* 'Her husband bought her a new coat.'

/sai ɛnkəlkiŋt blaipt mit ir/ *Ihr Enkelkind bleibt bei ihr.* 'Her grandchild stays with her.'

The 1st person plural possessive pronoun varies between two forms that do not seem to be specific for an individual speaker. The same informant might use both forms, such as in the following examples of Informant 1:

³⁹ See (*Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Deutschen*, 1997) for a discussion of the etymology of the NHG pronoun *euch*.

/mir hamɔ kaisɔt mit ʊnsənə frantʃɔft/ *Wir haben unsere Verwandten besucht.* 'We visited our relatives.'

/mir gepmɔ ʊnsərə hənɔ kʊkʊrʊts/ *Wir geben unseren Hühnern Mais.*
We give our chickens corn.'

Since the genitive case has been lost in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect, apart from the use of set phrases with a genitive noun inflection, such as : /mʊtər ɡɔtəs/ *Mutter Gottes* 'mother of God'; /den aɪpləs dəs flaiʃəs/ *den Ablaß des Fleisches* 'the indulgence of the flesh', we find no example of the historical genitive. Possession is expressed periphrastically, using the dative case and possessive pronouns: ⁴⁰

/dɛs hant maɪnə laɪt ɛbrə haus/ *Dies ist das Haus meiner Eltern* 'This is my parents' house.'

/maɪ fɔtɔn saɪ ʃvɛstɔn irə buɪ/ *Der Sohn der Schwester meines Vaters (mein Cousin)* 'my father's sister's son (my cousin).'

/dɛs mɔɪdl ɪs dɛn leo vɛbɔ saɪ vaɪ ɡvɛn/ *Das Mädchen ist Leo Webers Frau gewesen* 'The girl was Leo Weber's wife'

The demonstrative pronouns predominate in the nominative case of all genders, where they often replace the personal pronoun: /di ʃamənt sɪ/ *Sie schämen sich.* 'They are embarrassed.' Demonstrative forms in the singular always precede first names of people: /dɛr vɪlɪ/ *Willi* 'William'; /di rosi bəs/ *Tante Rosi* 'aunt Rosi.' Furthermore, the demonstratives in the nominative case appear fairly frequently in a main sentence between the subject and the verb, emphasizing the subject: /di ʃlɪmɔ ɡɛns, di baɪsənt mɪ tsu tɔʊt/ ⁴¹ *Die bösen Gänse beißen dich tot.* 'Those mean geese will bite you to death.' The third person singular feminine and neuter

⁴⁰ The loss of the genitive case is a common occurrence throughout the German dialects. See Merkle (1984, 96).

⁴¹ This informant used the first person accusative pronoun instead of the second person accusative form.

demonstrative forms, as well as the third person plural also occur quite often in the accusative environment. The third person plural is also used in the dative demonstrative: /ʊnt dɔ is er mit mai framtʃɔft a tsəm kɛmɔ gven mit dɛnɔ ʊlə/ *Und da ist er mit allen in meiner Verwandtschaft zusammengekommen* 'And there he also got together with all my relatives'; and sometimes substitutes the possessive pronoun: /si gɛm dɛrənɔ hɛnɔ gɛrʃtn/ *Sie geben ihren Hühnern Gerste* 'They give their chickens barley.'

Formal Usage:

/ɛŋ/ *Ihr* 'you (2nd pers.pl.)', the old dual form, is used for formal address in the dialect:

/... dɔs si ʊmækɛmɔ mɪsn tsʊn ɛŋ/ ... *daß sie bei euch/Ihnen vorbeikommen müssen* 'that they have to stop by at your place'; /... ɛŋ tsʊn ɔfhɛm/ ... *um euch/Sie abzuholen* '... in order to pick you up.'⁴²

Impersonal Pronoun:

The 3rd person singular neuter /ɛs/ functions as the subject with verbs used impersonally: /ɛs gɛt ʊləs ɛŋlɪʃ/ *Alles ist auf Englisch*. 'Everything is in English.'

The neuter pronoun is often reduced to /s/ if unstressed in the beginning of the sentence and frequently postenclitic to a finite verb, to pronouns, or conjunctions:

⁴² Informant 1 was making a phone call to Informant 5, his niece. He is her uncle and older than she, so she addresses him formally. Mirwald (1988, 23) points out that this pronoun was used to formally address people, as well as your parents and relatives. The formal address, however is mostly unfamiliar to speakers of the dialect when they address people. When directly questioned or in translation exercises with the second person plural pronoun in it the main informant used the 2nd person singular form /du/ *du* 'you': /vɛr bɪst du?/ *Wie geht es Ihnen?* 'How are you?' While Informant 5 was on the phone with her uncle she addressed a question to the author and immediately switched to the second person singular familiar form: /vɪrst hɪfɪnɔ tsu dɔ rosi?/ *Wirst du zur der Rosi hinfinden?* 'Will you find the way to Rosi's place?' When directly questioned about a formal usage she, however, formed questions such as: /vi haptɔ dɛn?/ *Wie geht es Ihnen?* 'How are you?'; /haptɔ gsunt?/ *Sind Sie gesund?* 'Are you healthy?'

/s ʃe draust/ *Es ist draußen schön* 'It is nice outside'; /aft vɪrts vɪdɔ bɪsɔ vɛrn/

Danach wird es wieder besser 'Then it will get better again.'

Relative Pronouns:

There are no distinct relative pronouns in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. The relative clauses functioning as attributes are constructed by the indefinite relative pronoun /vɔs/ *was* 'what' for all genders and the plural:

/ɛr ɪs maɪ fɛtɔ, vɔs krɔŋ ɪs/ *Das ist mein Onkel, der krank ist*
'This is the best honey I have ever had'

/a vaɪ, vɔs s kɪnt af dɛ vɔelt brɪŋɔ kɔn/
Das Weib (Die Frau), das (die) ein Kind auf die Welt bringen kann
'A woman who can bring a child into this world'

/i tuɔ tsartuŋ lesən, vɔs ɔm tɪʃ glɛŋ ɪs/
Ich tue die Zeitung lesen, die auf dem Tisch gelegen hat
'I am reading the paper that was on the table'

/a kuɔ, vɔs kaɪ kaɪvəl kɪnkt/ *Eine Kuh, die kein Kälbchen kriegt*
'A cow that get have a calf'

/di hant mɛɔ vi di distlɪn, vɔs ɪn fɔelt draust/
Die sind mehr wie die Disteln, die im Feld draußen (sind)
'These are more like the thistles back in the field'

Two examples were collected with the demonstrative pronoun preceding

/vɔs/:⁴³

/i hɔn maɪ basl gɛsɛn, di vɔs ɪn hɛɪs vɔunt/
Ich habe meine Tante gesehen, die in Hays wohnt
'I saw my aunt who lives in Hays.'

/nɪt dɛr mo, dɛn vɔs du gɔelt gɛm hɔst/
Nicht der Mann, dem du Geld gegeben hast
'Not the man whom you gave money.'

⁴³ Wiesinger (1989, 455) points out that relative clauses in Bavarian dialects are introduced by the relative pronoun *was* and they can be strengthened by the demonstrative, *der, die, das was*.

Reflexive Pronouns:

Numerous sentences containing reflexives have been collected. Most of them show the use of the accusative forms. The reflexive pronouns sometimes occur with the loss of the final palatal fricative. The first two examples show verbs with an accompanying accusative case reflexive pronoun, while the last two sentences have the dative reflexive forms:

/ʊnt hɔst di gupt koltn/ ...und hast dich gut benommen 'and you have behaved yourself.'

/ɛr hɔt sɪ nidɔglekt/ Er hat sich niedergelegt 'He lay down.'

/di fɪps tʊnt mɪ so ve/ Die Füße tun mir so weh. 'My feet hurt so much.'

/maɪ brʊndɔ voel sɪ ɔfstœln tsvar ʃenə haɪsɔ.../ Mein Bruder will sich zwei schöne neue Häuser bauen 'My brother wants to build himself two beautiful new houses.'

Most informants used the 3rd person singular masculine personal pronoun

/ɛpm/ ihm 'him' in the latter sentence, Wenker sentence 33, to express the reflexive form:⁴⁴

/sai brʊndɔ voel ɛpm bau tsvon ʃenə naɪə haɪsɔ in daɪnɔ jat/
Sein Bruder will sich zwei schöne neue Häuser in eurem Garten bauen
'His brother wants to build himself two beautiful new houses in your yard'

Interrogative Pronouns:

The NHG interrogative pronouns *wer* 'who?', *wem* 'whom ...to?', *wie* 'how?', *wieviel* 'how many?', *wo* 'where?', *woher* 'where... (from)?', *was*

⁴⁴ The *dtv-Atlas zur deutschen Sprache* (1992, 155) provides the information that in OHG the dative case of a reflexive was formed by using the 3rd person singular personal pronoun *imu*, *iru*. This distinction is still made in some Upper German dialect areas. One sentence was collected showing the accusative reflexive pronoun /sɪ/ being used with a verb that does not have a reflexive in the corresponding New High German (NHG): /oɔnɔ hɔt sɪ gʃtɔlpɔt.../ *Einer ist gestolpert...* 'One [person] stumbled...'

'what?', *was für* 'what kind of?' and *warum* 'why?' have been collected for the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. They are realized in the dialect respectively as /vɛr/, /vɛm/, /vi/, /vifœl,vɛifœl/, /vo/, /vo...hɛr/, /vɔs/, /vɔs fir/ and /vɛrn,vɛ/.⁴⁵ The realization of the words for the NHG interrogative pronouns *wieviel* and *warum* depends on the speaker.

The translation of the dative interrogative pronoun *wem* 'whom ... to?', in Wenker sentence 21 underscores the tendency of this dialect to a common objective case. While in some translations the dative interrogative pronoun prevails, the nominative form *wer* 'who?' functions as a dative object in a couple of sentences and another example uses the accusative form of *wer* :

/tsu vɛr hamant di dɔ ʃtɔrɪ fɔtsœlt?/ *Wem hat er die neue Geschichte erzählt?* 'Whom did he tell the new story to?'⁴⁶

/vɛn hɔt ɛr di ʃtɔrɪ fɔtsœlt?/ *Wem hat er die neue Geschichte erzählt?* 'Whom did he tell the new story to?'

Nominal Morphology

There are three genders in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect: masculine, feminine and neuter. Nouns, adjectives and articles are declined for those three genders. Nouns are declined in the singular and plural.⁴⁷ Articles and adjectives can be inflected in the nominative, accusative and dative cases. As with the pronominal system there is no inflection in the genitive case.

⁴⁵ The interrogative pronoun for the NHG *warum* 'why' has been collected from Informant 1 and Informant 2, both of whom realized the interrogative pronoun with /vɛrn/ and /vɛ/, respectively.

⁴⁶ This informant uses the third person plural instead of the third person singular masculine.

⁴⁷ The gender of nouns in this dialect are essentially parallel to the genders assigned to nouns in NHG. There is evidence of a few words, however, that have a different gender, for example: /dɛr bʊtɛr/ *die Butter* 'the butter'; /dɛr rats/ *die Ratte* 'the rat'.

The Definite Article: ⁴⁸

	Nominative	Accusative	Dative
Masculine	dər	dən	dən
Feminine	di	di	dər, dərø
Neuter	dəs	dəs	dəs, dən
Plural	di	di	di, dən

The chart above shows the definite articles of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect. As has been mentioned before with the pronominal system, there sometimes is the tendency toward a collapse of the accusative and dative cases to one oblique case. The evidence is particularly strong with regards to the masculine forms, where the accusative form of the definite article very often also functions as the definite article of the dative indirect object. On the other hand, there is a consistent accusative and dative distinction with the feminine forms. Occasionally this distinction is also made in the neuter article. The following examples will show the use of the dative article with the dative indirect object, respectively, for the feminine and neuter:

/si hant fɪnf səsəl ɪn dər kʊxl/ *Sie haben fünf Sessel in der Küche*
 'There are five chairs in the kitchen.'

/i hɔns dɛm vɑr ɡsɔkt/ *Ich habe es der Frau gesagt* 'I told it to the
 woman.'

⁴⁸ As with the pronominal system, some forms of the definite articles are simplified, especially in free conversation. The feminine singular nominative and accusative and all plural forms are sometimes realized as /dɛ/ and the neuter singular nominative and accusative articles as /s/, while the masculine singular accusative form is reduced to /n/. Furthermore, some informants occasionally omit the article altogether, for example: /mɪl fɔŋts kɔxø ø/ *Die Milch fängt an zu kochen* 'the milk is starting to boil.'

The masculine accusative form of the article often precedes a noun functioning as the direct object, but it also appears with a noun acting as the indirect object of the sentence. The following examples show the use of the masculine accusative form of the article in accusative and dative environments:

/ɛr hot dɛn ʃtol ausgmɪst/ *Er hat den Stall ausgemistet* 'He cleaned the stable.'

/ɪç gləʊbə dɛn fətɐr/ *Ich glaube dem Vater* 'I believe the father.'

The tendency of the accusative and dative masculine towards a common objective case is particularly evident in conjunction with prepositions that are contracted with the definite article. The accusative masculine ending /n/ is predominant in a historically dative (of location) environment:

/du sɪtst ʃo hɪntɔn tɪʃ/ *Du sitzt schon hinterm Tisch* 'You are already sitting behind the table.'

/bɛm kɔpl sarnə ɔɛltɔn/ *bei Karls Eltern* 'at Karl's parents.'

The collapse of the accusative and dative case to a common case is perhaps also evident in the inconsistent usage of the dative plural definite article. In Wenker sentence 40 the dative distinction is made by one speaker, whereas others use the accusative plural article with the NHG dative preposition *mit* 'with'. The first example shows the use of the dative plural article, while the second statement has the accusative plural article:

/i bɪn mɪt dɛn lɔt mɪtɡfoʊn/ *Ich bin mit den Leuten mitgefahren* 'I drove with the people.'

/i bɪn ɡfoʊn mit di laɪt/ *Ich bin mit den Leuten gefahren* 'I drove with the people'

The retention of the historically dative masculine ending /m/ is rare . Two examples collected are with the preposition /ɔn/ *auf* 'on', whereby the preposition and the definite article are contracted to /ɔm/:

/hɔst des vʊsɔ ɔm ofn?/ *Steht das Wasser am (auf dem) Ofen?* 'Is the water on the stove?'

/ɛr ɪs ɔm hɪvəl ɔm ɡftɔnɔ/ *Er stand oben am (auf dem) Berg* 'He stood on the hill.'

The Indefinite Article:

	Nominative	Accusative	Dative
Masculine	a (oʊ, oʊn)	a (oʊn)	a (oʊn)
Feminine	a (oʊ)	a (oʊnə)	a (oʊnə)
Neuter	a (oʊ)	a (oʊ)	a

The indefinite article *ein* 'a' is realized as /oʊn/ with masculine nouns in all cases, but it was mostly used in the reduced form /a/. All other forms of the indefinite article were realized with the reduction to /a/.⁴⁹ The form /oʊ/ which is also used for the ordinal number *eins* 'one' occasionally occurs as well in the nominative case of all genders and in the neuter accusative: /si hɔt ɔʊ ɔʊ brɔxɔ/ *Sie hat ein Ei zerbrochen* 'She broke an egg.' With the exceptions of the feminine acusative and dative endings of the ordinal number the mere use of the reduced form of the masculine

⁴⁹ The reduced form occurred with high frequency in the nominative case in the picture descriptions. Further simplification sometimes occurs with masculine and neuter in accusative and dative cases realized as /-ən/.

and neuter indefinite articles perhaps underline the tendency towards a merger of both cases to one common objective case. A variation of the masculine nominative with the vocalized ending /ɔ/ is used by the main Informant. The NHG indefinite pronoun *jemand* /oɔnɔ/ 'someone' reflects this, when used as a noun: /Is oɔnɔ gven/ *Da war einer /jemand* 'There was someone'. It is further inflected when preceded by a definite article: /dɛr oɔnə is a lɛrɔ, ... unt dɛr oɔnə is a bɛdlɔ/ *Der eine ist Lehrer, ... und der andere ist ein Bettler* 'One is a teacher,... and the other one a beggar.'

Negation:

The negative indefinite pronoun *kein* 'no' is mostly realized as /kɔɔ/ in the singular: /i frnt kɔɔ nodl/ *Ich kann keine Nadel finden* 'I cannot find a needle'; and /kʊɪ/ in the plural: /mir hamɔ kʊɪ gɛns/ *Wir haben keine Gänse* 'We do not have any geese'. The negative pronoun does not normally occur with an ending. Also the indefinite pronoun *manche, einige* 'some' which was collected for the nominative plural does not have an ending: /ʊɪ hɔn i ʃtɛn lɔsn kɔt/ *Manche habe ich stehen lassen* 'I left some'.

Noticeable is the double negation that occasionally occurs in the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect, such as: /nɛɔmɔls nɪt/ *niemals [nie]* 'never [ever]'; /i glaiç kɔɔ ʃofflɔɪʃ oʋɔ kɔrvɔlsflɔɪʃ nɪt/ *Ich mag weder Schafffleisch noch Kalbsfleisch* 'I do not like mutton or veal'.

Noun plural formations:

Plural formations in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect are largely congruent with NHG plural suffixes. There are, however, some derivational features for the plural of the dialect that are unparalleled to the standard usage in NHG.

Numerous plurals of nouns of all three genders are marked by a fronting of the stem vowel. In nouns marking their plural with the inflectional suffix /ər/, the /r/ is usually vocalized accompanied by a change in vowel quality. In various other nouns an additional nasal suffix /n/ is added to the noun singular as a plural marker, and the plural marker /ɒ/ is affixed to some singular forms ending in a nasal. Some plural nouns do not have an inflectional suffix at all. A selection of noun plurals of all three genders with different plural markers follows:

	<u>Singular</u>			<u>Plural</u>
<u>masculine:</u>				
	der fups, fous	<i>der Fuß</i>	'foot'	di fiɒs, feɪs
	der kruɒ	<i>der Krug</i>	'jar'	di kriɒ
	der ju,ʃou	<i>der Schuh</i>	'shoe'	di juə
	der bam	<i>der Baum</i>	'tree'	di bɑmə
	der tsegɒ	<i>der Korb</i>	'basket'	di tsegɒn
	der hivəl	<i>der Hügel</i>	'hill'	di hivəlɪn
	der mo, mon	<i>der Mann</i>	'man'	di mɑnɒ
	der lefl	<i>der Löffel</i>	'spoon'	di lefl
<u>feminine:</u>				
	di kuɒ, kou	<i>die Kuh</i>	'cow'	di kiɒ, keɪ
	di gɒns	<i>die Gans</i>	'goose'	di gɒns
	di hen	<i>die Henne</i>	'hen'	di hɛnɒ
	di fruxt	<i>die Frucht</i>	'fruit'	di friçtɪn
	di rain	<i>die Pfanne</i>	'pan'	di raɪnɒ
	di brɪʃtɪn	<i>die Bürste</i>	'brush'	di brɪʃtɪnɒ
	di antɪn	<i>die Ente</i>	'duck'	di antɪn
<u>neuter:</u>				
	des doɪf	<i>das Dorf</i>	'village'	di deɪfɒ
	des kɪnt	<i>das Kind</i>	'child'	di kɪndɒ
	des ɒɪ	<i>das Ei</i>	'egg'	di ɔɪɒ
	des ros	<i>das Pferd</i>	'horse'	di ros
	des haus	<i>das Haus</i>	'house'	di haɪsɒ
	des glasl	<i>das Glas</i>	'glass'	di glaslɪn

N- Class Nouns:

Most feminine nouns collected, based on the Middle High German (MHG) N-noun declension are marked with a word-final nasal /n/ in the singular and plural: /mosn/ *die Mase, Narbe* 'scar'; /fisoln/ *die Fiole, Bohne* 'bean'; /kiortsn/ *die Kerze* 'candle'. One masculine noun of this class is marked with the final /ə/ inflection retained in the nominative singular: /der hōnə/ *der Hahn* 'rooster', another one has the final nasal in the dative and accusative cases: /buom/ *dem/ den Buben* 'boy(s)', while a third N- noun was collected in the accusative singular case: /ən atvokatn/ *einen Advokaten* 'a lawyer'. The neuter noun *Herz* that is still reflected in NHG dative singular does not have an ending in the dialect: /fōn sam herts/ *von seinem Herzen* 'from his heart'.

Diminutive Suffix:

The NHG diminutives *-chen* and *-lein* are to a large extent reflected in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect as syllabic /l/: /gansl/ *Entlein* 'duckling'; /lampl/ *Lamm* 'lamb'; /biɔxl/ *Büchlein* 'little book'; /ʃtɪkl/ *Stückchen* 'little piece'. An epenthetic vowel is inserted in words ending in a final labio-dental fricative: /ʃvarvəl/ *Schwälbchen* 'little swallow'; /kʊlvəl/ *Kalb* 'calf'. A few words have been collected with the suffixes /ələ/ and /lə/ such as: /frɛʃlə/ *Fröschlein* 'little frog'; /ʃofələ/ *Schäfchen* 'little sheep'. Some words only appear with diminutive marker: /mɔɪdl/ *Mädchen* 'girl'; /bladl/ *Blatt* 'leaf'.

Adjectives:

Predicate adjectives are preceded by a predicate verb and do not have any endings: /di tsartn hant hoɪt/ *Es sind harte Zeiten* 'Times are hard'.

Attributive adjectives which always come before the noun and frequently follow an article, primarily show a systematic pattern in the system of weak endings, but strong and mixed adjective endings are arranged orderly as well to a large extent. The attributive adjectives show endings in all three systems, with a few exceptions and some endings unaccounted for in the case of strong and mixed adjective endings.

Weak Adjective Endings:

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
Nominative	-ə	-ə (∅)	-ə	-ən (-ə)
Accusative	-ən	-ə	-ə	-ən
Dative	-ən	-ən	-ən (-ə)	-ən

Weak adjective endings appear after definite articles. The graphical display illustrates a rather predictable pattern. The predominant adjective ending in the nominative and accusative singular is /-ə/, whereas the accusative masculine forms are marked /-ən/. The dative endings, as well as all the plural forms show an /ən/. The one nominative feminine variation with no ending was collected in Wenker sentence 21: /di nar gʃiçt/ *die neue Geschichte* 'the new story'. The one neuter dative variation shows the loss of the final nasal: /mit den vairsə ros/ *mit dem weißen Pferd* 'with the white horse'. The two nominative plural endings with the omission of the final nasal are examples that occurred in translation sentences in the Wenker and the Wisconsin Questionnaires: /di ʃlɪmə gɛns/ *die schlimmen Gänse* 'the mean geese'; /di juŋə krovən/ *die jungen Krähen* 'the young crows'.

Strong Adjective Endings:

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
Nominative	-ər	-ə	-əs (-s)	-ə
Accusative	-ən	-ə	-∅	-ə
Dative	-ən	-ə	-ən	-ə

Strong adjective endings occur frequently in the plural, while some singular forms could be accounted for as well. Some past participles verb forms functioning as adjectives occurred as well. The plural forms are consistently marked with /-ə/ in all cases, as the following examples show: /rou̯tə epfl/ *rote Äpfel* 'red apples'; /gfluxtənə hɔv/ *geflochtene Haare* 'braided hair'; /klovnə feɟl/ *little birds* 'kleine Vögel'. The one nominative masculine strong adjective ending was collected in Wenker sentence 11 as an imperative: /dumər esəl!/ *dummer Esel* 'stupid donkey!', and the following examples show the accusative and dative masculine strong adjective endings: /gu̯tən vaɪ/ *guten Wein* 'good wine', /fɔn si̯psn vaɪ/ *von süßem Wein* 'from sweet wine'. The dative feminine shows a weak adjective ending: /mit gu̯tə ho̯mmox̯tə flai̯ʃvɪrʃt/ *mit guter hausgemachter Wurst* 'with good homemade sausage'. The neuter nominative and accusative forms are inconsistent, but the one example of neuter accusative adjectives ending in an alveolar fricative does not have an ending at all, perhaps due to apocope and assimilation of the second alveolar fricative: /ɪn hɔps vʊsɔ/ *in heißes Wasser* 'in hot water'. The neuter nominative mostly shows the strong adjective ending /-əs/, while two variations occur with apocope of the vowel: /gmolns flai̯ʃ/ *gemahlenes Fleisch* 'ground meat', /gu̯ts rntflai̯ʃ/ *gutes Rindfleisch* 'good beef'.

Mixed Adjective Endings:

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural
Nominative	-ɒ	-ə	-s, -əs	-ə, -ən
Accusative	-ɒ, -ən	-ə	-s, -əs	-ə, -ən
Dative	-ən	-ə	-ø, -ən	-ən

Mixed adjective endings occur after the indefinite article, the negative pronoun, or the possessive pronouns. They are systematic in the nominative and accusative cases in all genders and the plural. The feminine dative shows /ə/: /fɔn a guɒtə flʊʃn vɑɪ/ *von einer guten Flasche Wein* 'from a good bottle of wine'. One neuter dative that was collected did not show an ending, perhaps again because of apocope and assimilation after the fricative /s/: /fɔn a gɾoʊs blɒdl/ *von einem großen Blatt*. 'of a big leaf', while another form shows a final /-ən/: /tsu ən ʊltən vɑɪ/ *zu einem alten Weib* 'to an old woman'. Most mixed adjective endings occurred in the masculine and neuter nominative case. The neuter nominative and accusative cases show the strong ending form /-əs/, but mostly appears with apocope of /-ə/. The masculine accusative case mostly ends in /ɒ/ and occasionally shows the form /-ən/: Nom. Sg. Masc. /a tsoɒɒ hos/ *ein zahmer Hase* 'a tame rabbit'; Acc.Sg.Masc. /ən lɔŋɒ ɪntɔkɛdl/ *einen langen Unterkittel* 'a long undershirt'; /oɒn guɒtən tɛɪst/ *einen guten Geschmack* 'a good taste'; Nom. Sg. Neut. /a ʃes lampl/ *ein schönes Lamm* 'a nice lamb'; Acc. Sg. Neut. /a blaʊəs tɪɒxl/ *ein blaues [Taschen] Tuch* 'a blue handkerchief'. The feminine forms were all realized as /-ə/: Nom. Sg. Fem. /a goɛlbə ruɒm/ *eine Karotte* 'a carrot'. Two plural forms that were collected in the nominative and accusative cases respectively show two different endings: Nom. Pl. /maɪ kloɒnə kɪndɒ/ *meine kleinen Kinder* 'my little children'; /ʊnsərə rauxtən vɪrʃt/ *unsere geräucherten Würste* 'our smoked sausage'; Acc. Pl. /mamə

aigən hənɔ/ *meine eigenen Hühner* 'my own chickens'; /kʊɪ lɛɪɲə bantlɪn/
keine längeren Bänder 'no longer strings'. The dative plural form is /ən/: /mit irən
 ʃvootsən hʊnt/ *mit ihren schwarzen Hunden* 'with her black dogs'.

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives:

The Catholic Bohemian German dialect forms the comparative and superlative adjectives with the same endings as NHG. The comparative ending is *-er* and the superlative is marked with the ending *-est*. In most adjectives this suffix creates a fronting and raising of a back stem vowel: /ʃlɪm/ 'bad'; /ʃlɪmɔ/ 'worse'; /ʃlɪmstə/ 'worst'; /jʊŋ/ 'young'; /jʊŋɔ/ 'younger'; /jʊŋstə/ 'youngest'. The dialect adds the same endings to the irregular adjective: /gʊt/ 'good'; /bɛsɔ/ 'better'; /bɛstə/ 'best'; and adds the superlative suffix to the comparative /mɛɔ/ 'more' for the superlative adjective: /maɪstə/ 'most'. The NHG *wie* 'than' is used for comparisons: /tsvɛ kɛp f hant bɛsɔ vi ɔnɔ/ *Zwei Köpfe sind besser als einer* 'Two heads are better than one'.

Numerals

The first three cardinal numbers in the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect do not have the appearance of the final unstressed vowel /ə/: /ɔnɪs/ *eins* 'one'; /tsvɔɔ/ *zwei* 'two'; /draɪ/ *drei* 'three'. The numerals four through ninety-nine add a final /ə/: /fɪɔɔɪ/ *vier* 'four'; /fɪnfə/ *fünf* 'five'; /sɪmʦɛnə/ *siebzehn* 'seventeen'; /ɔxtsɪgə/ *achtzig* 'eighty'. This final /ə/ is deleted when the number is modifying a noun: /mɪɪ hant fɪɔɔ kɔtsɪn/ *Wir haben vier Katzen* 'We have four cats', but: /gɪp ɪɪ fɪɔɔ nɪt fɪnfə!/ *Gib ihr vier, keine fünf!* 'Give her four not five!'. The numeral /tsvɔɔ/ *zwei* 'two' is inflected thereby distinguishing between the genders. The form /tsvɛ/ is used for masculine nouns, /tsvɔ/ is feminine, and

/tsvov/ modifies neuter nouns: /tsve kɛpf/ *zwei Köpfe* 'two heads'; /tsvo dɛknɔ/ *zwei Decken* 'two blankets'; /tsvov lamplɪn/ *zwei Lämmchen* 'two little lambs'.⁵⁰

Verbal Morphology

The verbal conjugation of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect has a first, second and third person singular and plural. Verbs are conjugated in the indicative, subjunctive and imperative moods. Specific indicative verbs are conjugated in the present, present perfect, past perfect, and future tense. There is no distinct simple past tense. There appears to be a passive voice, though rarely used.

Present Tense:

The personal suffixes for most present tense indicative verbs deviate from NHG endings. The 1st person singular ending *-e* is always lost: /i dɛŋ/ *Ich denke* 'I think'; /i raʊx/ *Ich rauche* 'I smoke'; /i ʃtœl ɛs nɪdɔ/ *Ich stelle es nieder* 'I put it down'. The 2nd person singular *-st* is retained: /du ɡɪpst/ *du gibst* 'you give'; /du sɛkst/ *du siehst* 'you see', as is the 3rd person singular ending *-t*: /si kɪmt/ *si kommt* 'she comes'; /ɛr mɑt/ *er mäht* 'he is mowing'. The 1st person plural form is *-(ə)n*. This ending, however, is most of the time lost through apocope and assimilation to the following labial /m/ of the suffix /mɔ/ tagged on the 1st person plural, with the suffix being a reduplication of the first person pronoun /mɪr/ *wir* 'we': /mɪr ɡemɔ/ *wir gehen* 'we are leaving/walking'; /mɪr tsɑɪtmɔ/ *wir melken* 'we are milking'. The 2nd person plural ends in the postenclitic form *-ts*, with the

⁵⁰ See Merkle (1984, 159-65) for a detailed discussion on numerals in Bavarian dialects.

final *-s* resulting from the additional suffixation of the pronoun *es*, a reflex of the old dual *ös/enk.*: /dɛs tsvɑ brauxts nit/ *ihr braucht nicht* 'you (all) do not have to'; /dɛs vɪsts/ *ihr wißt* 'you (all) know'. The 3rd person plural maintains the MHG distinction with *-(e)nt*, but sometimes drops the final *-t*: /si ʃtenənt/ *sie stehen* 'they are standing'; /si mɑnt/ *sie mähen* 'they are mowing'; /si ɡɔɡɔtsn/ *sie gackern* 'they are cackling'. The following graph displays the conjugation of the three main verbs /ʃte/ *stehen* 'to stand'; /blam/ *bleiben* 'to stay'; /glaiçən/ *mögen* 'to like (to)':

	ʃte	blam	glaiçən
i	ʃte	blarp	glaiç
du	ʃtest	blarpst	glaiçst
er			
si } es	ʃtet	blarpt	glaiçt
mir	ʃtemɔ	blarmɔ	glaiçmɔ
des (tsvon)	ʃtets	blarpts	glaiçts
si	ʃtenənt	blarmənt	glaiçənt
past part.	ɡʃtonɔ	blim	gliçɔ

The verb /glaiçən/ occurs mostly for the MHG modal auxiliary *mügen* (*mögen*) 'to like to' in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. It is perhaps a broadening of the semantic meaning of the MHG strong verb *g(e)lîchen* (*gleichen*) 'to like someone, to equal, to resemble someone', as the strong verb past participle /gliçɔ/

gemocht 'liked' might suggest, or a rendition of the English verb 'to like' that entered the dialect as a loan-translation.⁵¹ The following examples show its usage:

/i glaiç a hefəl kafe/ *Ich möchte eine Tasse Kaffee* 'I would like a cup of coffee';

/des glaiçmɔ ɛsn/ *Wir essen das gern* 'We like to eat that', /letst jɔɔ hɔn is

gliçɔ, ɔvɔ dis jɔɔr i glaiçs nɪmɔ/ *Letztes Jahr habe ich es gemocht, aber dieses*

Jahr mag ich es nicht mehr 'I liked it last year, but this year I do not like it anymore'.

Some speakers, however, occasionally use the NHG verbal phrase (*etwas*) *gern haben*

instead: /ʊnt des hɔn i kɔɔ ɡɛɔn/ *Und das habe ich gar nicht gern* 'And I really

do not like that'; /ɛr tɔt ɡɛɔn a hefəl kafe ham/ *Er hätte gern eine Tasse Kaffee*

'He would like to have a cup of coffee'.

The following table shows the conjugation of the three principal auxiliary verbs /sɔ/ *sein* 'to be', /ham/ *haben* 'to have', and /tɔɔ/ *tun* 'to do' for the present tense:

	s a	h a m	t o ɔ
i	bɪn	hɔn	tʊɔ
du	bɪst	hɔst	tʊɔst
er			
si } es	ɪs	hɔt	tʊɔt, tɔʊt
mir	han, hamɔ	hamɔ	tʊɔmɔ
des (tsvɔɔ)	hats	hats	tʊɔts
si	hant	hamant	tʊɔnt
past part.	ɡvɛn	kɔt	tɔ

⁵¹ This view is held by Bloomfield (1933, 462) who claims that the English verb 'to like' is the model from which the loan-translation in the dialect derives. Thus the German verb *gleich*, meaning 'to equal, to resemble someone' receives a new meaning. Clausen (1986, 146) lists various references that discuss this semantic loan, which according to him occurs in a number of German dialects in the United States.

It is common in Bavarian dialects that the plural verb forms of the verb /sa/ *sein* 'to be' are replaced with the plural verb forms of /ham/ *haben* 'to have' through levelling.

The verb /ton/ *tun* 'to do' always occurs as an auxiliary verb with a dependent infinitive. The use of it appears to be a matter of personal preference. While some occasionally constructed a sentence with this auxiliary verb, others used it quite frequently:

/si tuot vɛʃ bɪgəln/ *Sie bügelt die Wäsche* 'She is ironing the clothes'

/ve tuont di krouən so ʃraɪ?/ *Warum schreien die Krähen so?* "Why are the crows crowing like that?"

/i glaiç, ven mən neom fogesn tuot/ *Ich mag Vergißmeinnicht* 'I like forget-me-nots'

The 2nd and 3rd person singular present tense indicative verbs suggest that there is no strong verb vowel mutation of verbs in the dialect, but not enough evidence was collected. The following examples do not show vowel mutation: /ɛr foɔt/ *er fährt* 'he is driving'; /si fəŋkt ɔ/ *Sie fängt an* 'She starts'; /ɛr blost/ *er bläst* 'he blows'. However, vowel mutation occurs throughout the whole singular when the stem vowel of a strong verb is /e/: /i nɪm/ *ich nehme* 'I take'; /du nɪmst/ *du nimmst* 'you take'; /si nɪmt/ *sie nimmt* 'she takes'; /i gɪp/ *ich gebe* 'I give'; /du gɪpst/ *du gibst* 'you give'; /ɛr gɪpt/ *er gibt* 'he gives'.⁵²

⁵² See also Keller (1961, 206) and Zehetner (1985, 96-97) on vowel mutation in strong verbs in the singular present tense.

Special note on verb endings:

Enclitic assimilation is prevalent in this dialect. All personal pronouns especially are often reduced and assimilated to a verb in casual speech, but are also occasionally tagged on to a pronoun or a conjunction.⁵³ The neuter personal pronoun /ɛs/ is simplified with high frequency: /aft vɪrts bɛsɔ/ *Danach wird es besser* 'It will get better later'; /fɔʃtɛst ɛs?/ *Verstehst du es?* 'Do you understand it?'; /vɛns aʃhɛnt/ *wenn es aufhört* 'when it stops'; /aft hants hoom/ *Später sind sie heimgegangen* 'Later they went home.'

The Present Tense Preterite-Present Verbs:⁵⁴

The preterite-present vowel gradation is retained in the present tense of the MHG verb *w i z̥z̥n* 'to know', as well as the MHG modal auxiliaries *künnen* (*können*) 'to be able to'; *dürfen* 'to be allowed to', *sül̄n* (*sollen*) 'shall, to be supposed to', *wellen* (*wollen*) 'to want to', *mǖe z̥n* (*müssen*) 'to have to'. The stem vowel of most modal auxiliaries is unrounded and lowered. The verb *brauchen* 'to need to' is added to this table. This verb serves as a modal auxiliary and along with a negation is often used instead of the modal auxiliary *müssen* 'to have to', for example: /i hɔn brauxɔ nit ge/ *Ich brauchte nicht zu gehen* 'I did not have to go':

	vɪsn	kɪnɔ	dɪrfn	sɔln
i	vɔns, vɔis	kɔn	dɛɔf	sɔl
du	vɔnst, vɔist	kɔnst	dɛɔfst	sɔlst
er				
si } es	vɔns	kɔn	dɛɔf	sɔl

⁵³ See Altmann (1984) for a more detailed analysis of these phenomena in a Central Bavarian dialect.

⁵⁴ The grammatical tables were sometimes completed by direct questioning for specific forms.

mir	vismɔ	kmmɔ	dɛɔfmɔ	sulmɔ
dɛs (tsvɔɔ)	vists	knts, kents	dɛɔfts	sults
si	visənt	knənt, kenɔ	dɛɔfənt	sulnt
past part.	gvist	kmt, kent	erlaʊpt ⁵⁵	suln
	voeln	misn	brauxɔ	
i	voel	mʊs	braux	
du	voel	mʊst	brauxst	
er				
si } es	voel	mʊs	brauxt	
mir	voelmɔ	misɔ	brauxmɔ	
dɛs (tsvɔɔ)	voelts	mists	brauxts	
si	voelnt	misənt	brauxənt	
past part.	gvoelt	misn	brauxɔ	

Special note on modal auxiliaries:

Some sentences were collected with the NHG verb *lassen* 'to let' used as modal auxiliary accompanied by a main verb. Here are two examples:

/ɛr hɔt a bɪŋl ligən lɔsn/ *Er hat ein Bündel liegen lassen* 'He left a bundle'

/ɛr hɔt a ɡʃɪrfɛtsn ɔɪfɔln lɔsn/ *Er hat ein Handtuch fallen lassen* 'He dropped a dish towel'

⁵⁵ For the past participle of the NHG modal *dürfen* 'to be allowed to' the informants always used the past participle of the NHG verb *erlauben* 'to allow': /i bɪn nɪt ɛrlaʊpt ɡvɛn tsʊn aʊsɪɡə/ *Mir war nicht erlaubt hinauszugehen* 'I was not allowed to go outside'. This may be a loan-translation from English.

Future Tense:

The future tense is occurs occasionally and is constructed as in NHG, with the present tense of the auxiliary verb /**vɛrn**/ and a dependent infinitive. As with the preterite-present verbs the future auxiliary verb shows vowel gradation: /**ɛr vɪrt niɪmɔls nɪt raɪç vɛrn** / *Er wird niemals reich werden* 'He will never become rich'; /**si vɛrnt bʊlt haɪrɔtn**/ *Sie werden bald heiraten* 'They'll get married soon'.

	vɛrn
i	ver, vert
du	virst
er	
si } es	virt
mir	vɛrɪɔ
des (tsvɔn)	verts
si	vɛrnt
past part.	vɔɔn

Subjunctive:

Present time subjunctive forms mainly appear with the three major auxiliary verbs /**sɑ**/ *sein* 'to be', /**ham**/ *haben* 'to have' and /**tɔɔ**/ *tun* 'to do': /**vɛn mɔ a kats hent, vɛrnt maɪs nɪt so ʃɪm**/ *Wenn wir eine Katze, hätten wären die Mäuse nicht so schlimm* 'If we had a cat, the mice would not be so bad', /**vɛn i du vɛr**/

Wenn ich du wäre,... 'If I were you,...'. Only some other present time subjunctive modal auxiliary forms have also been collected. The subjunctive mood is expressed periphrastically with the other verbs, using a form of the principal auxiliary /*top*/ *tun* 'to do' and an infinitive where NHG uses *würde* + *infinitive* : /*i tat si a georn sen*/ *Ich sähe sie auch gern* 'I would also like to see her'.

	sa	ham	top
i	var, vop	het	tat
du	varst	hest	tast
er			
si } es	var, vop	het	tat
mrr	varn	hetmɒ, hent	tamɒ
des (tsvop)	varts	hets	tats
si	varnt	hent	tant

Some forms, however, have been collected for the 1st person singular and the 3rd person singular modal auxiliaries with the same suffix (ə)t : /*i kantət*/ *ich könnte* 'I could'; /*i mrosət*/ *ich müßte* 'I would have to'; /*i vult*/ *ich wollte* 'I wish'; /*si brauxət nit*/ *sie brauchte nicht* 'she would not need to'; /*si kantət*/ *sie könnte* 'she could', and one form for the 1st person plural: /*sultmɒ*/ *wir sollten* 'we should'.

Imperatives:

2nd person singular imperatives consist of the stem of the verb without ending:

/blai̯p dɔ!/ *Bleib da!* 'Stay here!'; /tʊməl dɪ!/ *Beeil(e) dich!* 'Hurry up!';

/fɔtsaɪk mɔ/ *Verzeih mir!* 'I am sorry!'.

The 2nd person plural imperatives are created with the ending of the 2nd person plural verb conjugation: /kɛnts faɪər ɔ!/ *Macht das Feuer an!* 'Start the fire!';

/ʃaʊts af!/ *Paßt auf!* 'Look out!'; /fɔlɔʊsts di muɔtəʃprɔx nit!/ *Verliert die Muttersprache nicht!* 'Do not lose your mother tongue'.

Past Tense:

As previously mentioned, no data have been collected which suggest the use of a simple past at all, except for an occasional simple past tense form of the auxiliary verb /sɑ/ 'to be': /s vɔnn draɪtsen ʃtɪk / *Es waren dreizehn Stück* 'There were thirteen', /bɛfɔr i tsu ɛlɪs bɪn kɛmɔ, vɔr i a fɑm/ *Ich war Bauer, bevor ich nach Ellis gekommen bin* 'I was a farmer before I came to Ellis'⁵⁶ Past tense is expressed in the present perfect (auxiliaries *haben/sein* + past participle).

The auxiliary verb /sɑ/ 'to be' appears with intransitive verbs of motion or with stative intransitive verbs. It occasionally, however, occurs with transitive verbs :

/dɛr guɔtə mɔn ɪs dʊrxs aɪs dʊrxgɔln/ *Der gute alte Mann ist durchs Eis gebrochen* 'The good old man broke through the ice'

/ɛr ɪs gʃtɔbm/ *Er ist gestorben* 'He died'

/dɛr ʃnɛɪ ɪs ɔn grʊnt gʃtɔnb gɛstɔn af nɔxt/ *Der Schnee ist diese Nacht liegen geblieben* 'The snow stayed on the ground last night'

⁵⁶ Schirmunski (1962, 490) points out that the simple past tense of verbs is lost in Bavarian-Austrian dialects.

The auxiliary verb /ham/ 'to have' is used with transitive verbs:

/ʊnsə hɛrgət hət gsəkt/ *Unser Herrgott hat gesagt* 'God said'

/i hən a ʃənə fərm kət/ *Ich hatte einen schönen Bauernhof* 'I had a nice farm'

Past Perfect Tense:

Both these principal auxiliaries occur occasionally as the second participle in a so called double past participle construction, primarily in casual speech. This compound tense expresses the past perfect tense in the dialect: ⁵⁷

/ʊnsə tatə hət ʊns gsəkt kət/ *Unser Vater hat uns gesagt [gehabt]*
'Our father had told us'

/hamə ɪn di ʃulə gəŋ gven/ *Wir sind in die Schule gegangen [gewesen]*
'We went to school'

/i hən si məl gu:t kent kət/ *Ich habe sie mal gut gekannt [gehabt]*
'I used to know her well'

/vens gʃtoom gven hant/ *Wenn sie gestorben [gewesen] sind*
'When they had died'

The past tense subjunctive of statal and intransitive verbs consist of a periphrastic construction, using the subjunctive form of /sɑ/, while a subjunctive form of /ham/ is used with transitive verbs or modal auxiliaries. The following examples show a combination of both auxiliaries in one sentence:

/vens du hɛst dɛn kent, tsaitn vərnt ɔndəst gven/ *Hättest du ihn gekannt! Dann wäre es anders gekommen!* 'If only you had known him! Things would have turned out differently'

⁵⁷ Keller (1961, 227) mentions this past perfect tense formation in his book on *German dialects*, but adds that it is a rare construction. Zehetner (1985, 58) calls this compound tense the "gedoppelte Perfekt", that is the doubled perfect, to express an event completed in the past prior to another event.

/i vov frou gven, ven i het kenð vo hi foon/ *Ich wäre froh
gewesen, wenn ich Ferien gehabt hätte* 'I would have been happy, if I had
had a vacation'

Passive voice:

The passive voice is constructed with a form of the auxiliary verb /vɛrn/ and the past participle of the main verb being in final position in a main sentence. The passive voice occurs in the present and present perfect tense in the dialect.⁵⁸ The following examples were collected:

/der ʃtol vɪrt ausputst/ *Der Stall wird gesäubert* 'The barn is being
cleaned'

/hant di kio tsaidlt vovn gestons nɔxt?/ *Sind die Kühe gestern abend
gemolken worden?* 'Were the cows milked last night?'

/mar høutit is okultn vovn drausn fɔr dɔ ʃtot/ *Meine Hochzeit ist
draußen vor der Stadt abgehalten worden* 'My wedding took place outside
of town'

Statal passive voice formations occasionally appear in the dialect. It employs the principal auxiliary verb /sa/ and the past participle of the main verb. One variation has been collected that uses the past participle of /gen/ 'to go' in addition to the past participle of the main verb in order to express the statal passive:⁵⁹

/der keik is ʃvoots brent into se/ *Der Kuchen ist unten schwarz
gebrannt* 'The cake is burnt black on the bottom'

/des larvəl is tsɔrisn/ *Die Weste ist zerrissen* 'The vest is torn'

⁵⁸ The sentences were collected from casual speech and by having the speakers directly translate a passive voice construction.

⁵⁹ "Passivähnliche Konstruktionen", that is passive like constructions with past participles of /gen/ and /kemɔ/ 'to come' are "spezifisch dialektal bairisch", or specifically Bavarian, according to Hans Werner Eroms (1995, 62).

/tʁəpfl̩n hant ʔkɑrfəlt/ *Die Erdäpfel sind aufgehäufelt* '
The potatoes are hilled'

/ʊləs ɪs dɑrtʃ ɡɔŋ ɡvɛn/ *Alles ist auf deutsch gegangen [gewesen]*
'Everything was in German'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect creates weak and strong past participles. Weak verb past participles have a *g*-prefix. If the verb stem begins with the glottal fricative /h/ the prefix is realized as /k/, otherwise the *g*-prefix is retained.⁶⁰ The prefix is, however, lost if the verb stem begins with a stop obstruent. The weak past participle form is marked by a *-t* suffix: /kɔt/ *gehabt* 'had'; /ɡɔɔbat/ *gearbeitet* 'worked'; /kɑft/ *gekauft* 'bought'.⁶¹

The strong verb past participles also has a *g*-prefix, which is constructed by the same grammatical variations as the weak verb past participles. The strong verb past participle ending, however, is an *-en* suffix, which frequently loses the suffix vowel and is reduced to /n/, or vocalized to /ɒ/. The suffix is sometimes lost altogether in casual speech: /ɡfʊnɒ/ *gefunden* 'found'; /ɡʃɔsn/ *geschossen* 'shot'; /ɡɛsn/ *gegessen* 'eaten'; /rɑʊsgɔŋ/ *herausgegangen* 'gone out'.

Even though there is no simple past tense in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect, NHG ablaut classes still exist from vowel gradation in strong verbs, as can be observed in the present tense singular and past participle forms:⁶²

⁶⁰ The voiced velar stop /g/ loses some of its voiced nature when it is followed by a voiceless fricative. The corresponding velar stop of word-initial /g/ is realized, however, in past participles beginning with /h/, such as /kɔt/ "had". Weinhold (1867, 30) claims that the hardening of the voiced velar stop to its corresponding voiceless stop is evident before the voiceless glottal fricative /h/.

⁶¹ See Keel (1981a) on a detailed analysis on apocope and syncope in modern German dialects.

⁶² The graphic chart was completed in part by directly asking for specific forms.

<u>Ablaut Class</u>	<u>Infinitive</u>	<u>Present Tense</u>	<u>Present Perfect</u>
1	<i>schreiben</i> 'to write' <i>schneiden</i> 'to cut' <i>reiten</i> 'to ride'	si ʃraɪpt er ʃnaɪt si raɪt	si hət gʃriom er hət gʃnaɪn si hət grɪn
2	<i>lügen</i> 'to lie' <i>fliegen</i> 'to fly'	si lʊkt si flʊkt	der hət glɔŋ si is gflɔŋ
3	<i>finden</i> 'to find' <i>trinken</i> 'to drink' <i>schwimmen</i> 'to swim'	si fɪnt er trɪŋkt si ʃvɪmt	si hət gʃʊnɔ er hət trɔŋɔ si hət gʃvʊmɔ
4	<i>helfen</i> 'to help' <i>sterben</i> 'to die' <i>nehmen</i> 'to take'	er hœlft si ʃtɪrpt er nɪmt	er hət kœlfo si is gʃtoom er hət gnɔmɔ
5	<i>essen</i> 'to eat' <i>lesen</i> 'to read' <i>sehen</i> 'to see'	si ɪst er list si sɛkt	si hət gɛsn er hət glɛsn si hət gsn
6	<i>fahren</i> 'to drive' <i>tragen</i> 'to carry'	er foɪt si trɔkt	er is gfoɪn si hət trɔŋ
7	<i>schlafen</i> 'to sleep' <i>fangen</i> 'to catch'	si ʃlʊft er fɔŋt	si hət gʃlɔfo er hət gfɔŋt ⁶³

There are some discrepancies in the construction of a few past participle forms of the same verb. While some speakers created a strong verb participle, others inflected weak:

/si hət gʃʊŋɔ/ - /si hət ʃɔ gʃɪŋt/ *Sie hat (schon) gesungen* 'She sang (already)'

/si hət mɪ aɪglɔn/ - /si hət mɪ aɪglɔdnt/ *Sie hat mich eingeladen*
'She invited me'

⁶³ The NHG strong verb past participle *gefangen* 'caught' has a weak verb past participle ending in the dialect. Zehetner (1985, 100-101) gives a whole list of historically strong past participles that are weak verb past participles in Bavarian dialects.

/...vɔs sə hant so krɛm/ ... was sie so gekriegt haben '...what they got';
/ʊnt a bixl hɔn i kriɔkt/ Und ich habe ein Büchlein gekriegt
'And I got a little book'

/si hɔt des kɪnt ɡʃɛnt/ - /si hɔt des kɪnt ɡʃʊntn/ Sie hot das Kind
gescholten 'She scolded the child'

The irregular verbs that show a weak verb past participle ending, but the vowel change of strong verbs in NHG do not create the *Rückumlaut*, or reversal of the vowel mutation in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect: /fɔbrɛnt/ *verbrannt* 'burnt'; /kɛnt/ *gekannt* 'known'; /dɛŋkt/ *gedacht* 'thought'.

The irregular verb past participle of NHG *bringen* 'to bring' produced two past participle forms, a strong and a weak past participle. The weak past participle seems to be used more frequently (See also for example Wenker sentence 37, Appendix 2):

/si hɔt mɔ gestɔn di ʃtraɪsl brʊŋɔ/
/si hɔt ʃtraɪslɪn brɔt/
Sie hat die Blumen gebracht 'She brought the flowers'⁶⁴

Syntax

Word order normally follows the same principles in the dialect as NHG. Coordinate sentence constructions occur in high frequency. The speakers often tended to translate a sentence word for word according to the English model given to them. Since the questionnaires and translation exercises were in the English version it seems likely that the syntax of the dialect sentences reflected that of the English sentence. However, adverbs and prepositional phrases in both, translation and free conversation,

⁶⁴ An interesting phenomenon is the fact that for NHG *bringen* in Wenker sentence 37, the use of the past participle form also differed among siblings.

tended to fall outside the construction of the NHG verb auxiliary /verb complement frame, generally referred to as *Ausklammerung* or *Ausrahmung* or in English leaking.⁶⁵ In addition, many sentences gathered from translation and free conversation occurred, placing the modal infinitive before the infinitive of the main verb. The following sample sentences representing different syntactic features are mainly taken from various anecdotes and free conversation. Some model sentences from the Wisconsin questionnaire were also included, as well as a selection of Wenker sentences, although it has been said that the Wenker sentences are generally not adequate for syntax analysis.

Main clause word order:

Main clauses comply with the principles of standard German main clause constructions. Statements generally had the finite verb in second position:

/si hant dartz gret/ *Sie haben Deutsch gesprochen* 'They spoke German'

/i voels nimt mēd toḡ/ *Ich will es auch nicht mehr wieder tun* 'I do not ever want to do it again'

/i bin miot unt durstī/ *Ich bin müde unt durstig* 'I am tired and thirsty'

/er hot a tsinglhaus baut/ *Er hat ein Ziegelhaus gebaut* 'He built a brick house'

/on veç m di jtot is di brük gven/ *Auf dem Weg in die Stadt ist die Brücke gewesen* 'The bridge was on the way to town'

/di hant nit lōg karrat gven/ *Sie waren nicht lange verheiratet [gewesen]* 'They had not been married for long'

⁶⁵ See Fox (1990, 255) for a more detailed explanation on this type of syntactic construction. Also, Franz Lang (1933, 629) pointed out that Bukovina Germans commonly use *Ausklammerung* in their speech, a word order influenced by Slavic languages.

The finite verb is also the second element in questions introduced by an interrogative pronoun:

/vɔs vœlst du lærnɔ?/ *Was willst du lernen [werden]? 'What do you want to become?*

/vo gest du hr?/ *Wo gehst du hin? 'Where are you going?'*

The finite verb is in initial position in yes/no questions and commands:

/hɔst du a nɑdl dɔhɔm?/ *Hast du eine Großmutter zu Hause? 'Do you have a grandmother at home?'*

/kents fæɾ ɔ!/ *Macht das Feuer an! 'Light the fire!'*

The next model sentences show leaking, with the prepositional phrase and an adverb (of time) respectively coming after the past participle:

/dohɔm hamɔ gret mit den œlton/ *Wir haben mit den Eltern zu Hause geredet 'At home we talked with the parents'*

/aft is er ʊfgʃtɔnɔ a vaɪl/ *Später ist er eine Weile aufgestanden 'Later he got up for a while*

/a harrɪsl is ɪn aɪnəkʊpft ɪn maɪ hɛmət/ *Eine Heuschrecke ist in mein Hemd hineingehüpft 'A grasshopper jumped into my shirt.'*

Coordinate clause order:

The placement of the finite verb in second position was observed by all dialect informants in carefully uttered sentences. The most frequently used conjunctions in a longer discourse are the coordinating conjunction *und* 'and' and the connective adverb /aft/ *dann, danach* 'afterwards':

/ʊnt aft nɔdɛm hamɔ gesn kɔt/ *Und danach haben wir gegessen 'And afterwards we ate'*

/i hɔns tsvo ʃtunt kɔxt unt hɔns nit vɔɔx kriɔkt/ *Ich habe es zwei Stunden gekocht und habe es nicht weich gekriegt* I boiled it for two hours, but could not get it soft.'

In longer discourse dialect speakers tended to reverse the finite auxiliary verb *haben* and the subject in a sentence or left out the subject altogether, often following the frequently used coordinating conjunction /unt/ *und* 'and'. This syntactic feature was observed when dialect informants related a story or an anecdote. The anecdotes told by the principal informant showed this construction frequently, perhaps because all anecdotes are recalled from memory. However, there is no consistent reversal of subject and finite verb throughout one single discourse. Each extended discourse also exhibits the subject/verb word order. The following discourse model sentences illustrate this syntactical feature of those narratives:

/unt so ɔnə nɔxt hamants kɛnɔ nit vɔɔtn bis krɪskɪndl kɛmɔ is.
hamant umgɔŋɔ, ham gsɔkt, ɔp s krɪskɪndl ʃɔ kɛmɔ is/

Und in solch einer Nacht haben sie nicht warten können, bis das Christkind gekommen ist. Sie sind umhergegangen und haben gefragt, ob das Christkind schon gekommen sei.

'And on such a night they could not wait for Santa Claus to come. They walked around asking when he would come.'

/si hɔt kɔxt. unt hamant gɛsn. hɔt si gsɔkt: ... unt han a ʃtraɪt
kɛmɔ, hamant gʃtrɪtn./

Sie hat gekocht. Und [sie] haben gegessen. Sie hat gesagt: Und [sie] haben einen Streit gehabt, sie haben sich gestritten.

'She cooked. And [they] ate. She said: And [they] had an argument.'

In extended discourse not narrated or memorized, but rather less carefully thought out, such as the slaughtering of a pig, Informant 1 varies the sentence structure

avoiding repetition by merely listing the participles that are dependent on the finite auxiliary *haben*:

/ʊnt aft hamɔs afkɛŋt, ogvʊʃn, ʃe okrotst vidɔ mitn mɛsɔ/
*Und danach haben wir es aufgehängt, abgewaschen [und] schön mit dem
Messer wieder abgekratzt.*
'Afterwards we hung it up, cleaned it [and] scraped it again with a knife.'

Repetition, however, was occasionally used by Informant 2 by repeating the subject and its verbal complement, perhaps using it as an emphatic element:

/des hamɔ nit kɔt in den friɔrən jooŋ, des hamɔ nit kɔt/
Das haben wir in den früheren Jahren nicht gehabt, das haben wir nicht gehabt
'We did not have that in earlier years, we did not have that.'

In main clauses or in coordinate word order with a modal auxiliary in a present perfect double infinitive construction the modal infinitive appears before the main infinitive:

/ɛr hɔt vœln ɔkɔn/ *Er hat pflügen wollen* 'He wanted to plow (the field)'

/in der friɔ hamɔ misn ʃaʊfl nemɔ ʊnt hamɔ misn ʃtaʊp
afhem/
*Morgens haben wir die Schaufel nehmen müssen und haben den Staub
aufheben müssen*
'We had to get the shovel early in the morning and had to pick up the dust.'

/hamɔ des gəbet misn ʊləs ɛŋlɪʃ lɛrnɔ/
Wir haben das ganze Gebet auf Englisch lernen müssen
'We had to learn the whole prayer in English'

Subordinate clause word order:

In reference to word order in subordinate clauses it was observed that the informants used the connective adverb *wie* 'when' to express simultaneity of two

events in the past. The following constructions were collected while two informants each related a story:

/i hən nɪt ɛŋlɪʃ kɪnt, vi i bɪn ɪn ʃul gəŋə/
Ich habe kein Englisch gekonnt, als ich in die Schule gegangen bin.
'I did not speak English when I came to school.'

/ʊnt vi mɔ hant aməkemɔ, hant sə ɔlə kʊpft/
Und als wir hineinkamen, sind alle gehüpft
'And when we came in, everyone jumped for joy.'

In a subordinate clause the finite auxiliary verb is placed in second position and before the past participle. This word order was also collected with Wenker sentence 24 which has been the principal sentence used in German dialect studies for the placement of the verbs in subordinate clauses.⁶⁶

/vi mɔ hant hoɔmkemɔ gestɔn af nɔxt, hant ɔlə ɪn bet vɪdɔ,
hamɔ ʃo gʃlɔfɔ. /
Als wir gestern abend zurückkamen, da lagen die anderen schon im Bett und waren fest am schlafen.
'When we came home last night, the others were already lying in bed and were fast asleep.'

This goes contrary to the next sentences where the the finite auxiliary is in final position in the subordinate clause:

/vi ʊnsɔ hɛrgɔt nɔ af dɔ vɔɛlt gɔŋə ɪs,.../ *Als unser Herrgott noch auf der Welt war,...* 'When God was still on earth,...'

/vi ɛr ɛɔn tsuɔgrɔbm kɪɔkt, ɪs si grɔt hɪkɛmɔ/ *Als er ihn zugegraben hatte, kam sie gerade hinzu.* 'When he was done burying him, she came.'

/draɪ hant gʃtɔɔm, vi si kloɔn gven hant/ *Drei sind gestorben, als sie klein waren* 'Three died, when they were little.'

⁶⁶ See König (1992, 163) for a more detailed analysis of this specific sentence.

In other subordinate clauses subordinating conjunctions, such as *wenn* 'when, if' and *daß* 'that' appeared frequently as connective markers, and indirect questions were formed with the connective adverb *ob* 'whether'. The finite auxiliary verb usually follows the dependent infinitive in a subordinate clause with one of these conjunctions:

/ʊnt ven ɛts nɪt tsu tu:n ɪs, ɪs ʊləs ɪn haʊs ɔfko:ltɪn vʊ:n/
Und wenn nichts zu tun war, ist alles im Haus aufgeschoben worden
 'And when there was nothing to do, everything in the house is postponed.'

/ovɔ ven ko:p ɛsɪ drɪn ɪs, hant sə ovɔ nɪt so gu:t/
Aber wenn kein Essig drin ist, sind sie nicht so gut
 'But if no vinegar is added, they do not taste as good.'

/ʊnt der ʃmɪt hət nɪt gvɪst, dəs un:sə hɛrgɔt ɪs/
Und der Blechmied hat nicht gewußt, daß es unser Herrgott ist
 'And the tinsmith did not know that it was God.'

/si vœlnt vɪsn, ɔp dɛs tats tsu vakɪnɪ uməfo:n/
Sie wollen wissen, ob du (Ihr) nach WaKeeney fährst [fahrt]
 'And they want to know, whether you will drive over to WaKeeney.'

The following subordinate clauses in the past tense subjunctive, however, show inconsistencies with the placement of the auxiliary. While the auxiliary is placed after the past participle in one sentence, it comes before it in the other variant:

/i hət dɪs nɪt tu, ven i bɛsɔ gvɪst hət/
 /i hət dɛs to, ven i hət bɛsɔ gvɪst/
Ich hätte das nicht getan, wenn ich es besser gewußt hätte
 'I would not have done that, if I knew better.'

In a subordinate *weil* 'because' clause the placement of the finite verb occurs consistently after the subject: ⁶⁷

⁶⁷ Zehetner (1985, 149-50) in his *Das bairische Dialektbuch* claims that *weil* 'because' is used as both, as a coordinating and as a subordinating conjunction in Bavarian dialects. Wiesinger (1989, 455) claims "in causal causes introduced by *weil* the finite verb occurs in second place" with respect to

/varls kɪnskɪndl ɪs ʃo kɛmp gven/
weil das Christkind schon gekommen ist
'because Santa Claus has already come'

/varl i fɔlɔɪs nɪt/ *weil ich es nicht verliere* 'because I do not lose it'

Infinitive phrases:

In the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis dependent infinitive constructions, which in NHG are modified by *zu* 'to' or *um ... zu* 'in order to', with a contracted preposition and a nominalized verb:

/ɛr lɛrnt tsʊn ʃraɪm/ *Er lernt zu schreiben* 'He is learning how to write.'

/du bɪst nɪt grɔʊs gnʊɐ tsʊn trɪnp/
Du bist nicht groß genug, um zu trinken
'You are not big enough to drink.'

The Ortsgrammatik of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis, Kansas, presented in this chapter provides information that is based on translation exercises and free conversation. Thus, the informants in this study translated carefully, but also conversed casually. The model sentences used to show word order in the dialect generally tended to deviate from NHG syntax when they occurred in a longer discourse in casual speech. The morphological and syntactic structure of the dialect described in this analysis reflects the current state of the dialect based on the remaining material that is available. The fact that there are only a few speakers left who also mostly speak the dialect from memory, plus the fact that only the informants in this study converse actively in the dialect with each other, makes it difficult to determine the exact

Central and Southern Bavarian dialects, and Rowley (1989, 435) shares this view for Northern Bavarian. The word order in a subordinate *weil* 'because' clause has been discussed by linguistic scholars in recent years. In NHG colloquial speech *weil* is realized as a coordinate conjunction, while in written German this conjunction introduces a subordinate clause. For a detailed discussion see Glück (1990, 44-50).

morphology and syntax of the dialect as it must likely have been when the first dialect speakers settled in Ellis. The grammatical analysis reflects the speech patterns of the few speakers left who identify themselves as Catholic Bohemian Germans. Their lexicon, on the other hand, as well as particular grammatical features still convey the uniqueness of the dialect. The discussion in chapter 5 will center around grammatical distinctions, lexical forms, borrowing and other unique factors in the dialect .

Chapter 5

Lexical Forms, Borrowing and Other Unique Characteristics in the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German Dialect

After Austria annexed Bukovina under the Treaty of Constantinople and the territory became a separate crownland of Austria, it was a sparsely settled region. The Hapsburgs, eager to colonize the region, subsidized the immigration of colonists to Bukovina by providing them with a piece of virgin land, among other things. In addition to many other ethnic groups, e.g., Slovaks, Romanians, and Poles, many German settlers took part in that immigration. The Catholic Bohemian Germans from the Bohemian Forest came in two waves to Bukovina. The first wave immigrated to Bukovina between the years 1793-1817, and the second wave as late as 1835-50. The ruling emperor of the Austrian Empire quickly introduced social and economic reforms when Bukovina came under Austrian rule. This progressiveness attracted other ethnic groups, such as Ukrainians. Bukovina soon became a multinational province.¹

Living conditions for the Catholic Bohemian Germans in the multiethnic province of Bukovina differed initially from those in the Bohemian Forest. They had either founded new settlements there or settled in villages that were colonized by other nationalities earlier, but the social circumstances they were used to did not apply anymore. They were now subjected to the social influences of their new environment. They accepted the local architecture and were introduced to new food.²

¹ See Kurt Rein (1996, 27-60) for a detailed overview on the reasons for migration of German settlers to Bukovina.

² Mirwald (1992, 39) in reference to the social status of the German settlers in Bukovina writes that "nach ihrer Ansiedlung im Urwald mußten sich die Deutschen völlig umstellen. Die Verhältnisse bezüglich Gemeinschaft, Bauen, Landwirtschaft, Ernährung u.a. aus der alten Heimat galten hier nicht. Anfangs wurden nicht nur die Bauweise, sondern auch Essensgewohnheiten übernommen."

German was the official language and the Catholic Bohemian Germans lived in close-knit communities. Their social life centered around the church, their family, and relatives. Furthermore, villagers of other ethnic origins spoke German and they "verwendeten den ortsüblichen Dialekt (bayrisch-böhmisch)," that is the locally spoken German dialect (Mirwald 1992, 41). Thus, these settlers were not only able to retain their ethnic and cultural identity, but also their linguistic identity. The Catholic Bohemian German settlers only borrowed the names of new types of food from their Slavic neighbors into their lexicon. They prepared *mamaliga*, a corn dish, which is a Romanian borrowing, and *halushki*, filled cabbage rolls, which is of Ukrainian/Romanian origin. The Catholic Bohemian Germans brought these staple foods with them to Ellis, Kansas. These two loanwords were used in free conversation among the dialect informants. They are adapted into the phonological and morphological system of the dialect:

/i glaiç des bestə, ven der haluʃki kuxt/

Ich mag es am besten, wenn der Haluschki kocht
'I like it best if the halushki is boiling'

/mɪl ʊnt mamliga dɔtsuɔ/

Milch und Mamaliga dazu
'milk and mamaliga added'

In Ellis, the Catholic Bohemian Germans persisted in keeping their customs and speaking their dialect. Since the Lutheran "Swabians" who had also emigrated there from Bukovina and other German immigrants spoke German: /dɛs ɪs ʊlɛs daitʃ gven/ *Das ist alles auf deutsch gewesen* 'It was all in German'. The language was spoken not only in the home but also in town and in businesses. Grocery shopping, for example, could be conducted in German. These people commonly referred to

themselves as /ʊnsənə ɪaɪt/ *unsere Leute* 'our people'.³ Both, the Catholic Bohemian Germans and the Lutheran "Swabians," were commonly referred to as *Austrians* in their new country, as well as in their old country, Bukovina, because they had settled there under the Austro-Hungarian Empire. These groups called themselves *Austrians* thereby distinguishing themselves from other German-speaking settlers: /vɛlçə hant dɑɪtʃ ɡvɛn, oʊv nɪt ɛstrɑɪçə/ *Welche waren Deutsche, aber nicht Österreicher* 'Some were Germans, but not Austrians'. Outside the realm of business Catholic Bohemian Germans did not intermingle much at all with the other German-speaking population of Ellis until sometime after World War II. This attitude was reflected in the fundamental difference they placed between their dialect and German. They referred to their dialect as being German Bohemian: /ɛts kɔm ɪ ɪns dɑɪtʃ plaudən ʃtat s dɑɪtʃbɛmɪʃ/ *Jetzt komme ich ins Deutsch plaudern statt des Deutschböhmischen* 'I am starting to chat in German and not in German Bohemian'. Everything at home on the farm was conducted in their Catholic Bohemian German dialect.⁴

With World War I the effort to retain their identity through their language began to weaken. This trend worsened during and after World War II. Speaking German in public was discouraged because of the anti-German sentiment in the United States. Unlike the Volga Germans in Ellis County the *Austrians* were not discriminated against as a group per se.⁵ The German language was banned from schools, as one

³ This expression was related to the author by Informants 1 and 2.

⁴ Informant 2 said that she and her siblings were not allowed to speak English in their father's presence.

⁵ Johnson (1994, 83) writes that the Volga Germans were also persecuted because of their Russian heritage. None of the informants for this dissertation could recall having ever been discriminated against for speaking German nor for their ethnic heritage. However, most of the informants grew up in isolated areas in the country, went to rural schools and hardly ever came to town, where the anti-German sentiment was strong. However, already during World War I people were penalized if they were perceived to speak German. As a consequence many German speaking residents of Ellis made it known that they were patriotic.

informant puts it: /In dɔ̃ ʃul kɔ̃ dɑɪʃ/ *In der Schule [gab] es kein Deutsch* 'No German in school'. Kansas Law prohibiting the use of German in schools in 1919 was "forthright and unyielding" making use of the English language "exclusively as the medium of instruction" (Luebke 1980, 12).⁶ Many Catholic Bohemian German children were unable to speak English at all when they had to start school: /i hɔ̃ nɪt ɛŋlɪʃ kɪnt, vi i bɪn ɪn ʃul gɔ̃ŋp/ *Ich konnte kein Englisch, als ich in die Schule gegangen bin* 'I could not speak English when I started school'. It was hard for them to adjust to the fact that at home with their parents they spoke their dialect, because oftentimes a parent or both parents could not speak English and they had to use their dialect, while exclusively speaking English in school: /mɪr hamɔ̃ fœl dʊrxgmɔxt/ *Wir haben viel durchgemacht* 'We had to endure a lot'. However, many stopped teaching their children their dialect and those who passed it on to their children often received replies in English: /di ʃamənt sɪ/ *Die schämen sich* 'They are ashamed'. The younger generation retains hardly any dialect knowledge, and those, who do acquire the dialect, find it hard to maintain it because of the surrounding English speech community.

The Catholic Bohemian Germans had not encountered this incursion into their language identity when they lived in Bukovina. Thus, in an effort to assimilate with the English speaking community the aforementioned facts made borrowing from English an inevitable factor for the Catholic Bohemian Germans in Ellis County. They did not merely adopt English terms for new items they encountered in the United States, such as different types of food. A look at the complete list of English words found in the data collected from the recorded speech samples suggests that English interference with the dialect goes beyond English loanwords for nouns. The categories are mostly

⁶ See 1919 State of Kansas Session Laws (352).

broken down into vocabulary on farm housing and technology, commerce, food (including vegetables, fruit, dishes uncommon to the emigrants from Bukovina), topography (plants and trees indigenous to Kansas), measurements and compass directions, and a variety of names for illnesses. Furthermore, it includes a list of verbs, discourse markers, phrases, and a small array of miscellaneous word types:

I. Nouns

a) Farm Housing and Technology:

farmer
sink
pantry
freezer
fan
radio
television
air condition
phone
electricity
bathroom
floor
porch
yard
buggy
car
truck
tractor
fence
corral
crop

shocks
granary
silo
tank
cultivator
mower
cutter
road
railroad
station
highway

b) Commerce:

counter
post office
depot
grocery store
butcher shop
undertaker
funeral home
real estate
insurance

c) Food:

raisins
raspberries
strawberries
grapefruit
cantaloupe
peaches
tomatoes

yeast
cake
pie
cookies
doughnuts
peanuts
candy
pancake
oatmeal
sausage
hamburger
fishloaf
meatloaf
bacon
garlic salt
onion powder

d) Topography:

country
county
pasture
creek
mountains
oak tree
maple tree

e) Measurements and Compass Directions:

bushel
gallon
mile
degree

north
south
west
east

f) Illness:

measles
scarlet fever
small pox
pneumonia
diabetic
blood sugar
shot

II. Verbs

to clean
to hire
to act
to behave
to record
to plow
to phone
to call
to cut (with a header)
to cultivate
to move
to retire
to rent
to watch
to fix
to catch

to touch
to bother
to use
to spin
to ration

Discourse Markers and Phrases:

you know
you see
see
well
right
okay
alright
good bye
I don't know
pride and joy

Miscellaneous:

cousin
renter
tightwad
tramp
Thanksgiving
football
baseball
bull
chew (chewing tobacco)
flavor
about
a lot

finally
funny
disabled
running (as in running water)

Almost no English borrowing pertaining to family, religion, as well as to parts of the body, and clothing was found in the recorded samples. This suggests that the main lexical corpus of the dialect, the "core vocabulary" (Johnson 1994, 86) is still intact in those areas which sustain the dialect, because they play a large part in their life, such as church, family relations, and also parts of the body.⁷ Clausen (1986, 142-43) writes about the areas in which German Americans and Icelandic Americans are influenced by English. He writes: "Lexical borrowing, in short, is largely a product of necessity and convenience," and points out that another theory postulates "native words are prone to replacement by shorter words from the donor language." A look at the above list seems to suggest that, to a large extent, it is true for the Catholic Bohemian Germans of Ellis, Kansas, that English loanwords were acquired into the dialect out of necessity and convenience or simply to borrow a new concept. For example loanwords such as *sink* or *granary* may exemplify this aspect of borrowing. Neither a *sink* nor a *granary* had probably been introduced prior to the departure of Catholic Bohemian Germans from Bukovina. Thus they borrowed these words because there was no equivalent in their dialect when they encountered them later in the United States. However, a borrowing like the word *cousin*, a kinship term, might exhibit a certain proneness by the dialect speakers to replace a word inherent to the dialect by a loanword from the primary language, for the simple reason that it is shorter. Although this dialect has a vocabulary term to express this kinship relation,

⁷ Haugen (1953, 93 -94) arrives at the conclusion that English loanwords are acquired much more slowly in the areas of church and family life.

/gʃvɪstə kɪnt/ *Geschwisterkind* 'a sibling's child', the English borrowing is used much more frequently. A sentence collected from the main informant in free conversation, underscores this view: /maɪ kasən, si, maɪ foton saɪ ʃvestən ɪrə buɔ, gʃvɪstə kɪnt hamɔ ə gsɔkt/ *Mein Cousin , also der Sohn der Schwester meines Vaters, Geschwisterkind haben wir auch gesagt* 'My cousin, see, my father's sister's son, we also said *Geschwisterkind*'.

Most English words were used when the informants responded to English questions that largely revolved around familiar topics, such as cooking, childhood, weddings, and some English loanwords appeared in the picture descriptions. Other English borrowings occurred when the dialect informants translated specific words or phrases from English into their dialect, using the Wenker sentences, the Wisconsin questionnaire or other grammar sentences. Except for discourse markers that naturally were solely produced in free conversation, some vocabulary terms were developed in both settings, in free conversation as well as in the translation exercises. Borrowings occurring in the Wenker translations consisted of nouns, *cake, yard, farmer, pasture*, and also of some verbs, *to act, to behave, to hire*.

Seventy-six of the 133 English words, or 57%, were produced in free conversation, 33 words, or 25%, were composed translating English sentences and vocabulary items into their dialect, while 24 words, or 18%, were created in both types of dialect interviews. The fact that about one-fifth of these English words were produced in both translation and free conversation, for example the words *farmer* and *yard*, which in NHG would correspond to *Bauer* and *Garten* respectively, indicate that the informants either do not recall the German word and substitute an actual loanword from English for it, or use it so frequently that it comes easily to mind. According to Clausen (1986, 144) "high frequency words in the *donor* language are

those most likely to replace native vocabulary." The main informant gives a fitting explanation for the use of the word *farmer* : /mir hamɔ gsɔkt nʊr fɑrmɔ, mir hamɔ nit gsɔkt baʊɔ/ *Wir haben nur gesagt Farmer, wir haben nicht gesagt Bauer* 'We only said farmer, we did not say Bauer'. Although the German language has the words *Fluß* and *Bach* to describe a river or a creek respectively, the word *creek* is adopted by the Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans instead because of geographic and other place names; in the case of Ellis, *Big Creek* runs right through the middle of town.

Furthermore, the use of a borrowing by more than one speaker of the dialect and its adaptation into the phonological and morphological system provides clues to the acceptance of the loanword.⁸ Most of the English words collected in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German have been adapted to the sound system and the grammar of the dialect. Some borrowed terms, however, are not adapted into the morphological system. These are nouns that were only recently adopted from the primary language and do not have a counterpart in the dialect, such as *diabetic*, *bloodsugar*, *real estate*, *insurance*. Some loanblends in which "the borrower imports part of the foreign model and replaces part of it with something already in his own language" (Fischer Arends 1989, 122) were collected for the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect. Thus we find nouns which combine German and English lexemes and mixed verbs:⁹

- /broutkrams/ *Brotkrümel* 'breadcrumbs'
- /holtsflɔr/ *Holzboden* 'wooden floor'
- /pɔrtʃtʊr/ *Verandatür* 'porch door'

⁸ Fischer Arends (1989, 121) in her discussion on *The Central Dakota Germans* writes: "A language that is intact and strong takes in foreign words and assimilates them into its own sound system, and they then become 'loan words.' "

⁹ Bender (1980, 82) in his account of a Low German dialect in Nebraska calls these noun compounds *hybrid compounds* and states that in hybrid formations the first or the second part of the compound can be English.

- /bæθrumtɪɔ/ *Badezimmertür* 'bathroom door'
- /ʔANŋ vʊsɔ/ *fließendes Wasser* 'running water'
- /fɛnsdrot/ *Stacheldraht* 'barbed wire'
- /kantrɪvɛç/ *Landweg* 'country road'
- /mɛɪplɔm/ *Ahornbaum* 'Maple tree'

- /aɪnəpʊʃn/ *einschlagen* 'to push in'
- /vɛkəmuvɔ/ *wegziehen* 'to move away'
- /aʊsɪmuvɔ/ *ausziehen* 'to move out'

One loanblend occurred with a German suffix morpheme: /titʃɛrn/ *Lehrerin* 'female teacher'. One loan translation was created that was based on an English model: /vʊsɔʃtɔt/ 'Watertown'. Two loan translations of verbs have been collected of which the first one was based on an English sample sentence: /aʊstɛrnt/ *hat sich ergeben* 'turned out'; /ufɔrufo/ *anrufen* 'to call up'. Two loan translations of a different type with interference from English were also produced:¹⁰

/mɪtaus/ *ohne* 'without': /ɛɪ ɪst ɪmɔɪɔ mɪtaus sʊltz ʊnt pfeɪɔ/
Er ißt die Eier immer ohne Salz und Pfeffer 'He always eats eggs without salt and pepper'

/dɛn vɛç / *auf diese Weise* 'that way': /ʊnt dɛs hɔt sɪ kɔltɪn fɪrn sʊmɔ
dɛn vɛç / *Und das hat sich so den ganzen Sommer gehalten* 'And it kept that way the whole summer'

There are several ways of borrowing English loanwords. The first form of borrowings are vocabulary terms that essentially show no adaptation into the sound system of the dialect:

¹⁰ Bender (1980, 81) calls this loan translation an idiomatic loan that imitates a foreign expression with or without English morphemes.

/mɪr hamɔ aft gmuvt trɪgɔv kauntɪ of a fam/
Wir sind später ins Trego County gezogen auf eine Farm 'Later we moved to
a farm in Trego County'

/ɪn der ʊlt kantri bɪn i gven/
Ich bin in dem alten Land (in der alten Heimat) gewesen 'I was in the Old
Country'

The words *county* and *country* are most likely old borrowed terms, because they are used consistently. The political idea of dividing land into counties did not have a counterpart in German in the eighteenth century when the Catholic Bohemian Germans left the Bohemian Forest for Bukovina. And the semantic concept of the phrase "Old Country" only refers to countries immigrants to the United States originated from.

Another loanword, *railroad*, the Catholic Bohemian Germans may have adopted very early into their dialect, because the Kansas Pacific Railroad was the main employer in Ellis, when the immigrants arrived. This borrowing, however, exhibits German phonemes when incorporated in the dialect, but in English conversation the informants apply the English phonemes to it:

/ɛr ɔrvat of dɔ relərot/
Er arbeitet bei der Bahn 'He works for the railroad'

However, one informant sometimes incorporated the English pronunciation to the word *road* when translating an English sentence into the dialect, as the following example shows:

/mɪr vɔuntmɔ m a klo:n farmrɔ:d/
Wir wohnen an einem kleinen Landweg 'We live on a small country road'

Other loanwords incorporate the English pronunciation. These words retain their English meaning, but they have been assimilated into the Catholic Bohemian German phonology. The following words are good examples: /bɔ̃ɡɪ/ *Buggy*, *Einspanner* 'buggy'; /mɔ̃ð/ (*Rasen*)*mäher* 'mower'; /ʃtɔ̃r/ *Laden* 'store'¹¹; /bʊtʃɔ̃ʃap/ *Fleischer* 'butcher shop'.

Some English loanwords may contain a different semantic meaning for an individual speaker of the dialect. The following example consisting of hybrid formations for the English word *countryroads* demonstrates the phenomenon, where one informant associates the vocabulary item with the surrounding farms, while the other informant does not:

/di fəmrɔ̃tn hant ʃlɪm ɔ̃rts/
 /di kantʀiveçən hant ɛts ʃlɛçt/
Die Landwege sind jetzt schlecht 'The countryroads are bad now'

The use of either the dialect word or the English counterpart for the same vocabulary item by an individual dialect speaker may suggest a correlation with high/low frequent usage of that word. The following sentences serve as good examples for the difference in usage by the individual informant:

/si hət ʃmʊltsrɪŋlɪn gmɔ̃xt/
 /si hət dɔ̃nats bɔ̃kə/
Sie hat Krapfen gebacken 'She made doughnuts'

Many English loanwords are adopted into the phonological and morphological system of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect. Although most of these nouns show the English inflectional suffix /s/ as a plural marker in the plural formations,

¹¹ English verbs and nouns starting with the English phoneme /st/ are assimilated into the Catholic Bohemian German sound system. However, the English phoneme is not accepted and becomes /ʃt/: /ʃtɔ̃r/ *Laden* 'store'; /ʃpɪnɔ̃/ *drehen* 'to spin'.

Informant 1 and Informant 2 added the nasal suffix /n/, one of the plural markers in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect, to borrowed nouns whose singular forms end either in the voiceless alveolar stop /t/, the voiceless alveolar fricative /s/, or in the uvular /r/. The following list displays the plural formations of those nouns produced by these dialect speakers:

Singular:	Plural:		
/kar/	/karn/	<i>Autos</i>	'cars'
/ʃtɔr/	/ʃtɔrn/	<i>Läden</i>	'stores'
/fɛns/	/fɛnsn/	<i>Zäune</i>	'fences'
/ʃɛt/	/ʃɛtn/	<i>Schuppen</i>	'sheds'
/rot/	/rotn/	<i>Straßen</i>	'roads'

Several functional verbs form another category of English borrowings into the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect. These verbs are thoroughly adapted to the morphological system of the dialect. The verbs are transformed by using a German prefix in a separable verb or by adding the prefix /g/ to the past participle. In addition the conjugation of borrowed verbs is fully morphologically adapted into the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect.

The most frequently produced verb *to use* appears in the infinitive, in the first and third person singular, in the imperative, as well as in the past participle. The following examples illustrate the thorough incorporation of that verb into the dialect:

/i kant ən nogl jusn/
Ich könnte einen Nagel gebrauchen 'I could use a nail'

/i jus fir fœl tsarç des garlık solt/
Ich benutze Knoblauchsatz für viel Zeug 'I use garlic salt for a lot of things'

/ɛr just blauə ʃnatstioxn/
Er benutzt nur blaue Taschentücher 'He only uses blue handkerchiefs'

/jus dɛn kloʊnɔ raɪs!/
Nimm den kleinen (kurzen) Reis! 'Use the little (short) rice!'

/ʊksn hant nɪt mɛɔ gjust/
Oxen werden nicht mehr gebraucht 'Oxen are not used anymore'

The borrowed verb *to move* occurred with two different German adverbial prefixes: /vɛkəmuʋɔ/ *wegziehen* 'to move away'; /ausɪmuʋɔ/ *ausziehen* 'to move out', and was also altered with a /g/ prefix to fit the present perfect tense:

/mɪr hamɔ ɪn ʃtɔt gmuvt/
Wir sind in die Stadt gezogen 'We moved to town'

The verb *to call* occurring conjugated in the first person singular may be a technological borrowing along with the verb *to phone* that was used in the infinitive:

/i kol dɪ ʃpɛtɔ/
Ich rufe dich später an 'I will call you later'

/vɛn nɪt, kɔn sɛ ɔf dɪ rosɪ basl fonɔ/
Wenn nicht, kann sie Tante Rosi anrufen 'If not she can call aunt Rosi'

Other English verbs appearing as past participles are commercial borrowings, such as *to hire* and *to rent*. The following samples show their incorporation into the dialect:

/si hamant ɛɔn kaɪərt tsɔn drɛʃn/
Sie haben ihn zum Dreschen eingestellt 'They hired him for the threshing'

/ɛr hot dɛs lɔnt fɔrɛnt dɔn ɔn jɛmɔnt/
Er hat das Land an jemanden vermietet 'He rented out the land to someone'

Other past participles in the verb list with a /g/ prefix were the following:

/gɛkt/ *benommen* 'acted'; /grɛʃənt/ *rationiert* 'rationed'.

Most English verbs assimilated into the morphology of the dialect were produced as infinitives. In accordance with the verbal morphology of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect the infinitive suffix is produced either with the nasal /ŋ/ or with /ɒ/ depending on the stem-final consonant:

/klinɒ/	<i>putzen</i>	'to clean'
/ʃpɪnɒ/	<i>drehen</i>	'to spin'
/plaʊn/	<i>pflügen</i>	'to plow'
/kɑtɪn/	<i>(Gras) mähen</i>	'to cut'
/kʊləvɛɪtɒn/	<i>anbauen</i>	'to cultivate'
/vatʃɪn/	<i>hüten , schauen</i>	'to watch'
/bɔθɒn/	<i>stören</i>	'to bother'
/fɪksɪn/	<i>bereiten</i>	'to fix'
/tatʃɪn/	<i>anfassen</i>	'to touch'
/rekɔrdɪn/	<i>aufnehmen</i>	'to record'

It is evident from the samples above that English verb loanwords tend to be completely morphologically acquired into the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect. The informants do not hesitate at all when using a borrowed verb. This may indicate that an individual speaker is not aware of incorporating an English loan and is subconsciously integrating it into the word order of the dialect.

Discourse markers serve as a good indicator for determining to what degree the English language intruded into the mind of a dialect speaker subconsciously. As stated above, the high frequency of words from the primary language most likely leads to a replacement of a corresponding word in the native vocabulary. However, a speaker's character comes into play with reference to the frequency of use of such markers in conversation. Using the verbal discourse marker *you see* in final position, the speaker

wants confirmation from the listener and introduces new information in initial position.

The following samples from Informant 2 illustrate this use:

/si hot ən amerɪkənə karrat, ju si/

Sie hat einen Amerikaner geheiratet, siehst du
'She married an American, you see'

/ɔvə si, dəs get ʊləs ɛts ɛŋlɪʃ/

Aber sieh, das geht jetzt alles auf Englisch
'But see, everything is in English now'

The interjection *well* is another discourse marker frequently produced by Informant 2. This marker has different discourse functions. It primarily occurs initially when Informant 2 responds to a question:

/wɛl, si, dɔ is goʊr nɪks tsu tuən gven/

Also, sieh, da ist gar nichts zu tun gewesen
'Well, see, there was nothing to do'

/vœl, hant fɪr gven sɪŋə/

Also es sind vier gewesen, die gesungen haben
'Well, there were four singing'

Another verbal discourse device produced by the dialect informants is *you know*, which depending on its position in the sentence, seeks confirmation from the listener, has an emphatic meaning, or is used as a floor-holding device when delaying a thought:

/mamalɪga unt ʃtrɔbɛrɪs, ju noʊ, mɪt ʃmɛtɪn amə/

Mamaliga mit Erdbeeren, weißt du, und Sahne drin
'Mamaliga with strawberries, you know, and whipping cream'

/i bɪn dɪsɛrbɔlt, ju noʊ/

Ich bin behindert, weißt du 'I am disabled you know'

In contrast the German discourse marker *gell*, a tag question which signals confirmation from the listener and is commonly used in southern Germany, appears frequently in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. This interjection is only replaced by its English counterpart *right*, when the conversation is in English. This may suggest that this tag is so deeply engrained in the subconscious mind of the dialect speaker that it is triggered automatically, when the conversation is held in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. The following examples show its usage:

/dɔ tuont sis vʊsɔ tsʊŋ fɔn ɛn brʊnɔ, gœl?/

Da tun sie das Wasser aus einem Brunnen (hoch)ziehen, gell (nicht wahr)?
 'They pull up the water from a well there, right?'

/dɛs hant bɪrlɔ, gœl?/

Das sind Beeren, gell? 'These are berries, right?'

The phrase *I don't know* was produced several times while informants described pictures or hesitated in making a response:

/dɛs ɪs, aɪ dɔʊnt noʊ, vɔs dɛs ɪs/

Das ist, ich weiß nicht, was das ist 'That is, I don't know what it is'

/i bɪn mɪt dɛn ɛsn, aɪ dɔʊnt noʊ, i bɪn rɛçt tsɪɔrɪ/

Ich bin mit dem Essen, ich weiß nicht, ich bin recht zierig (penibel)
 'With food, I don't know, I am rather fussy'

The main informant had the least English interference of all the other informants in this study in free conversation. Unlike the other informants, he did not produce the phrase *I don't know*, but rather used the dialect equivalent /i vɔɔs nɪt/. He also used English discourse markers as fillers for speech pauses and would use the emotional interjection *shucks*, when he could not remember a particular word in

German he needed to describe a picture: /des is a, ʃaks, i vods a nit/ *Das ist ein, verflixt, ich weiß auch nicht* 'That is a, shucks, I don't know'.

There does not seem to be any logic determining when, how, and why which English loanword was adopted into the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect. It is probable that more English interference takes place when a dialect informant talks about topics involving new concepts, such as technology and commerce. But in conversations that revolve around family, religion and also to a great extent around life on the farm, English borrowings are produced much less or not at all.

Even with the gradual cultural, as well as linguistic acculturation to the English-speaking environment, some Catholic Bohemian Germans still hold on to their identity by maintaining customs ranging from family functions to farming. However, the remembrance of other traditions, such as the baptism by Christian names, the old custom of having a wake in the family home, or the blessing of baskets full of eggs in church at Easter, has vanished, because they fell out of practice. But other vivid memories like those of Christmas customs and childhood still linger on.¹²

Although their recollection of these customs is often sketchy and details have faded, greetings and wishes, as well as anecdotes memorized in Catholic Bohemian German, that were an integral part of their culture and tradition, can still be recalled by some of the dialect informants. These sayings are recited from memory without hesitation and are linguistically unique in that they do not show any English interference. The main informant recalls a toast for drinking, which illustrates this well. One person toasts to the other by stating: /so is s lebən/ *So ist das Leben* 'Such is life', and the other person who is being toasted says: /trɪŋ gsunt/ *Trink*

¹² Informant 1 and Informant 2 related these customs to the author. For a discussion on Catholic Bohemian German religious practices in Bukovina, see Welisch (1988, 21-28). And Mirwald (1989) devotes a book to describing the customs and traditions of the Catholic Bohemian Germans from Bukovina in great detail. Furthermore, Windholz (1996, 75-86) discusses Catholic Bohemian German culture and customs that they retained in Ellis County, Kansas.

gesund 'Drink healthily'. Their everyday salutations were tied in with their religious faith.¹³ For example when they entered someone's house they would greet them by saying: /*geloɔt sai jesus kristus/ Gelobt sei Jesus Christus* 'Praise be to Jesus Christ', and the person being greeted answered: /*m ewiçkai amən/ In Ewigkeit, Amen* 'In eternity, amen'.¹⁴ Another tradition were the New Year's wishes. Here their belief was also not far from their mind when they wished each other a happy New Year. The following examples are two versions rendered in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German by two different informants:

i vɪɲʃ dɪr a glɪksœlɪks narəs joor, a guɔts lem, a lɔŋs lem unt ewigə glɪkselɪkai/

Ich wünsche dir ein glückseliges neues Jahr, ein gutes Leben, ein langes Leben und ewige Glückseligkeit
'I wish you a happy New Year, a good life, a long life, and eternal happiness'

/i vɪɲʃ a glɪkselɪgəs narəs joor, a lɔŋs lem, gsunthai unt a hɪmœlraɪç/

Ich wünsche dir ein glückseliges neues Jahr, ein langes Leben, Gesundheit und ein Himmelreich
'I wish you a happy New Year, a long life, health and a Kingdom of Heaven'

Children also learned New Year's wishes by heart often driven by the incentive of receiving a coin afterwards. The following saying was collected from the main informant:

/i vɪɲʃ dɪr a glɪksœlɪks narəs joor, s kɪrskɪndl mɪt di krausənə hoor, a guɔts lem, a lɔŋs lem, a guldərən dɪʃ mɪt a glɔsl vaf, brotnə fɪʃ. unt sul der her unt frau lɔstɪ sai/

¹³ The main informant also recalled some anecdotes that his mother had told him. See the appendix for a selection of anecdotes.

¹⁴ Informant 5 related this greeting to the author.

Ich wünsche dir ein glückseliges neues Jahr, das Christkind mit dem krausen Haar, ein gutes Leben, ein langes Leben, einen goldenen Tisch mit einem Glas Wein. Der Herr und die Frau sollen lustig sein

'I wish you a happy New Year, the Christ Child with wavy hair, a good life, a long life, a golden table with a glass of wine. May the lord and the lady be jolly'

Sometimes they had short sayings that did not contain any words of their religious faith, but it was rather meant to wish for badness in a facetious manner, according to the main informant: /oft hamɔ aux gvɪŋsən fir ʃleçtɪçkart/ *Oft haben wir auch Schlechtigkeit gewünscht* 'Often we also wished for badness'. The following two sayings were collected from the main informant and Informant 2 respectively:

/i vɪŋʃ dir, i vɔɔs nɪt vos, hɪntɔn ofɔ sɪtst a hos. graɪf ɪn di toʃən, gɪp mɔ vos! nɪm ən besənʃtɔel unt hau ɛɔn mɪr aus!

Ich wünsche dir, ich weiß nicht was, hintern Ofen sitzt ein Has'. Greif in die Tasche, gib mir was! Nimm einen Besenstiel und hau ihn mir hinaus!

'I wish you, I don't know what, a hare is sitting behind the oven. Reach into your pocket, give me something! Take a broomstick and chase it out!'

/vɪŋʃə, vɪŋʃə, vɔɔs nɪt vos, hɪntɔn ofɔ sɪtst a hos. ɔf dɔ bæŋ
rent a maʊs. mɪt den besən hau sɪs aus/

Wünsche, wünsche, weiß nicht was, hintern Ofen sitzt ein Has'. Auf der Bank sitzt eine Maus. Mit dem Besen haut sies aus

Wishing, wishing, I don't know what. A hare is sitting behind the oven. A mouse is sitting on the bench. She chases it out with a broom'

In Bukovina, as well as in Ellis County the Catholic Bohemian German community life centered around the church. Their faith had a great impact on how they conducted their everyday life, especially during periods of religious observations, such as the time of Advent, the period before Christmas. During this time the Catholic

Bohemian Germans were not allowed to go dancing, attend shows or parties, nor celebrate weddings. During Lent, the fasting period before Easter, they could not schedule or attend social events and had to cover all mirrors in the house with black fabric, which was lifted again on Easter. In addition they had to abide by a strict dietary schedule and were not supposed to eat meat on Wednesdays and Fridays, and only eat one full meal a day during Holy Week (*Karwoche*). Praying was an essential part of their faith, and sometimes involved a whole ritual process. Children were taught all prayers in German, usually by their mother. Informant 2 recalled that every night she and her younger siblings had to kneel down in front of their mother's bed and she would lead the prayer. When they attended instruction lessons in preparation for holy communion, they had to learn all prayers in English, as well as the church catechism.

Sermons at St. Mary's, the Catholic church in Ellis, were held in German until the 1950s. The prayer books were in German too. Informant 2 still keeps such a prayer book that belonged to her mother: */i hɔn a gəbetbuɔxɪ ɪn dɑrtʃ fɔn mama/ Ich habe ein Gebetbuch auf deutsch von Mama* 'I have a prayer book from mom in German'. According to the informants in the 1930s the priest started alternating every Sunday, holding the sermon in English or German. Fewer and fewer people in the congregation retained an active knowledge of German so that in later years only a part of the homily was held in German, while the other part was in English. When the main informant came back to Ellis in 1945 after World War II had ended, a German sermon was only held one Sunday a month until it finally ceased in the 1950s. The third generation of Catholic Bohemian Germans never had a sermon in German.

A correlation can be drawn between the gradual decline in the use of German in St. Mary's church and the inscription of bible verses and commentary in German on

gravestones or on memorial cards that were handed out at the wake in church. ¹⁵

While commentary on tombstones and memorial cards was in German until the 1950s, English was used in the later years. ¹⁶

Bible verses and commentary are in Standard German, what the Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans call: */des is no do s̥rift/ Das ist nach der Schrift* 'That is according to the written (language)'. The following German inscription on a tombstone in rhyming verse reads:

42 Jahre lebten wir zusammen in Freuden und in Not. Jetzt haben wir das Verlangen zu bleiben beim lieben Gott.

'For 42 years we lived together through joy and distress. Now we have the desire to stay with the beloved Lord' ¹⁷

Carman (1974b, 3) in his account on the Ellis Bukovinian Germans writes about the church usage of German in the Catholic and the Lutheran church. Referring to the Catholic church of St. Mary's he notes: "The pastor who came in 1952 rarely used German, but when the 'Hail Mary' was in German he received a vigorous response." This underscores the fact that many Catholic Bohemian Germans, and most likely other ethnic German groups worshipping in that church, first learned and memorized their prayers in German. When attempting to elicit some German church

¹⁵ This information is based on copies of memorial cards that were given to the author by one of the informants. In addition, the author took pictures of gravestones with German inscriptions when visiting the Catholic and the Lutheran cemetery in Ellis.

¹⁶ The same phenomenon can be observed at St. John's cemetery, the Lutheran cemetery north of Ellis. Carman (1962, 4) in his printed settlement notes on Ellis Bukovinian Germans notes that while 10% of the tombstone inscriptions at St. John's cemetery were in German between 1920-1929, the percentage rose to 52% in the 1930s, and became slightly higher, 55% between 1940-1949, it dropped to 0% in the early 1950s. Carman's settlement notes from the field and printed notes are archived as the J. Neale Carman collection at the University of Kansas Archives in the Helen F. Spencer Research Library.

¹⁷ This inscription is on the gravestone of the grandparents of Informant 8.

prayers from the main informant, he recited the *Lord's Prayer*, *Hail Mary*, and the *Creed* hardly with any hesitation at all.¹⁸ The prayers are as follows:

The Lord's Prayer

/fatər unsər, dər du bist in himəl. gəharlikt verdə dam nomə. tsu
uns kōmə darn raɪç. dam vilə gəfɛə in himəl als aux auf ɛrdən.
gɪp uns hart darn brot. fɛrgɪp uns unserən ʃuldɪgərn, fir uns niçt
in fɛrsuçun, sɔndə ɛrləsə uns fən ibəl. amən/

*Vater unser, der du bist im Himmel. Geheiligt werde dein Name. Zu uns
komme dein Reich. Dein Wille geschehe im Himmel als auch auf Erden. Gip
uns heute dein Brot. Vergib uns unseren Schuldigern, führ uns nicht in
Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns vom Übel. Amen.*

'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today your bread.
Forgive us our trespassers, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. Amen.'¹⁹

Hail Mary

/gəgrɪsət saɪst du, mari. du bist fɔl dər gnɔdən. dər hɛr ɪst mɪt
dɪr. du bist gəvɛnedart untər dɛn varbɛrn unt gəvɛnedart ɪst dɪ
frucht darnəs lɔrbəs, jɛsus. harliɡə maria, mʊtər ɡɔtəs, bɪt fir uns
armə sɪndər jɛtst unt in dɛr ʃtunt unsərəs todəs. amən/

*Gegrüßet seist du, Maria. Du bist voll der Gnaden. Der Herr ist mit dir. Du
bist gebenedeiet unter den Weibern und gebenedeiet ist die Frucht deines
Leibes, Jesus. Heilige Maria, Mutter Gottes, bitte für uns Sünder jetzt und in
der Stunde unseres Todes. Amen.*

'Hail to you, Mary. You are full of mercy. The Lord is with you. You are the
Blessed Virgin among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us poor sinners now and when we die.
Amen.'

¹⁸ Informant 2 also recited the *Lord's Prayer*, but hesitated a lot.

¹⁹ The informant combines two lines of the *Lord's Prayer*. The English translation reflects it.

Creed

/Iç glaübə den fatər, den metriçən jəpfər unt amngəborən son, unsem henn, der empfanen ist fon harliçen gaist. unt ist gəboren fon maria, di junfrau, gəliten untər pontius, krartsikt, gəstorbən unt bəgrabən. apgəstigen tsu der helə, on driten tagə auferstandən fon den totən, aufgəfərən in den himəl tsu der reçtən tsu den metriçen fatər. dən kōmən virt tsu riçtən ləbendriçen unt di totən. iç glaübə den harliçen gaist, amə gəmamə kristkatołiçə kirxən, den apłas des sməs, flaiçəs unt ewigəs leben. amen/

Ich glaube an den Vater, den mächtigen Schöpfer und eingeborenen Sohn, unsern Herrn, der empfangen ist durch den heiligen Geist. Und ist geboren von Maria, der Jungfrau, hat gelitten unter Pontius, gekreuzigt, gestorben und begraben. (Er ist) abgestiegen zu der Hölle, am dritten Tage auferstanden von den Toten, aufgefahren in den Himmel zu der rechten des mächtigen Vaters. Dann wird er kommen, zu richten die Lebenden und die Toten. Ich glaube an den heiligen Geist, an eine christkatholische Kirche, an den Ablass des Sinnes, des Fleisches und an das ewige Leben. Amen.

'I believe in the Father, the almighty creator and in his begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived through the Holy Spirit. And he was born by the Virgin Mary, has suffered under Pontius, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended to Hell, has risen from the dead on the third day, ascended into Heaven to sit to the right of God Almighty. Then he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, in one Catholic Church, in indulgence of the senses, the flesh and in eternal life. Amen.'

It is immediately obvious that these prayers were learned by heart in Standard German. Linguistic features that characterize NHG differ from the phonological and morphological system of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect can be observed.

Morphologically for example, the main informant does not only pronounce inflectional endings, such as the final /ə/ in the first person singular, which is omitted in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect: /Iç glaübə/ *Ich glaube* 'I believe', or the

third person singular marker /t/ in the conjugated form of *to be* : /ɪst/ *ist* 'is', but also adds the final palatal voiceless fricative /ç/ to the first person singular personal pronoun, which is lost in the dialect: /ɪç/ *Ich* 'I'. Past participles have a *ge* - prefix and thus are not omitted if the verb stem begins with an obstruent, and also in a verb stem beginning with the glottal fricative /h/ the consonant is realized: /gəhaɪlɪkt/ *geheiligt* 'hallowed'; /gəbɔrən/ *geboren* 'born'. The case distinction of the genitive is made in set phrases with a genitive noun and pronoun inflections: /mʊtər ɡotəs/ *Mutter Gottes* 'Mother of God'; /ɪn der ʃtʊnt ʊnsərəs todəs/ *In der Stunde unseres Todes* 'at the hour of our death'.

Phonologically there is no vocalization of /r/ word-medially and word-finally: /fɛrgɪp ʊns ʊnsərən ʃʊldɪɡərɪn/ *Vergib uns unseren Schuldigern* 'Forgive those who trespass against us'. Falling diphthongs are not produced and monophthongs appear instead: /kɪrçən/ *Kirche* 'church'. Furthermore, MHG <ei> does not change to /ɔɐ/ and /ɔɪ/ in words such as: /flaɪʃ/ *Fleisch* 'flesh', /ɡaɪst/ *Geist* 'spirit'; /haɪlɪçən/ *heiligen* 'holy'. There is also no phonological change in the Catholic Bohemian German dialect, probably because these words are clerical words that in conjunction with faith take on certain meanings.²⁰ The word for *meat*, referring to animal meat, is used in Wenker sentence 30 and translated by the informants as follows: /vɪfœl pʃʊnt flɑɪʃ vœlst?/ *Wieviel Pfund Fleisch willst du haben?* 'How many pounds of meat (sausage) do you want?'. However, the NHG word *Brot* 'bread', which if pronounced in church prayers retains the monophthong /o/ from MHG <ô>, but changes to the diphthong /ɔʊ/ in the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect: /brɔʊt/.

²⁰ Kubitschek (1927, 19) highlights that the NHG words *Fleisch* 'flesh', *Geist* 'spirit' and *Kaiser* 'caesar' did no change from MHG <ei> to /ɔɐ/ and /ɔɪ/ in Catholic Bohemian German because of their affiliation with church and office.

Although sermons in German at the Catholic church of St. Mary's in Ellis stopped some forty years ago, and German prayers that were memorized in childhood are not included in church functions anymore, speakers of second generation Catholic Bohemian German may still recall a prayer or two in German. They would likely pray it by themselves, isolated without the "echoing" support of the congregation. Thus, intercommunicational exchange does not take place anymore between speakers of German in church, nor is there other church-related linguistic development.

This is somewhat analogous to the state the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect is in. The dialect speakers who remain speak to each other in their dialect or they must talk to themselves.²¹ They are isolated from other speakers of the dialect in other areas of the world, for example in Germany, and consequently cannot share linguistic developments that take place in their dialect or in German for that matter.

The Catholic Bohemian German dialect did not develop linguistically after the original Catholic Bohemian German settlers left their homeland in the Bohemian Forest in the nineteenth century to colonize Bukovina, where they managed to keep their linguistic identity. When they later emigrated to the United States, Canada, and Brazil, their dialect was intact and the original speech was maintained. This is what Fischer Arends (1989, 120) calls a petrification of the language. She writes: "This can be attributed to a tendency of petrification that generally takes place in the language and in other cultural behavior, of isolated speech communities"

However, this preservation of dialect features includes a lexicon of words whose usage nowadays is often restricted to rural Austro-Bavarian dialects or is

²¹ Several dialect informants said that they talk to themselves in their dialect, for example, with relation to errands they have to do, such as going shopping.

obsolete. The following list provides a selection of categories by semantic fields from this rich repertoire that is unique to the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect: ²²

- /trɛnt/ *Erde* 'soil, ground'
 → : Bohemian German, with a metathesis occurring between the vowel /ɛ/ and /r/ ²³
- lamb/ *schmelzen* 'to melt'
 → : Bavarian; Latin origin: lenis (*weich* 'soft')
- /ɔptɪt/ *Abort* 'privy'
 → : Austrian; MHG: ab(e)trit
- /hefəl/ *Tasse* 'cup'
 → : Austrian; MHG: haven (*Topf*, 'pot')
- /kɔpə/ *Eimer, Kübel* 'bucket'
 → : Bavarian: Kübe, Küwe; MHG: kübel, Latin: cūpa
- /tsegɔ/ *Korb* 'basket'
 → : Bohemian German, also Bavarian usage
- /rain/ *irdener Kochtopf, Bratpfanne* 'earthenware pot, pan'
 → : Austro-Bavarian; MHG: rīne, rinne
- /ʃpɛndl/ *Stecknadel* 'stick pin'
 → : Austro-Bavarian: Sperl
- /hovɔn/ *Hafer* 'oats'
 → : Bavarian; MHG: habere
- /kukuruts/ *Mais* 'corn'
 → : Austrian, Bohemian German; Slavic loanword of Turkish origin
- /kre/ *Merrettich* 'horseradish'
 → : Austro-Bavarian, Bohemian German; Czech origin
- /ʃmetn/ *Sahne* 'cream'
 → : Bohemian German; loanword of Czech origin

²² The term Austro-Bavarian refers to the vernacular in Bavaria and mostly in Upper Austria. Bohemian German refers to the Austro-Bavarian dialects in the Bohemian Forest in near proximity to the Czech border.

²³ See Kubitschek (1927, 23) for an explanation of this phenomenon. Kollmer (1985, 73) points out that this form is Bohemian German.

- /umʊrkŋ/ *Gurke* 'cucumber'
 → : Austrian, Bohemian German; loan based on Austro-Bavarian: Gummer (Latin: *cucumis*) and Czech: *okurka*
- /fɪsɔln/ *grüne Bohne* 'string bean'
 → : Austrian; Greek origin; MHG: *fasôl*
- /ɔpvas/ *Erbse* 'pea'
 → : Austrian, Bohemian German; MHG: *areweizl*
- /oklaʊm/ *pflücken, auflesen* 'to pick'
 → : Austro-Bavarian, Bohemian German; MHG: *klûben*
- /ʃɔtlə/ *in Fett gebackenes Gebäck*, 'deep fried pastries'
 → : Diminutive, Austrian, Bohemian German; also NHG: (*Holz*)*Scheit* 'log'; MHG: *schît*
- /brɔʃkə/ *Kröte* 'toad'
 → : Austro-Bavarian: *Broz/Proz*, related to NHG: *Protz* 'swank'
- /gœlsn/ *Stechmücke* 'mosquito'
 → : Austrian; MHG: *gelsen* (*schreien* 'to shout')
- /okʊln/ *umbringen, verderben* 'to kill'
 → : Bohemian German; MHG: *keln, koln*
- /harrɪsl/ *Heuschrecke* 'grasshopper'
 → : Bohemian German; MHG: *rîsen, rüezel*
- /tsʊxt/ *Sau, Zuchtschwein* 'sow'
 → : Austro-Bavarian; MHG: *zuht*
- /bɛrnɔ/ *Eber* 'boar'
 → : Austro-Bavarian; MHG: *bêr*
- /tsaʊk/ *Hündin* 'female dog'
 → : Austro-Bavarian, Bohemian German
- /tsʊmɔl/ *Schnuller* 'pacifier'
 → : Austro-Bavarian: *Zuzl, zuzeln*: to suck
 MHG: *sûgen*
- /gɔgɔtsn/ *gackern* 'to cackle'
 → : onomatopoeic, Bavarian, Bohemian German; MHG: *gâgern*
- /wɪdrʊkɔ/ *wiederkäuen* 'to chew cud'
 → : Austro-Bavarian; OHG: *itarucken*

- /bɪç gnaʊfn/ *Kaugummi kauen* 'to chew gum'
 /bɪç/ → : Bavarian: bicka (*kleben* 'to glue'); MHG: bech, pech (*Pech* 'tar')
- /gnaʊfn/ → : onomatopoeic, North Bavarian: gnaunzn (*murren*) 'to grumble'
- /nodl/, /nedl/ *Großmutter, Großvater* 'Grandmother, Grandfather'
 → : Bohemian German, from Austro-Bavarian; with metathesis of /n/ and the vowel and the epenthetic consonant /d/, MHG: ane
- /taftet/, /tafdodn, taftot/ (*Taufpate, (Tauf)patin* 'Godfather, Godmother'
 → : Bohemian German, also North Bavarian; OHG: tôto (masc.), tôta (fem.)
- /tato/ *Papa* 'dad'
 → : affectionate form for 'father'; Bohemian German; from Austro-Bavarian: Tatl, Datl (*Greis* 'old man')
 Indoeuropean origin; MHG: tateren
- /gômœtsn/ *gähnen* 'to yawn'
 → : Austro-Bavarian, Bohemian German; MHG: ginen, genen
- /kampln/ *kämmen* 'to comb'
 → : Austro-Bavarian, Bohemian German; MHG: kemben
- /sɪ tœmœln/ *sich tummeln, sich beeilen* 'to hurry up'
 → : Austro-Bavarian; MHG: tumeln
- /tsœrn/ *Tränen* 'tears'
 → : Austrian-Bavarian, MHG: zaher
- /mosn/ *Narbe* 'scar'
 → : Austro-Bavarian: Maser; MHG: mâse
- /bɪŋl, bɪŋkl/ *Beule, Bündel* 'bump on the head, bundle'
 → : Austro-Bavarian; MHG: biule
- /laɪçt/ *Beerdigung* 'funeral'
 → : Austro-Bavarian: Leich; see also NHG *Leiche* 'dead body'
- /haɪsɔn/ *besuchen* 'to visit'
 → : Bohemian German, literally: *in die Häuser gehen* 'to walk into someone's house'
- /okentən/ *anzünden* 'to light'
 → : Austro-Bavarian; MHG: zünden; Latin origin: incendere

/iɔrto/ <i>Dienstag</i>	'Tuesday'	→	: Bavarian; loan translation derived from the Greek God Ares: <i>Áreos heméra</i> , the day of Ares
/pʁɪnsto/ <i>Donnerstag</i>	'Thursday'	→	: Bavarian; loan translation based on the Greek number <i>pémpte heméra</i> , the fifth day of the week
/fɛrdn/ <i>voriges Jahr</i>	'last year'	→	: Austro-Bavarian; MHG: <i>vert, vernet</i> (adverb); also MHG: <i>virne alt</i> 'old'; <i>virn Firn, Altschnee</i> 'firn'
/ɛndɔ/ <i>früher</i>	'earlier'	→	: Austrian; MHG: (comparative of) <i>balde</i> (adverb)
/aft/ <i>dann, danach</i>	'afterwards'	→	: Austro-Bavarian; MHG: <i>after</i> (adverb)

This selection of distinct dialect words reveals an Austro-Bavarian heritage and reflects a preservation of many words as well, whose usage has become obsolete nowadays or is restricted to rural dialects. Like their phonological features, these vocabulary items can be traced back historically to OHG and/or MHG.²⁴ In addition, this word chart also shows that when the Catholic Bohemian German settlers left their homeland in the Bohemian Forest for Bukovina they already spoke mixed Bavarian dialects which they kept when colonizing the former Austrian province. These dialects are mainly distinguished phonologically. In the struggle among the quite divergent linguistic forms in the new settlements of Bukovina, the Catholic Bohemian German dialect retained features that are mainly associated with Central Bavarian, but also show reflexes of the Central/North Bavarian interference zone. The linguistic history of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect and consequently its geographic determination of places in the Bohemian Forest where the original settlers in Bukovina came from will be the examined in chapter 6.

²⁴ See chapter 4 for the phonology of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect

Chapter 6

Linguistic History and Dialect Geographical Origin of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German Dialect

The dialect speakers of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis, Kansas, call themselves Bohemian Germans and their dialect /dɑrtʃbɛmɪʃ/ *Deutschböhmisch* 'German Bohemian'.¹ The name shows evidence of the fact that these immigrants to west central Kansas, who emigrated there from Bukovina, originated in Bohemia. It is known that they came from a region in western Bohemia called the Bohemian Forest, which nowadays stretches across the border between Germany and the Czech Republic. This region is adjacent to the Bavarian Forest in Southern Germany (see map 10).²

The ancestors of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans were mainly glass blowers and timber workers, who were involved in farming as well when they settled in Bukovina. The immigrants to Ellis, Kansas, came mostly from Karlsberg, Fürstenthal, and Buchenhain (Poiana Micului) to Kansas.³ The dialect informants in this study are descendants of the emigrants from Fürstenthal and Buchenhain (Poiana Micului).⁴

¹ See also chapter 5.

² See chapter 2 on the historical account of the Bukovina Germans in Ellis. Furthermore, see Rein (1996, 27-36) on the general history and the immigration of German settlers to Bukovina.

³ See map on the German settlements in Bukovina reprinted from Franz Lang (1963-64, 49) in chapter 2. Rein (1996, 40-41) also mentions these settlements from which the Catholic Bohemian Germans set out to emigrate to Kansas.

⁴ This information was related to the author by her informants when asked directly where their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were born.

In the late 1920s Kubitschek (1927, 5) noted that the dialects of the Bohemian Forest are Bavarian dialects.⁵ Supporting this view, Franz Lang (1933, 629) in his account on language and language use of the different settlements in Bukovina, stated that the Catholic Bohemian German settlers came from villages in the central and upper Bohemian Forest. Their main source of income was from glass blowing industries and forest farming. He maintains that they speak "bair[ische] Mischmundarten," that is mixed Bavarian dialects. Lang supports his view by pointing out that these German settlers from Bohemia did not only speak mixed Bavarian dialects because they originated in different places of the Bohemian Forest, but also because the inhabitants of these villages for the most part had already spoken mixed dialects in Bohemia. The reason why they had mixed dialects is found in the fact that these villages were settled by Germans from different parts of Bavaria and Austria at different times.

If one nowadays surfs the internet for towns and regions in the Bohemian Forest, the information retrieved supports this geographical view. Besides data on Bavarian and Bohemian history, one finds facts on the history of glass blowing and timber industries in the majority of towns and villages in the Bohemian Forest, on both sides of the border, as well as in the Bavarian Forest. Places with glass production, for example, were usually abandoned, once the wood was used up and people moved on to other locations. Glass blowing, which in some areas dates back to the thirteenth century and is older than the timber industries, was most likely introduced into the Bavarian Forest from the Salzkammergut in Austria to Bohemia.⁶

⁵ See Kubitschek (1927, 6-7) for a differentiation of three major geographical dialect areas, the lower, central, and upper Bohemian Forest. He also maintains that the border area between the upper and the central Bohemian Forest separates Northern Bavarian from Central Bavarian.

⁶ Throughout his book Kubitschek (1927) describes in detail the settlement history of the Bohemian Forest. He mentions that the Bohemian Forest was first inhabited mostly by forest farmers (*Freibauern*). Later on, as early as the 14th century, woodcutters, glassblowers, and other farmers from Upper German (UG) dialect regions settled there and founded villages. Different areas of the Bohemian Forest were colonized during various time periods. According to Kubitschek (1927, 54) most of the upper Bohemian Forest, for example, was not cleared and populated by farmers, glassblowers and

In addition to this information there are linguistic features that give valuable clues as to the places in the Bohemian Forest where the families of the modern descendants of the Catholic Bohemian Germans originated. Based on phonological, morphological, and lexical evidence the attempt is made in this chapter to find a more exact determination of the area in the Bohemian Forest, where the speakers of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect originated. In addition to the determination of the dialect area, some conclusions will also be drawn on a dialect mixing in the speech of these settlers. The Catholic Bohemian German dialect shows features of Central Bavarian with an interference of North Bavarian characteristics.⁷ The phonological, morphological, and lexical data gathered in the dialect interviews with the informants is compared to data found in such publications as Kubitschek (1927), Wiesinger (1989), the *dtv-Atlas zur deutschen Sprache (dtvA)*, the *Deutscher Sprachatlas (DSA)*, and the *Deutscher Wortatlas (DWA)* .

For the classification of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect within a major German dialect area, traditional dialect isoglosses are used. These geographical boundary lines determining dialect regions are based on consonantal phonology systematically researched by the *DSA* .⁸

timber workers from Bavaria and the Upper Palatinate region until the time of the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). See also Kleindorfer-Marx (1996) for an array of essays on how history, culture, and economy shaped the lives of people living on the banks of the river *Regen* in the southern part of the Upper Palatinate. The headwaters of the *Regen* are located in the Bohemian Forest around Markt Eisenstein (Železná Ruda). Wood cutting and glasswork were two of the main sources of income for people in the area near the border. Kleindorfer-Marx (1996, 7) mentions names of traditional glassblowing communities in that area such as Regenhütte, Ludwigsthal, and Theresienthal, along with the town of Zwiesel, which is known as *Glasstadt*, "the city of glass."

⁷ See chapter 4 on the phonological system of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. Furthermore, see Kubitschek (1927) on dialect distinctions from a phonological, morphological, and lexical perspective. The information provided in this chapter will support his conclusion, as well as Lang's view that the ancestors of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans already spoke a mix of Bavarian dialects when they left the Bohemian Forest to settle in Bukovina.

⁸ *DSA* also carried out a subclassification of German dialect areas based on vowel phonology. The German dialect divisions are represented on a map in the *dtvA*, 230-31, based on research carried out by the *DSA*. The labeling of German dialect boundaries referred to in this chapter are mostly based on these sources, as well as on the *DWA* maps that show regional lexical differences for certain New High German (NHG) words. In addition, regional dialect distinctions for Bavarian dialects in the

The dialect can be identified as Upper German (UG) because it does participate completely in the second sound shift, a pronunciation difference between the Germanic voiceless stops *p*, *t*, and *k*, and Old High German (OHG) voiceless fricatives and affricates (*p*)*f*, (*t*)*s*, and (*k*)*ch*. This phonological phenomenon separates the Low German dialects (LG) north of this boundary from the High German dialects south of the line. In between LG and UG are the Middle German dialects (MG) that partially participated in the second sound shift.⁹ The northern isogloss delimiting MG and UG from LG is defined by the *maken/machen* 'to make' boundary. The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect realizes the intervocalic /k/ as the corresponding fricative /x/: /moxo/ *machen* 'to make'. MG and UG are also south of the *ik/ich* 'I' (1st. Pers. Nom. Sg. Personal Pronoun)' isogloss. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shifts word-final /k/ to /ç/: /raɪç/ *reich* 'rich'.

The two northern isoglosses that separate UG dialects from MG dialects are marked by the *Appel/Apfel* 'apple' isogloss and the *Pund/Pfund* 'pound' isogloss. Like all UG dialects Ellis Catholic Bohemian German has shifted the voiceless bilabial stop /p/ to the corresponding affricate /pf/ in intervocalic and word-initial position: /epfl/ *Äpfel* 'apples'; /pfunt/ *Pfund* 'pound'.

A further subclassification of the UG dialects can be made. The *euch/enk* 'you (old dual form, 2nd Person Plural Pronoun, Dative and Accusative)' isogloss, which runs roughly from south of Chemnitz to the east of Nürnberg and southwest of Innsbruck, Austria, divides the West Upper German dialects (WUG), namely Alemannic and East Franconian, from the East Upper German dialects (EUG), the Bavarian

Bohemian Forest are mainly based on a detailed map by Kubitschek (1927, n.page) showing the various linguistic boundaries that divide each area from the other.

⁹ See the *dtvA*, 62-63 for a detailed description of these phenomena. Wolff (1990, 59-61) also explains the second or High German sound shift.

dialects.¹⁰ The Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis falls in the EUG dialect group with the use of /ɛŋ/ *euch* 'you'.

Within the EUG dialect region, Bavarian dialects are divided into three subgroups ranging from north to south, North, Central, and South Bavarian. These subgroups are distinguished by the *gnecht/kchnecht* 'servant' isogloss which separates South Bavarian from Central Bavarian and North Bavarian to the north. South Bavarian is considered to have thoroughly completed the second sound shift, because it shifted Germanic /k/ → OHG /kch/. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German falls north of this linguistic boundary, for example: /knedl/ *Knödel* 'dumplings'.

A further subclassification that distinguishes South Bavarian from Central and North Bavarian is the *Binnenhochdeutsche Konsonantenschwächung* or the Central High German consonant lenition.¹¹ North and Central Bavarian as opposed to South Bavarian, for example, do not show a pronunciation difference between the voiceless stops *p, t, k* and their voiced counterparts *b, d, g*. The consonant lenition is mostly consistent in Central Bavarian.¹² The consonant lenition is not consistently realized in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German. For example, word initial *t-* in words

¹⁰ See *dtvA*, 92 for the *euch/enk* isogloss. Wiesinger (1989, 439) defining the geographical dialect area of Bavarian dialects mentions the fact that up to the end of WW II the linguistic border of Bavarian dialects ran through the middle of west and south Bohemia. He gives a list of places included in that region that are nowadays Czech. Zehetner (1985, 54-75) gives a complete analysis of the geographical dialect areas of Bavarian. He divides Bavarian into three subgroups. South Bavarian, which he refers to as "Alpenbairisch," that is Alpine Bavarian, is primarily concentrated in the Austrian Alpine regions of Tyrol, Carinthia, Styria, and the southern edge of Burgenland. Central Bavarian is called the "Donau-Isar-Bairisch" or the Danube-Isar-Bavarian, because it defines the dialects in that river region, along the Munich-Vienna axis. The third subgroup, North Bavarian, is commonly referred to as "Oberpfälzisch," Upper Palatine, because it is located in that region north of the Danube, as well as in the northern Bavarian Forest. Surrounding Central Bavarian are transition or interference zones where linguistic features of neighboring dialects are intermixed. Harnisch (1983, 2) outlines the dialect boundary of the northern Central Bavarian transitional zone "etwa vom Dreieck Ingolstadt - Furth im Wald - Eisenstein," that is around the triangle of Ingolstadt, Furth im Wald, and Eisenstein. In addition, Wiesinger (1989, 438-519) and Rowley (1989, 417-37) summarize the Central and South Bavarian dialect areas and the North Bavarian dialects respectively.

¹¹ See *dtvA*, 148-49 for a detailed explanation of the Central German consonant lenition and a map showing the extent of this lenition within Central Germany.

¹² The consonant lenition is a part of what Kranzmayer (1956, 97) calls "mittelbairische Lautverschiebung," that is the Central Bavarian sound shift.

such as *getan* 'done', *tot* 'dead', is inconsistently lenited and both forms are used: /to/ , /do/; /tɔʊt/, /dɔʊt/. Medial *t-* is unshifted or lenited, such as : /bʊtɔ/ *Butter* 'butter'; /blɔdl/ *Blatt* 'leaf'. While there is no lenition of word-initial *k-*, intervocalic or word-final *k-* is often lenited after a nasal: /krɔŋ/ *krank* 'sick'; /trɪŋɔ/ *trinken* 'to drink'.¹³

Another type of lenition, the vocalization of /l/ to /i/ is a distinguishing characteristic of Central Bavarian in relation to North Bavarian as well as South Bavarian and other German dialects where the liquid is retained after vowels.¹⁴ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shows retention of /l/: /bœltl/ *Bildlein* 'little picture'; /ʃʊl/ *Schule* 'school'; /sʊlts/ *Salz* 'salt'.

Furthermore, the vocalization of /r/ after vowels, which leads to a diphthongization of the preceding vowel is also a typical characteristic of Central Bavarian.¹⁵ This characteristic is also realized in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /miɔ/ *wir* 'we'; /fuɔt/ *fort* 'away'; /ʃtɔɔk/ *stark* 'strong'; /mɛɔ/ *mehr* 'more'.¹⁶

By examining the vowel isoglosses, the potential place of origin of Ellis Catholic Bohemian German can be determined more precisely. The traditional *DSA* vowel isogloss *brouder/bruader* 'brother' is the northern dialect boundary of Central Bavarian distinguishing it from North Bavarian.¹⁷ It runs roughly from west to east, from south of Nürnberg and north of Regensburg to the Czech border north of

¹³ See also the consonantal phonology in chapter 2.

¹⁴ Zehetner (1985, 56) displays a map showing the extent of *l-* vocalization in Central Bavarian.

¹⁵ Wiesinger (1989, 459) and Rein (1991, 16) define the *r-* vocalization as a dialect feature for Central Bavarian.

¹⁶ There is a strong tendency to vocalize /r/ after vowels in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German, but there is still a little *r-* coloring present.

¹⁷ See *dtvA*, 146 for a map of this isogloss.

Waldmünchen.¹⁸ This isogloss marks the major distinction between the falling diphthongs (*fallende Diphthonge*) typical of Central Bavarian and the reversed diphthongs (*gestürzte Diphthonge*) identifying North Bavarian dialects. The Middle High German (MHG) falling diphthongs <uo>, <ie>, and <üe>¹⁹ remain falling diphthongs in Central Bavarian and South Bavarian and are realized as /uɔ/ and /iɐ/ respectively. In North Bavarian, however, these falling diphthongs are reflected as the reversed diphthongs /ɔʊ/ and /ɛɪ/.²⁰ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German exhibits both, falling diphthongs, as well as reversed diphthongs for certain words.²¹ The following examples illustrate this: /fuɔs/, /fɔʊs/ *Fuß* 'foot'; /brɔf/, /brɛɪf/ *Brief* 'letter'; /kiɔ/, /kɛɪ/ *Kühe* 'cows'.

The MHG diphthong <ei> appears as /ɔɐ/ in all Bavarian dialects in words such as /tsʋɔɐ/ *zwei* 'two' and /ɔɐ/ *Ei* 'egg'. In North Bavarian it is, however, raised to /ɔɪ/ in polysyllabic words.²² The raising of this diphthong is a chief characteristic of Ellis Catholic Bohemian German. Thus the NHG words *Seife*

¹⁸ See *DSA* (1926, vol. 1). Furthermore, see Zehetner (1985, 64) for a good overview on the extent of this isogloss, as well as other traditional vowel isogloss criteria for the upper and central Bavarian Forest.

¹⁹ The Middle High German (MHG) vowels are given in a phonemic transcription followed by a grapheme as seen in normalized transcription.

²⁰ See the vowel phonology in chapter 4. The reversed diphthongs, sometimes also called toppled diphthongs (*gestürzte Diphthonge*), are apparently opposite to the falling diphthongs, because they were "umgekippt," that is toppled (Zehetner 1985, 65). See Schirmunski (1962, 231-32) for a discussion of reversed diphthongs in North Bavarian and in other German dialects. In addition, Lang (1933, 629) attributes the occurrence of both, falling diphthongs and reversed diphthongs, as being the primary evidence for the mixture of the dialects spoken by those settlers in Bukovina who originated in the upper and central Bohemian Forest.

²¹ Each dialect speaker realizes either falling diphthongs or reversed diphthongs for the same word. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers whose ancestors came from the village of Buchenhain (Poiana Micului) in Bukovina realize the falling diphthongs in their speech, while those dialect informants with ancestors from Fürstenthal, Bukovina, pronounce the reversed diphthongs:

Buchenhain	Fürstenthal	
/kuɔ/	/kɔʊ/	<i>Kuh</i> 'cow'
/kiɔ/	/kɛɪ/	<i>Kühe</i> 'cows'
/fuɔs/	/fɔʊs/	<i>Fuß</i> 'foot'
/fiɔs/	/fɛɪs/	<i>Füße</i> 'feet'

²² Wiesinger (1989, 450) and Rein (1991, 17) attribute the different realization of MHG <ei> to /ɔɪ/ to North Bavarian.

'soap', *Weizen* 'wheat', and *Mädchen (Maidlein)* 'girl' are realized respectively as /sɔɪfə/, /vɔɪts/, and /mɔɪdl/.

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German mostly exhibits the retention of /e/ in Central Bavarian from MHG monophthongs <ê> and <ë>, which appear diphthongized to /ɛɪ/ in North Bavarian. The dialect speakers say, for example: /ve/ *weh* '(it) hurts'; /ʃe/ *schön* 'beautiful', but evidence the distinguishing North Bavarian diphthong /ɛɪ/ for NHG *Schnee* 'snow': /ʃnɛɪ/.

A further typically North Bavarian feature is the diphthongization of the MHG long monophthongs <ô> and <â> as /ɔʊ/. While MHG <ô> also developed into a diphthongal pronunciation in Central Bavarian, MHG <â> and <a> are raised and backed to /o/ and /ɔ/. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German displays the vowel features of Central Bavarian, such as: /tɔʊt/ *tot* 'dead'; /grɔʊs/ *groß* 'big, tall', and /blɔsn/ *blasen* 'to blow'; /sɔŋ/ *sagen* 'to say'.²³

Based on the vocalic and consonantal criteria, the dialect features described above that predominate in the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect can mainly be associated with Central Bavarian, although they show North Bavarian interference.

The morphological data found in the dialect tend to support the conclusion that the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German primarily retains Central Bavarian features with an interference of North Bavarian.

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German utilizes the diminutive suffix /l/ based on the MHG suffix *-lîn* with its corresponding NHG suffix *-lein*. This is a common dialectal realization within the Upper German dialect region: /leçl/ *Loch* 'little hole'; /boçltl/ *Bildlein* 'little picture'.²⁴

²³ For a discussion of the MHG long vowels <ô> and <â> see Zehetner (1985, 65), Wiesinger (1989, 450), and Rowley (1989, 417). Rein (1991, 17) calls the raising and backing of MHG <â> *Verdumpfung*.

²⁴ See *divA*, 157 for the distribution of the diminutive suffixes in German.

A distinct morphological feature of Central Bavarian is the vocalization of the suffix *-en* to the vowel /ɔ/ in nouns, infinitives, and past participles. Here it depends on the stem-final position, usually after /f/, /k/, /x/, and after nasals. Otherwise the final nasal is retained.²⁵ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German employs this lenition of the final syllable: /kɔfɔ/ *kaufen* 'to buy'; /ofɔ/ *Ofen* 'oven'; /brɔxɔ/ *gebrochen* 'broken', but /pʊtsɪn/ *putzen* 'to clean', /fɔtsœln/ *erzählen* 'to tell'. However, final *-en* is vocalized after a vowel in some verbs. This is typically a North Bavarian dialect feature: /baʊɔ/ *bauen* 'to build'; /ʃraɪɔ/ *schreien, sprechen* 'to shout, to speak'.²⁶

The past participle of strong and weak verbs is prefixed by *g-*. In a substantial part of the UG dialects (excluding most of the South Bavarian), as well as in LG dialect areas the prefix is lost before plosives. This is also attested in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /gfʊndɔ/ *gefunden* 'found'; /grɛt/ *geredet* 'talked'; /glesn/ *gelesen* 'read'; but: /brɔxɔ/ *gebrochen* 'broken'; /trɔŋ/ *getragen* 'carried'; /kɔft/ *gekauft* 'bought'.²⁷

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German can also be classified with UG dialects which implement apocope of NHG word-final *-e*. Examples in the dialect are the first person singular present tense with a zero allomorph: /i mɔx/ *ich mache* 'I make'; /i hɛŋ/ *ich hänge* 'I am hanging'. Another example of apocope which is a common feature of the dialect is the loss of the NHG final *-e* with the singular and plural of nouns: /hɔs/

²⁵ DSA (1926, vol. 3-4) displays the dialect areas for the vocalization of the suffix *-en* in the NHG infinitive *trinken* 'to drink'. Within the EUG dialect region its northern boundary is roughly near the city of Furth im Wald. See also the distribution of /ofɔ/ *Ofen* 'oven' on map 4 in Gütter's (1971) *Nordbairischer Sprachatlas*.

²⁶ Zehetner (1985, 66) attributes this dialect feature to North Bavarian.

²⁷ See *dtvA*, 158 for syncope or apocope of the past participle prefix in German dialect areas. In addition, Keel (1981) discusses syncope and apocope in German dialects.

Hase 'rabbit'; /vis/ *Wiese* 'meadow'; /gɛns/ *Gänse* 'geese'; /ʃtrɪmpf/ *Strümpfe* 'socks'.²⁸

The first person plural present tense verb ending is /-mɔ/ in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German. The suffix is a reduplication of the first person plural pronoun /mɪr/ *wir* 'we': /mɪɔ vɔʃmɔ/ *wir waschen* 'we are washing'; /mɪr ɛsmɔ/ *wir essen* 'we are eating'. This suffix predominates in Central and South Bavarian, while the first person plural present tense is the same as the infinitive in North Bavarian.²⁹

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German preserves the MHG ending *-(e)nt* in the third person plural present tense of verbs. While the third person plural ending is the same as the infinitive in North Bavarian, the inflectional ending *-(e)nt* is retained in Central Bavarian.³⁰ The following table shows the third person plural present tense ending of verbs in MHG and their corresponding forms in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German (CBG):

<u>MHG</u>	<u>CBG</u>	
<sie stānt>	/si ʃtenənt/	<i>sie stehen</i> 'they are standing'
<sie sitzent>	/si sɪtsənt/	<i>sie sitzen</i> 'they are sitting'
<sie tuont>	/si tuənt/	<i>sie tun</i> 'they are doing'

Finally, Ellis Catholic Bohemian German utilizes the third person singular dative pronoun /ɛɔm/ *ihm* 'him' in the dative case for the NHG dative and accusative reflexive pronoun *sich*:

/sar brudɔ vœl ɛɔm bau tsvɔɔ ʃenə nœrə hœisɔ ɪn dɑmɔ jɑt/
Sein Bruder will sich zwei schöne neue Häuser in eurem Garten bauen.
 'His brother wants to build himself two beautiful new houses in your yard'

²⁸ Zehetner (1985, 55) attributes this dialect feature to be a characteristic of all Bavarian dialects.

²⁹ Rowley (1989, 431) lists this form as a distinct dialect marker for "the southern dialects."

³⁰ *DSA* (1926, vol. 1) shows that this form occurs in the southern Bavarian dialect region south of Furth im Wald. Rowley (1989, 430) discusses the inflectional endings of the verb in North Bavarian.

The distribution of /ɛɔm/ is attested sporadically within some UG dialect regions (see map 11). It also occurs in a small area in the Bohemian Forest on the border to the Czech Republic. It stretches roughly from Waldmünchen to Waldkirchen, comprising Central Bavarian and the Central and North Bavarian transitional zone.³¹

Just as with the phonological data, the morphological data gathered for Ellis Catholic Bohemian German seem to provide dialect features which are mainly associated with Central Bavarian, but also show characteristics of the Central and North Bavarian transition zone.

However, for a more exact determination as to the potential linguistic settlement in the Bohemian Forest from where the ancestors of the Catholic Bohemian Germans of Ellis originated, it is important to compare the dialect with Kubitschek's (1927) dialect distinctions by way of various *Linien* (lines), as he calls them. They often serve as linguistic boundaries that divide geographical dialect areas from each other (see maps 8-9): Each line delimits different phonological realizations of certain words.³²

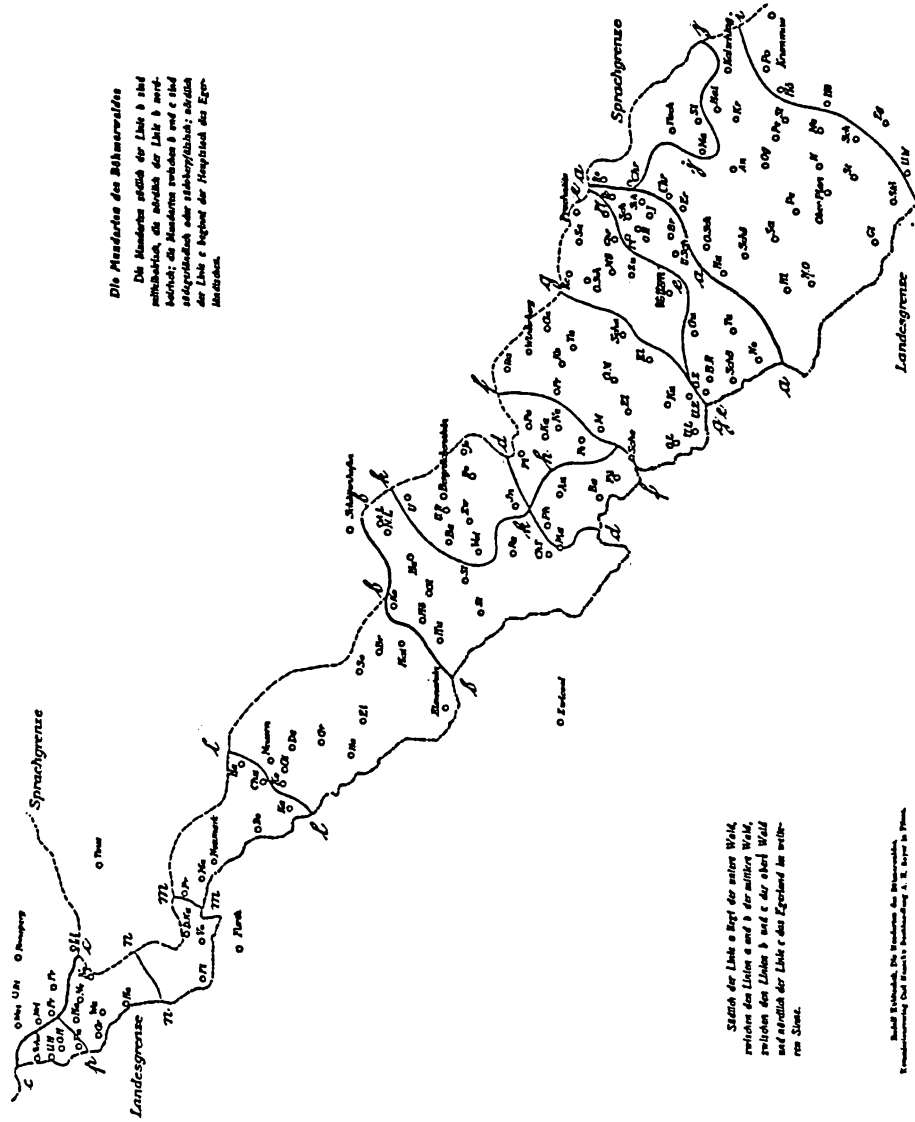
Line *a*, which is located in the southern Central Bavarian dialect region, separates the lower Bohemian Forest (*Südböhmen* or southern Bohemia) from the central Bohemian Forest. It runs approximately from Prachatitz (Prachatice), south of Wallern (Volary) to the border. The dialects of the lower and central Bohemian Forest are considered "mittel- oder donaubairisch," that is Central or Danube Bavarian.

³¹ See *dtvA*, 155 for the distribution of the third personal singular pronoun for the NHG reflexive *sich*. The use of this pronoun is based on OHG, where the dative reflexive was formed by using the third person singular personal pronoun *imu, iru*. Wenker sentence 33 shows the usage.

³² Kubitschek (1927) bases his dialect distinctions by comparing the different vowels to Middle High German vowels, and the consonants to those of Germanic. In addition, he provides lexical data that differ in various parts of the Bohemian Forest.

Map 8

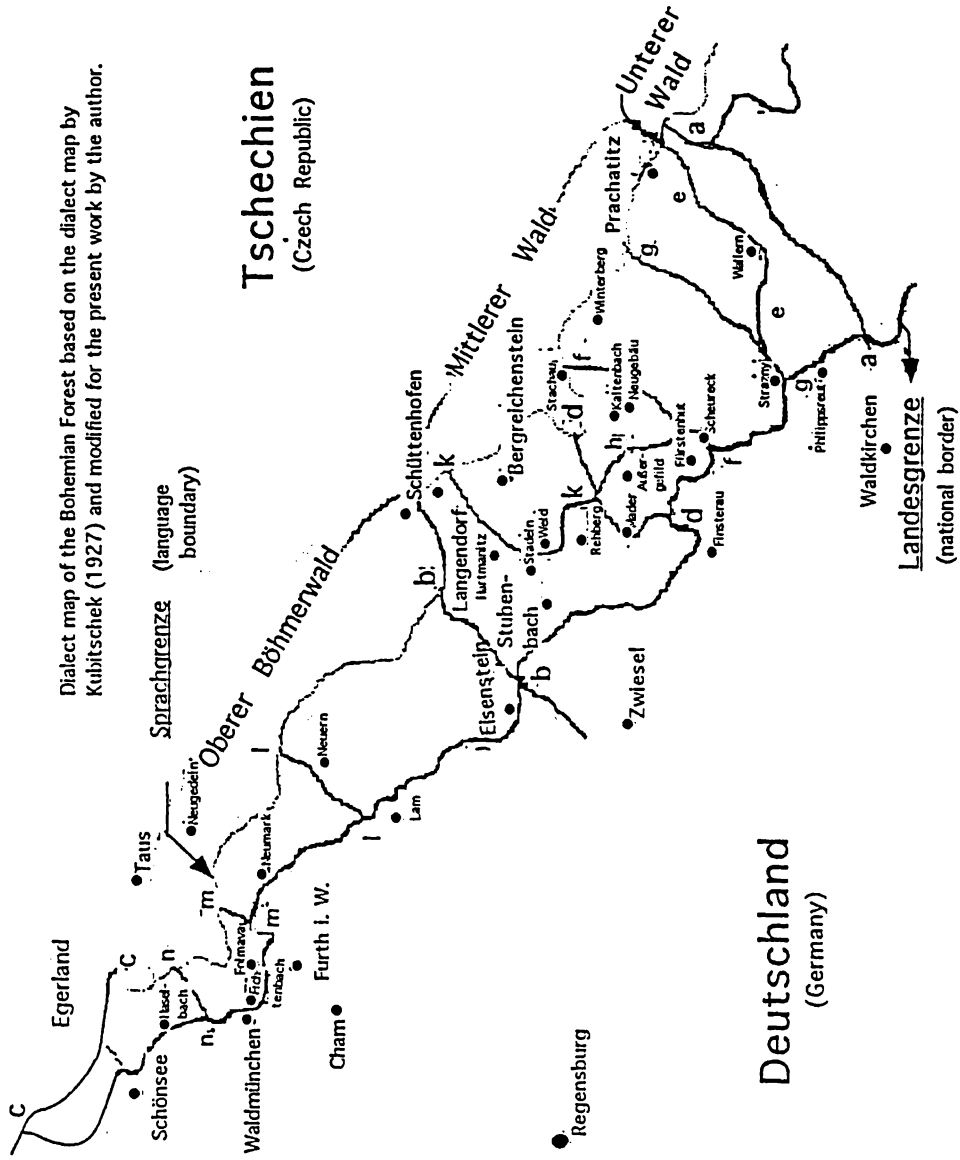
Dialect Map of the Bohemian Forest. Reprinted from Kubitschek (1927).



Die Mundarten des Böhmerwaldes
 Die Mundarten südlich der Linie b sind
 weitgehend, die nördlich der Linie b weit-
 gehend, die Mundarten zwischen b und c sind
 weitgehend mehr stichwortartig; nördlich
 der Linie c liegt der Hauptteil des Eigen-
 Müritzen.

Städte der Linie a liegt der mittlere Wald,
 zwischen den Linien a und b der mittlere Wald,
 zwischen den Linien b und c der ober Wald
 und nördlich der Linie c das Eigenland im witten
 dem Staat.

Kubitschek, Die Mundarten des Böhmerwaldes,
 Venedig, 1927, S. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.



They show Central Bavarian features such as the falling diphthongs.³³ However, line *a* separates certain phonological features realized in the lower Bohemian Forest from others in the central Bohemian Forest. The New High German (NHG) word *Dorf* 'village', for example, is realized as /dɔɪf/ south of line *a*, and is pronounced /dɔɪf/, north of line *a*.³⁴

Line *b*, which runs roughly from Schüttenhofen (Sušice) to south of Markt Eisenstein (Železná Ruda) and Bayrisch Eisenstein, separates the central Bohemian Forest from the upper Bohemian Forest. Kubitschek (1927, 49) calls it the "donaubairisch-oberpfälzische Grenzlinie," that is the Danube-Bavarian (Central Bavarian) and Upper Palatine boundary. Thus, it is the dialect boundary between Central Bavarian to the south and North Bavarian to the north. The dialect region between lines *b* and *c* already shows Upper Palatine, that is North Bavarian features, such as the reversed diphthongs. However, Central Bavarian interference is still rather strong.³⁵

Line *c*, which starts north of Taus (Domažlice) near Bischofteinitz (Horšovský Týn) and runs roughly northwest to Eslarn, is within the North Bavarian dialect region. The dialect areas south of line *c* still show some Central Bavarian features. Line *c* separates the southern Upper Palatinate from the Egerland.³⁶

Between these three lines are other linguistic boundaries. Between lines *a* and *b*, in the central Bohemian Forest, are the linguistic boundaries *d*, *k*, *f*, *h*, *g*, and *e*.

³³ See Kubitschek (1927, 11).

³⁴ See Kubitschek (1927, 26) for a complete list of words.

³⁵ See Kubitschek (1927, 54).

³⁶ Kubitschek (1927, 58) contends: "Jenseits der Grenzlinie *c* [...] beginnt der Hauptstock des Egerländischen." In addition, see Kubitschek (1927, 11-12) for a definition of the three major geographical dialect areas. Furthermore, see Gradl (1895) on a phonological description of the area north of line *c*, commonly referred to as *Egerland* or *Westböhmen* (western Bohemia).

Kubitschek (1927, 27) calls the dialects in that region "ausgesprochene Mischmundarten," that is definite mixed dialects.³⁷

Line *d*, which runs roughly south of Bergreichenstein (Kašperské Hory) to Mader (Modrava) and south of it to the border, is the linguistic boundary between northern Central Bavarian (between *d* and *b*) and southern Central Bavarian (between *a* and *d*).³⁸ While it serves as the northern boundary for the vocalization of /l/ to /i/, North Bavarian dialect features already occur north of it. Kubitschek (1927, 33) writes: "Mit der Linie *d* beginnen starke Einwirkungen der oberen Gegenden und die ersten Anklänge an das Nordbairische," that is a strong dialectal influence of the dialects of the upper central Bohemian Forest and the upper Bohemian Forest along with North Bavarian dialect features start with line *d*. Later in his study Kubitschek (1927, 59) also refers to the dialect areas between lines *d* and *c* as "eine Einheit," that is as a unity with regards to phonology. Only the MHG vowels <ie>, <üe>, <uo>, and <ê> are realized as what is regarded as Upper Palatine or North Bavarian vowel features.

Line *k* is found between *b* and *d*. It separates the "Bergreichensteiner Mundarten," that is the dialects in the area of Bergreichenstein (Kašperské Hory), east of it, from those of Stubenbach (Prášily) and Langendorf, west of it (Kubitschek 1927, 33). While the dialects in the Bergreichenstein area are essentially Central Bavarian, the dialects around Stubenbach and Langendorf reflect a mixed dialect, "eine donaubairisch-oberpfälzische Mundart," that is a Danube-Bavarian - Upper Palatine dialect (Kubitschek 1927, 34).³⁹

³⁷ See Kubitschek (1927, 27-34 and 49-54) for exact geographic determination of these lines in the central Bohemian Forest.

³⁸ Kubitschek (1927, 49) writes: "Die Linie *d* scheidet den mittleren Wald in die oberen und in die unteren Mundarten."

³⁹ Kubitschek (1927, 34) points out that most villages around Bergreichenstein were founded in the 14th and 15th century and not many new settlements were established later. The area around Stubenbach and Langendorf, on the other hand experienced an influx of many new settlements from the

Line *f* starts approximately north of Winterberg (Vimperk) and goes south of Finsterau. This is the northern boundary for phonological features as well as for some lexical forms, typical for the lower Bohemian Forest. ⁴⁰

Line *h* between the lines *d* and *f* is the boundary between the villages Außergefeld (Kvilda) and Fürstenhut (Knizeci Plane) to the west of it and Kaltenbach and Neugebäu, east of it. ⁴¹ These areas were linguistically primarily influenced by neighboring Central Bavarian and show vocalization of /l/.

Line *g* starts south of Winterberg, continues on north of Wallern (Volary) and runs roughly to Philippsreut. It marks the southern boundary of the vocalization of /l/, while the dialect boundary *d* makes up the northern boundary of this Central Bavarian dialect phenomenon. The dialect region between *g* and *a* retains the liquid /l/.

Line *e* goes from Prachatitz, where it comes together with the dialect boundary *a*, to south of Wallern (Volary) and intersects with line *g* at the border to Bavaria. It integrates the "Wallerer Mundart," which shows dialect features of the lower Bohemian Forest, and has phonological changes that are unique to the area around Wallern (Kubitschek 1927, 51).

Between lines *b* and *c* are the dialects of the upper Bohemian Forest that are differentiated by the dialect boundaries *l*, *m*, and *n*. ⁴²

Line *l* runs roughly from north of Neuern (Nýrsko) southwest to north of Lam. The lines *l* and *b* delimit different dialects, such as the dialects of the Eisenstein

Upper Palatine and the Danube-Bavarian regions in the 18th century. This development led to a mixing of dialects.

⁴⁰ Kubitschek (1927, 33) writes: "Mit der Linie *f* hören die meisten unterländischen Erscheinungen, auch zahlreiche Wörter, die noch vom Unterlande herüberreichen, auf."

⁴¹ See Kubitschek (1927, 28).

⁴² See Kubitschek (1927, 64-66) for the exact geographic determination of these lines. He also writes: "Die Mundarten des oberen Waldes sind einheitlicher als die des mittleren Waldes," that is the dialects of the upper Bohemian Forest are more uniform than those of the central Bohemian Forest (Kubitschek 1927, 57).

region.⁴³ This area marks the natural border between Danube-Bavarian and Upper Palatine dialects. Although North Bavarian dialects start here, some lexical forms and the falling diphthong /uo/, typical for Central Bavarian, prevail.⁴⁴

Line *m* starts south of Taus and west of Kdyně (Neugedein) then north of Neuern and goes to the border near Furth im Wald. Between lines *l* and *m* certain diphthongs become monophthongs as in neighboring Bavaria.⁴⁵

Finally, line *n* is southwest of Taus (north of line *m*) and runs roughly to Folmava. It separates two villages, Fichtenbach south of it, and Haselbach north of it.

Based on Kubitschek's dialect distinctions described above, a place of origin in the Bohemian Forest for the Bukovinian Catholic Germans of Ellis can be more accurately determined. With respect to phonological data the following conclusions can be drawn.

A common feature for most of the upper, the central, and the lower Bohemian Forest is the replacement of /s/ to /h/ in the plural verb forms of the verb /sa/ *sein* 'to be' through levelling.⁴⁶ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shows this feature as well: /si hant/ *sie sind* 'they are'.

Line *d* is the northern boundary of the vocalization of /l/ to /i/, a Central Bavarian characteristic, which occurs in the dialect areas between lines *d* and *g*. As mentioned above, Ellis Catholic Bohemian German does not vocalize this liquid.

While there is a loss of /ɲ/ in verbs such as NHG *nähen* 'to sew', *mähen* 'to mow', *krähen* 'to crow' south of line *d*, it is restored north of this line and also in the

⁴³ See Kubitschek (1927, 57).

⁴⁴ See Kubitschek (1927, 60-61).

⁴⁵ See also Kubitschek (1927, 57). Line *m* separates the dialects of the Neumark region from the dialects of the villages around Taus.

⁴⁶ See Kubitschek (1927, 24).

area around Kaltenbach.⁴⁷ This nasal is retained in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /nan/, /man/, and /kran/.

Furthermore, north of line *d* West Germanic (WG) /d/ is lost in the NHG past participles *gefunden* 'found', and *gestanden* 'stood'.⁴⁸ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shows this loss: /gfʊnɒ/, /gʃtɔnɒ/.

Medial OHG /t/ is lenited before or after the liquid /l/ in the area around Fürstenhut and Außergefeld and then north of line *d*.⁴⁹ This phonological feature occurs in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German with medial /t/ unshifted or lenited: /bladl/ *Blättlein* 'little leaf'; /kʊltɪn/ *gehalten* 'held (past part.)'; /bedlɒ/ *Bettler* 'beggar'.

While bilabial /b/ is lost in NHG *Herbst* 'fall', south of line *f*, it occurs again north of this dialect boundary or it shows a velar stop. The latter is exhibited in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German, which pronounces the word as follows: /hɪɔrkst/.

WG /k/ is lost word-finally in most words in the dialects of the lower Bohemian Forest, as well as in those of the lower central Bohemian Forest. The consonant is retained as /ç/ or /x/ in the dialects north of dialect boundary *d*.⁵⁰ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German employs the spirant word-finally: /raʊx/ *Rauch* 'smoke'; /loʊx/ *Loch* 'hole'; /biç/ *Kaugummi* 'chewing gum', except for NHG *Milch* 'milk': /mɪl/.

WG /g/ is retained word-finally in certain words south of line *d*, but it is lost in the dialects of the upper central Bohemian Forest and upper Bohemian Forest south of line *c*.⁵¹ In Ellis Catholic Bohemian German most informants realize the consonant

⁴⁷ See Kubitschek (1927, 44).

⁴⁸ See Kubitschek (1927, 45).

⁴⁹ See Kubitschek (1927, 45-46).

⁵⁰ See Kubitschek (1927, 24, and 46).

⁵¹ See Kubitschek (1927, 24, and 46).

word-finally in the NHG words *Pflug* 'plow', *Weg* 'way', and *Krug* 'pitcher':
/pfluɔx/, /veç/, /krux/.⁵²

In the dialects of the upper central Bohemian Forest and also around Kaltenbach and Außergefeld, north of line *f*, in certain words WG /h/ is either retained as a fricative or lost word-finally. For example, the NHG word *nahe* 'near' as the fricative /x/, while it is lost in the words *Truhe* 'casket' and *zehn* 'ten'. This dialect feature occurs in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /nauxɔt/, /truə/, /tseɔ/.⁵³

The velar fricative is omitted in the NHG past participle *gebracht* 'brought' in the central Bohemian Forest north of line *a*, as well as in the dialects of the upper Bohemian Forest south of line *n*.⁵³ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shows the loss of the velar fricative or realizes this particular word as a strong past participle: /brɔt/, /brʊŋp/.

The NHG directional prefixes *her-*, denoting coming, meaning the motion toward the speaker, and *hin-*, denoting going, meaning the motion away from the speaker, indicate the direction or location of the speaker. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German exhibits, for example, forms with initial *h-* lost: /ainɔ/ *herein* 'inside'; /aini/ *hinein* 'inside'; /ausɔ/ *heraus* 'outside'; /ausi/ *hinaus* 'outside'. These forms are found north of line *g*.⁵⁴

NHG *jetzt* 'now' occurs as /ɛits/ or /ɛts/ in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German. This phonological realization is mostly north of line *d*.

Line *k*, which lies between *b* and *d*, separates the dialects of the area of Bergreichenstein, east of it, from those of Stubenbach and Langendorf, west of it. The dialects in the Bergreichenstein region, as well as the dialects in the lower central

⁵² The main informant pronounced NHG *Pflug* with a spirant, but deleted it in the singular and plural of NHG *Krug*.

⁵³ See Kubitschek (1927, 46).

⁵⁴ See Kubitschek (1927, 47).

Bohemian Forest, south of *d*, exhibit the falling diphthongs /iɔ/ and /uɔ/, a chief characteristic of Central Bavarian. The dialects around Stubenbach and Langendorf show a use of both, falling diphthongs and reversed diphthongs.⁵⁵ While the Upper Palatine or North Bavarian realization of MHG <ie> and <üe> to /ɛɪ/ predominates over the realization of the falling diphthong /iɔ/, the pronunciation of the falling diphthong /uɔ/ for MHG <uo> occurs much more frequently than the reversed diphthong /ɔʊ/. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German realizes both, the falling diphthongs, as well as the reversed diphthongs for certain words, depending on the informant. The following words illustrate this phenomenon: /kuɔ/, /kɔʊ/ *Kuh* 'cow'; /kiɔ/, /kɛɪ/ *Kühe* 'cows'; /fuɔs/, /fɔʊs/ *Fuß* 'foot'; /fiɔs/, /fɛɪs/ *Füße* 'feet'.⁵⁶ Furthermore, the falling diphthong /uɔ/ occurs much more frequently in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German than the falling diphthong /iɔ/.⁵⁷ The following words, which have a Central Bavarian pronunciation and also occur in all the dialect areas south of line *c* in the upper Bohemian Forest, are also exhibited in the Catholic Bohemian dialect of Ellis: /muɔtɔ/ *Mutter* 'mother'; /bruɔdɔ/ *Bruder* 'brother'; and /guɔt/ *gut* 'good'. Other words showing this Central Bavarian feature are also accounted for in the area of Eisenstein and Seewiesen (Javorna) until south of line *l*. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German also shows this phenomenon. Examples are: /tsuɔ/ *zu* 'shut'; /bluɔt/ *Blut* 'blood'; /fuɔdɔn/ *füttern* 'to feed'; /buɔ/ *Bub* 'boy'.⁵⁸

MHG <ie> from OHG <iu> appears as the diphthong /ɔɪ/ in most parts of the central Bohemian Forest, as well as in dialect areas of the lower Bohemian Forest,

⁵⁵ See Kubitschek (1927, 41-42).

⁵⁶ See maps 13, 14, and 15 in Gütter (1971) on the distribution of MHG <ie>, <üe>, and <uo> respectively in North and Central Bavarian. One informant pronounced the singular of NHG *Kuh* as /kuɔ/, but used both forms, the falling diphthong and the reversed diphthong for its plural: /kiɔ/, /kɛɪ/. However, his parents realized these MHG vowels differently.

⁵⁷ Kubitschek (1927, 61) asserts "daß sich die *uo*-Formen zäher behaupten als die *iɔ*," that is the *uo*-form is more tenacious than the *iɔ*-form.

⁵⁸ See maps 16 and 17 in Gütter (1971) on the distribution of MHG <uo> in the NHG words *gut*, *Mutter*, *Bub*, *Bruder*, and *Blut* in North and Central Bavarian.

south of *a*. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German employs this diphthong: /ɔɪf/ *tief* 'deep'; /flɔɪŋ/ *Fliege* 'fly'.

However, in the area around Stubenbach and Langendorf, west of line *k*, and also around Kaltenbach and Neugebäu, east of line *h*, as well as in the dialect areas in the upper Bohemian Forest between lines *b* and *n*, the NHG words *teuer* 'expensive'; *neu* 'new'; *heute* 'today', and *Feuer* 'fire' show the diphthong /aɪ/, an Upper Palatine or North Bavarian dialect feature, for MHG <iu>. ⁵⁹ This vowel change appears in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /taɪɐ/, /naɪ/, /haɪnt/, /faɪɐ/.

The MHG vowels <ie> and <üe> occur lowered to the diphthong /ɛɔ/ before nasals in the central Bohemian Forest, north of *a*, and in the dialect areas of the upper Bohemian Forest reaching south of line *n*. ⁶⁰ Ellis Catholic Bohemian German realizes this diphthong: /ɛɔm/ *ihm* 'him'; /nɛɔmɔt/ *niemand* 'no one'.

In Ellis Catholic Bohemian German MHG <ei> is raised to /ɔɪ/ in polysyllabic words: /vɔɪts/ *Weizen* 'wheat'; /sɔɪfə/ *Seife* 'soap'. This vowel change is exhibited in the dialect areas of the central Bohemian Forest. Its occurrence increases in the upper central Bohemian Forest, and in the upper Bohemian Forest, north of *b*.

In those areas of the Bohemian Forest MHG <ei> occurs as /ɔɪ/ between lines *a* and *d* before nasals. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shows this dialect feature with the nasal being lost in most words: /ʃtɔɪ/ *Steine* 'stones'; /ɔɪ/ *einige* 'some'; /kɔɪ/ *keine* 'no (plural)'. ⁶¹

In the dialects north of line *f* the MHG vowels <â>, <a>, and <ô> occur as /o/ with the final nasal lost in such words as NHG *Mann* 'man' and *getan* 'done

⁵⁹ See Kubitschek (1927, 42 and 61).

⁶⁰ See Kubitschek (1927, 58).

⁶¹ The New High German (NHG) word *keine* is also realized as /kɔm/ in the dialect. This raising of the diphthong before a nasal is attested in the dialect areas between lines *d* and *b*. See Kubitschek (1927, 43 and 61).

(past part.)'. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German also shows the rounding of these vowels: /mo/, /to, do/.⁶²

MHG <ô> is otherwise realized as the diphthong /ɔʊ/ between lines *a* and *g* and *d* and *b*. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German realizes this vowel feature, such as: /brɔʊt/ *Brot* 'bread'; /rɔʊt/ *rot* 'red'; /grɔʊs/ *groß* 'big'.

Between lines *e* and *f* the MHG vowels <â>, <a>, and <o> are realized as /ʊ/, and /ʊ/ before /l/ in certain words. Some dialect informants show this change in the realization of these vowels: /ʊltə/ *alt* 'old', /ʃtʊl/ *Stall* 'barn', /sʊln/ *sollen* 'to be supposed to'.⁶³

In Ellis Catholic Bohemian German the MHG vowels <â> and <a> appear as the rounded vowels /o/ and /ɔ/. The following examples illustrate this: /ʃtot/ *Stadt* 'city'; /mosn/ *Narbe* 'scar'; /ɔf/ *Affe* 'monkey'; /nɔxt/ *Nacht* 'night'. This is also characteristic of dialects in the upper central Bohemian Forest, north of line *d*, and in the upper Bohemian Forest, reaching to south of line *c*.⁶⁴

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German exhibits the tense unrounded vowel /e/ for MHG <ê> in words such as NHG *gehen* 'to go' and *stehen* 'to stand' with the final *-n* being lost: /ge/, /ʃte/. The dialects in the upper Bohemian Forest north of line *b* display this characteristic, but shows the diphthong /ɛɪ/ for NHG *Schnee* 'snow': /ʃnɛɪ/. This realization of the MHG vowel is typical for most parts of the Upper Palatine dialect region between lines *b* and *c*.⁶⁵

MHG <ë> is realized as /ɛ/ in the upper central Bohemian Forest north of the line *d*. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shows this dialect feature: /ɛps/ *etwas* 'something'; /pfɛfo/ *Pfeffer* 'pepper'; /fɛtsn/ *Fetzen* 'rag'.

⁶² Some informants realized the NHG word *Mann* with the mid back lax rounded vowel /ɔ/ followed by the final nasal. Kubitschek (1927, 35) describes this difference in pronunciation.

⁶³ See Kubitschek (1927, 35).

⁶⁴ See Kubitschek (1927, 38-39 and 59).

⁶⁵ See Kubitschek (1927, 60).

Between lines *d* and *b* the MHG vowels <î>, <ê>, <ë>, and <üe> appear as the front rounded vowel /œ/ when influenced by the liquid /l/. Ellis Catholic Bohemian German shows this dialectal feature: /gœlp/ *gelb* 'yellow'; /mœl/ *Mehl* 'flour'; /si vœlnt/ *sie wollen* 'they want'.

MHG <û> and <ou> appearing mostly as /aʊ/ is common through out the Bohemian Forest region. North of line *a* both MHG vowels change to the monophthong /a/ before /m/.⁶⁶ These changes occur in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /haʊs/ *Haus* 'house'; /glaʊm/ *glauben* 'to believe'; /bʌm/ *Baum* 'tree'; /trʌmʊ/ *träumen* 'to dream'.

MHG <û> becomes /a/ before /l/ south of line *d*, and is realized as /ɔ/ north of *d*. Both vowel variations occur in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /mɔl/, /mɔl/ *Mund* 'mouth'.

A distinct morphological feature of the dialect areas south of line *d* is the vocalization of the NHG prefix *ver-* to /fʊ/.⁶⁷ This vocalization is reflected in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German: /fʊlɔɪsn/ *verlieren* 'to lose'; /fʊtsœln/ *erzählen* 'to tell'.

The lenition of the suffix *-en* to /ʊ/ in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German is a common feature in the dialect areas south of line *c*: /kʌfʊ/ *kaufen* 'to buy'; /bʊkʊ/ *backen* 'to bake'.⁶⁸

The features described above, based on Kubitschek's findings in 1927, supports the observation that that in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German, just as with the traditional isogloss criteria, Central Bavarian dialect features predominate with reflexes of the Central and North Bavarian interference zone. The data lead one to conclude that

⁶⁶ See Kubitschek (1927, 41).

⁶⁷ See Kubitschek (1927, 43) and *DSA* (1926, vols. 3-4).

⁶⁸ See Kubitschek (1927, 61-62).

the ancestors of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans most likely came from villages in the dialect areas between lines *d* and *b*, in the northern central Bohemian Forest. In addition, the dialect shows a considerable amount of dialect features that appear in the dialect regions north of line *f* and south of line *l*. Beyond that Ellis Catholic Bohemian German also shares a few vowel features that are common in the areas of the central and upper Bohemian Forest between lines *a* and *c*.⁶⁹

The lexical data gathered in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German interviews provide a list of dialect words that support the geographical determination of the place of origin of the Catholic Bohemian Germans of Ellis in that particular region of the Bohemian Forest. Many of the dialect words found in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German are common for most dialects in the Bohemian Forest, but some words are only used in certain regions. However, Kubitschek (1927, 47) states that because of their central location the dialects in the central Bohemian Forest are mostly prone to acquire words from the neighboring dialect regions to the north, in the upper Bohemian Forest and to the south, in the lower Bohemian Forest. This acquisition of words from dialect regions to the north and to the south of the central Bohemian Forest is also evident in the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect.

The following selection of lexical items primarily based on Kubitschek (1927)⁷⁰ and the *DWA* support an original location of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect in the area of the upper central and lower upper Bohemian Forest.

⁶⁹ Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans know for the most part, where in Bukovina their ancestors came from, but hardly anyone knows their place of origin in the Bohemian Forest. The family genealogy of the main informant reveals that his maternal great-grandfather was born in Rehberg (Srni). This village is located west of line *k*. It belongs to the dialect area of the villages of Stubenbach and Langendorf (see map). This finding suggests that the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German roots are traced to the area described above. Furthermore, see Lang's (n.d., 43) genealogy profile of Catholic Bohemian German families in the Ellis area.

⁷⁰ In his study on the individual dialects in the Bohemian Forest Kubitschek (1927) enumerates frequently used words that differ in various parts of the Bohemian Forest. He not only shows the phonological distinction of words in relation to the different lines, but also lists vocabulary items with different etymology.

Mädchen 'girl'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers use the word /**mɔɪdl**/ *Moidl*, which occurs north of line *f* and south of line *b*, and then appears again in the dialect region north of line *n*. In the dialect areas south of line *f* it is realized as *Mensch*, while it is *Deandl* between lines *b* and *n*,⁷¹ the latter being the dominant word in Central and South Bavaria (*dtvA*, 166; *DWA* vol.4).

(Tauf)pate 'godfather'; (Tauf)patin 'godmother'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German words are /**taftet**/ and /**taftot, tafdodn**/ respectively. These words appear north of line *g* across the central Bohemian Forest, but they are diphthongized in the upper Bohemian Forest to *Deid* and *Doudn* (*dtvA*, 170-71, *DWA* vol. 4) (see map 12).⁷²

Großvater 'grandfather'; Großmutter 'grandmother'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German forms /**nedl**/ *Großvater*, *Opa* 'grandfather', /**nɔdl**/ *Großmutter*, *Oma* 'grandmother', inserting an epenthetic consonant /**d**/ between the vowel and the syllabic /**l**/, are consistent with the realizations in the upper Bohemian Forest region between lines *b* and *n*.⁷³ In the EUG dialect region the form /**ɔndl, ɔnl**/ is attested. (*DWA*, vol. 21).

ihr 'you (2nd person plural)'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /**dɛs**/ or /**dɛs tsvɔɐ**/ commonly occurs in the upper Bohemian Forest, south of line *c*, and is also used in dialects of the upper central Bohemian Forest, north of line *f*.⁷⁴

⁷¹ See Kubitschek (1927, 47, 49 and 63).

⁷² See Kubitschek (1927, 48).

⁷³ See Kubitschek (1927, 63 and 66). Mirwald (1988, 123) also lists these vocabulary items. Ringseis (1994, 30) enumerates the EUG forms.

⁷⁴ See Kubitschek (1927, 64).

Begräbnis 'funeral'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German word for funeral /*larçt*/ is attested south of line *d*.⁷⁵ This word predominates in the UG dialect region (*DWA* vol. 4).

Flachs 'flax'

The dialect regions north of line *d* uses the word /*flɔks*/ for NHG *Flachs* 'flax', while /*hɔp*/ is only found south of that line. The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speaker says /*flɔks*/.⁷⁶

Hemd 'shirt'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers say /*hɛmət*/, a dialect word widespread among Bavarian and Austrian dialects. However, the older word *Bfoad* is also used and commonly found throughout the Bohemian Forest south of line *c*.⁷⁷ North of line *c* the form becomes *Hem*.⁷⁸

etwas 'something'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /*ɛps*/ is attested north of line *e* and is not shared with the dialects in the lower Bohemian Forest, where /*vɔs*/ is used instead.⁷⁹

töten, zerbrechen 'to kill, to smash'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /*okʊln*/ has this word in common with the dialects of the upper Bohemian Forest. It also occurs in the dialect areas north of line *g*.⁸⁰

⁷⁵ See Kubitschek (1927, 49). The dialect speakers pronounce NHG *Begräbnis* with the final alveolar stop *-t*.

⁷⁶ See Kubitschek (1927, 49).

⁷⁷ Ringseis (1994) lists both forms for NHG *Hemd*. Jungmair (1989) in his dictionary on upper Austrian dialects also enumerates both forms adding that the word /*pfɔd*/ is an older term.

⁷⁸ See Kubitschek (1927, 63).

⁷⁹ See Kubitschek (1927, 48).

⁸⁰ See Kubitschek (1927, 48). Mirwald (1988, 126) lists it in his glossary of Bavarian Bohemian Germans from Bukovina.

melken 'to milk'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form /tsɑɪdl̩n/ is common in the upper Bohemian Forest, but reaches to the north of line *f*.⁸¹

nur 'only'

In Ellis Catholic Bohemian German this adverb occurs as /ʃet/. It is attested north of line *d*.⁸²

gerade 'straight'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form /grɛt/ is commonly found north of line *d*, while it occurs as *Kschled* south of *d*.⁸³

Pferd 'horse'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers use the word /ros/, which is the dominant form in the Bohemian Forest, south of line *l* and north of line *f*.⁸⁴ This form is also found in the Bavarian dialects and the south Alemanic dialects (*dtvA*, 210).⁸⁵

Donnerstag 'Thursday'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers say /pfnstɔ/, a form that is common throughout the Bohemian Forest, south of line *c*.⁸⁶ It is also common in North Bavarian and the western part of Central and South Bavarian (*dtvA*, 189).

Frühling 'spring'

The Ellis Bohemian German word /frijɔɐ̯, frɔɪjɔɐ̯/ occurs north of line *n*. It occurs in large parts of Central Bavaria and in other pockets in South Bavaria (*dtvA*, 190;

⁸¹ See Kubitschek (1927, 48).

⁸² See Kubitschek (1927, 49). Ringseis (1994, 198) in his *Neues Bayerisches Wörterbuch* attributes it to North Bavarian

⁸³ See Kubitschek (1927, 47).

⁸⁴ See Kubitschek (1927, 53 and 64-65).

⁸⁵ See also *DSA* (1926, vol. 1).

⁸⁶ See Kubitschek (1927, 64).

DWA, vol. 16). It is known as *Auswärts* in most of the Bohemian Forest, north of line *e* and south of line *n*.⁸⁷

Gurke 'cucumber'

While Ellis Catholic Bohemian German uses /*umürkn*/ like many dialect speakers of Central Bavarian in upper and lower Austria, the word *Gurka* is more attested in the Bohemian Forest dialect regions (*dtvA*, 225).⁸⁸

Karotten 'carrot'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German word /*gœlbə ruom*/ occurs in most dialects of the southwestern part of Central Bavaria (*dtvA*, 204).

Merrettich 'horseradish'

Forms like Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /*kre*/ are very common in the EUG dialect region and along the entire area to the east (*dtvA*, 226; *DWA*, vol. 17).

Sahne 'cream'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form /*ʃmɛtn*/ is found in the upper and central Bohemian Forest along the area on the border to the Czech Republic (*dtvA*, 222; *DWA*, vol. 5) (see map 12). This word is a loanword from Czech: *smétana*.

Schwiegersonn 'son-in-law'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers say /*ʃviɡɔsu*/ with the final nasal being lost. This form is common in Central Bavarian (*dtvA*, 169; *DWA*, vol. 6).

sich beeilen 'to hurry up'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speaker says /*tuməl dɪ*/ as an imperative. This form is found throughout the Bohemian Forest and along the border in Bavaria, where it is primarily a Central Bavarian feature (*dtvA*, 176; *DWA*, vol. 2).

⁸⁷ See Kubitschek (1927, 48).

⁸⁸ Mirwald (1988, 142) lists this word for NHG *Gurke*.

schimpfen 'to scold'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form /ʃɛntn/, with the liquid being replaced by a nasal is attested throughout the Bohemian Forest as *schelten* (DWA, vol. 2).⁸⁹

wiederkäuen 'to chew cud'

This word is realized in Ellis Catholic Bohemian German as /iɔdruko/ with metathesis of the vowel and the alveolar stop /d/. This form is widespread in the Bohemian Forest. In Bavaria the form *itarucken* occurs (dtvA, 200; DWA, vol. 2).

sprechen 'to speak'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German speakers use the form /rɛn/ which is commonly used in the UG dialect region. However, the word /ʃrain/ occurs for the NHG words *sagen, schreien* 'to say, to shout'. This word is attested in a small speech pocket around Eisenstein reaching to approximately north of line *d* (dtvA, 176) (see map 11).

gackern 'to cackle'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /gɔgotsn/ is found in the upper and central Bohemian Forest as well as in upper Austria. There are occurrences of similar forms in most parts of the UG dialect region (DWA, vol. 15).

Heuschrecke 'grasshopper'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German realizes this word as /harrisl/, a dialect word found in the Bohemian Forest area around Eisenstein and south of it (DWA, vol. 2).

irdener Topf 'earthenware pot'

Forms of Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /hefo/ are attested in the upper and central Bohemian Forest area as well as in the UG dialect areas (dtvA, 228; DWA, vol. 9).⁹⁰

⁸⁹ Mirwald (1988, 134) lists the form with the nasal.

⁹⁰ Mirwald (1988, 112) lists this word as well.

Tasse 'cup'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German word /hɛfəl/ is found in the upper and central Bohemian Forest and is common in Bavarian dialects as well (*DWA*, vol. 18).

Stecknadel 'stick pin'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /ʃpɛndl/ with an epenthetic /d/ before the syllabic /l/ is shared with dialects in the central Bohemian Forest and in the southwest central Bavarian dialect area (*dtvA*, 227; *DWA*, vol. 4).

voriges Jahr 'last year'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form /fɛrdn/ is consistent with the form used in large parts of the UG dialect region (*dtvA*, 180; *DWA*, vol. 16).

gestern abend 'last night'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /gɛstɔn af nɔxt/ is widespread in the entire Central Bavarian dialect region (*dtvA*, 182).

weinen 'to cry'

The Ellis Catholic Bohemian German word /flɛnd/ occurs in the upper and central Bohemian Forest dialect regions as well as in large parts in the southwest of Central Bavarian dialect areas (*DWA*, vol. 20).

Tränen 'tears'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German /tsɛrn/ is attested in the central and upper Bohemian Forest. Forms of the word are found in the Bohemian Forest dialect areas along the entire border to the Czech Republic (*DWA*, vol. 20).

Augenbraue 'eyebrow'

The occurrence of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form /aʊŋbrant/ is attested in the central Bohemian Forest dialect region and in the southwestern part of Central Bavaria (*DWA*, vol. 20).

Mütze 'cap'

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form /*haum*/ is shared with other Bavarian dialects in the Bohemian Forest and in dialect regions of upper and lower Austria as well as in parts of Styria (*dtvA*, 218; *DWA*, vol. 12).

In a final analysis, in conjunction with the phonological data and the corroborating morphological data the lexical analysis presented suggest firmly a dialect homeland of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans in the upper central and lower upper Bohemian Forest. Although a few inconsistencies remain, for example the dialect area for NHG *Gurke* 'cucumber', the dialect features described for Ellis Catholic Bohemian German occur most often in Central Bavarian interspersed with North Bavarian. However, even the inconsistent lexical items illustrate their commonality with Central Bavarian. Given the settlement and resettlement of the original settlers in the Bohemian Forest from the neighboring Central Bavarian, Upper Palatine and Austrian dialect regions, the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect can be determined as a mixed North/Central Bavarian dialect showing evidence of its proximity to Austria and also to the Czech linguistic area in its lexicon.

With respect to the versatile immigration history of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans differences in their dialects could be expected when they emigrated to the villages of Fürstenthal and Buchenhain (Poiana Micului) in Bukovina. While the colonists to Fürstenthal most likely originated in a dialect area where the Upper Palatine or North Bavarian dialect feature of reversed diphthongs (*gestürzte Diphthonge*) dominated, the main dialect feature of the settlers to Buchenhain were the falling diphthongs (*Falldiphthonge*) .⁹¹ The immigrants to west central Kansas from these

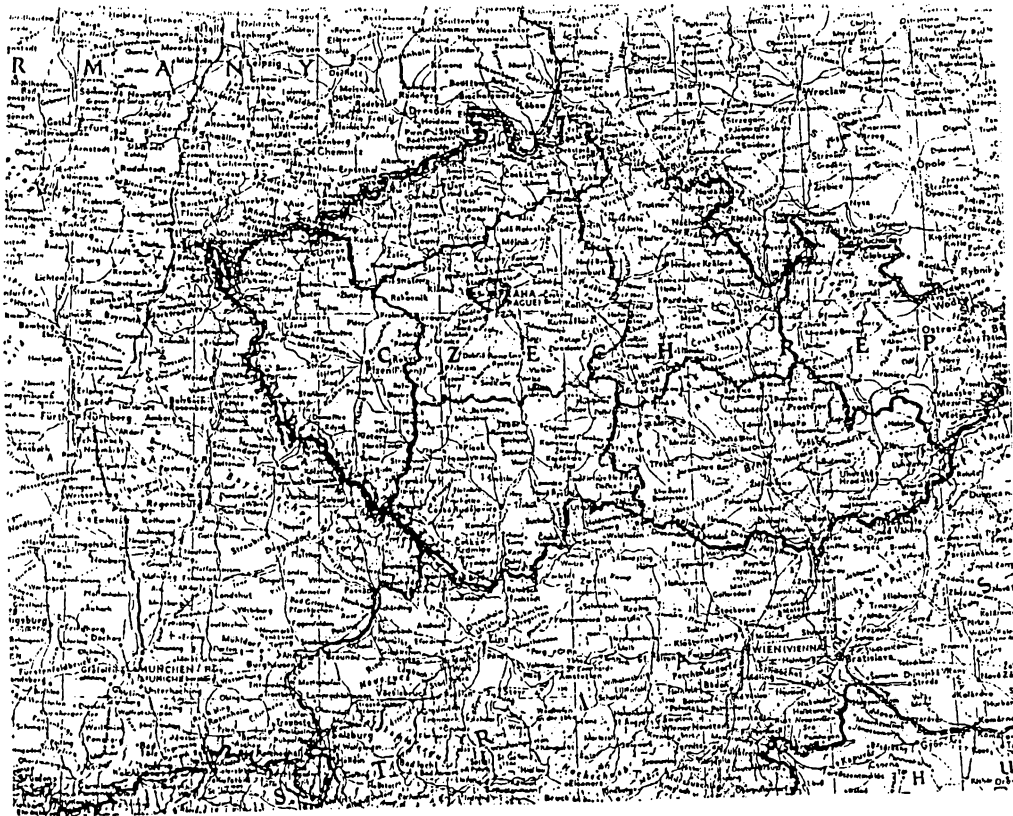
⁹¹ Those dialect informants who realize the reversed diphthongs all have in common that at least one parent was from the village of Fürstenthal in Bukovina. Three of the dialect speakers whose fathers were from Buchenhain said that they learned to speak like their mothers. In later years their father would conform with the mother's way of speaking.

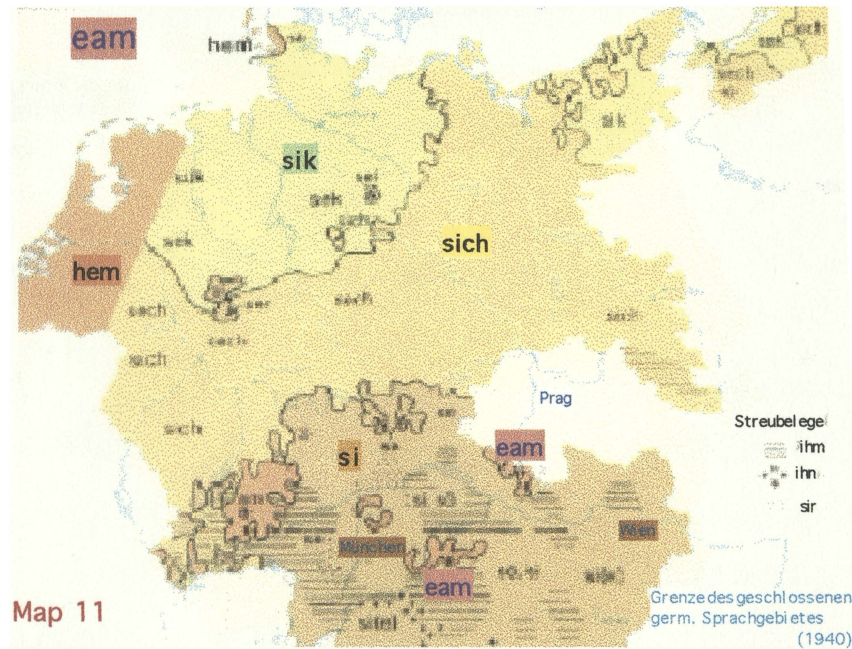
two villages in Bukovina carried their way of speaking with them whose origin lies in the Bohemian Forest.

Map 10

Geographical Map showing the border between the Czech Republic and Germany (Bavaria) along with the Bohemian Forest (*Böhmerwald*) and the Bavarian Forest (*Bayerischer Wald*).

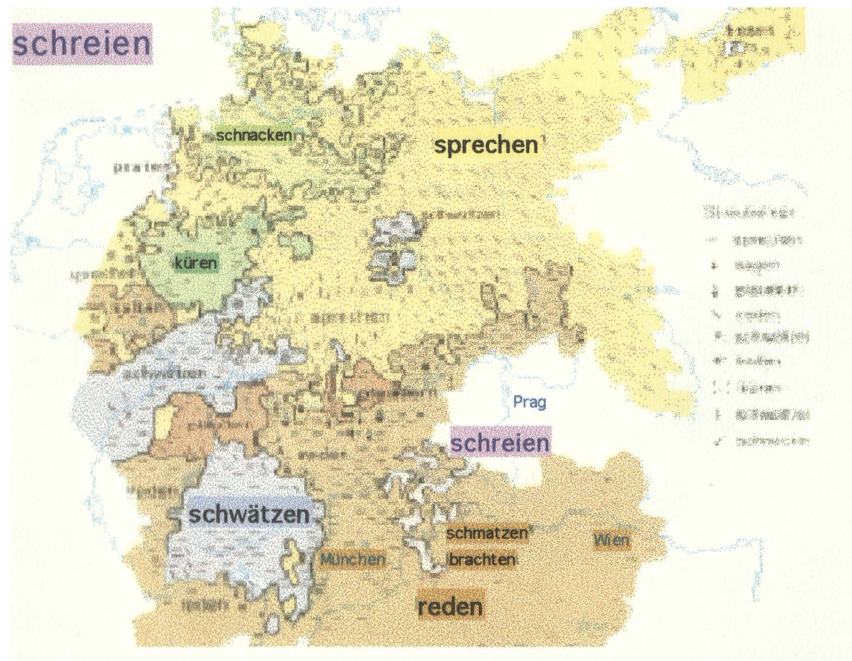
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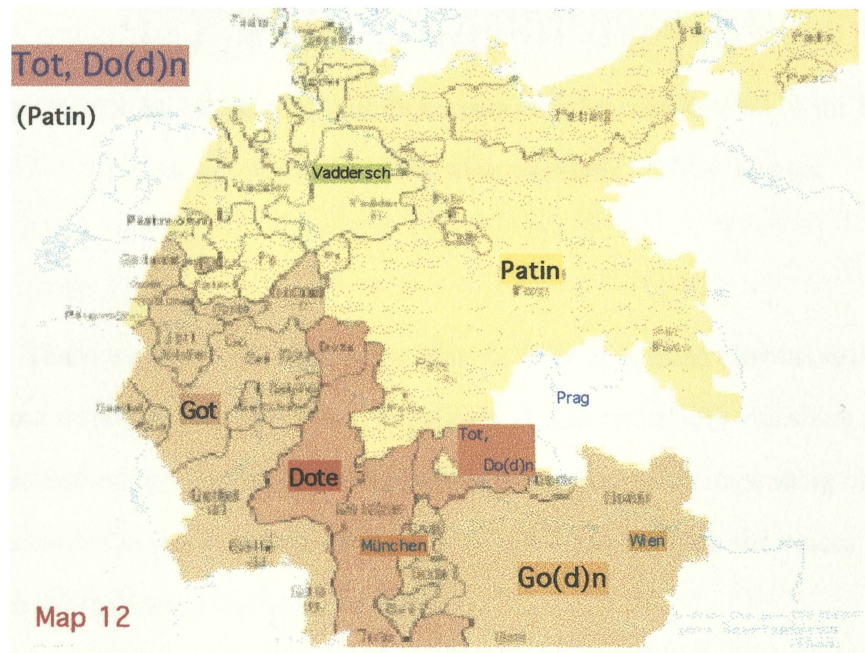
Reflexivpronomen ("Sein Bruder will *sich* zwei schöne neue Häuser bauen")
(Wenker sentence 33)

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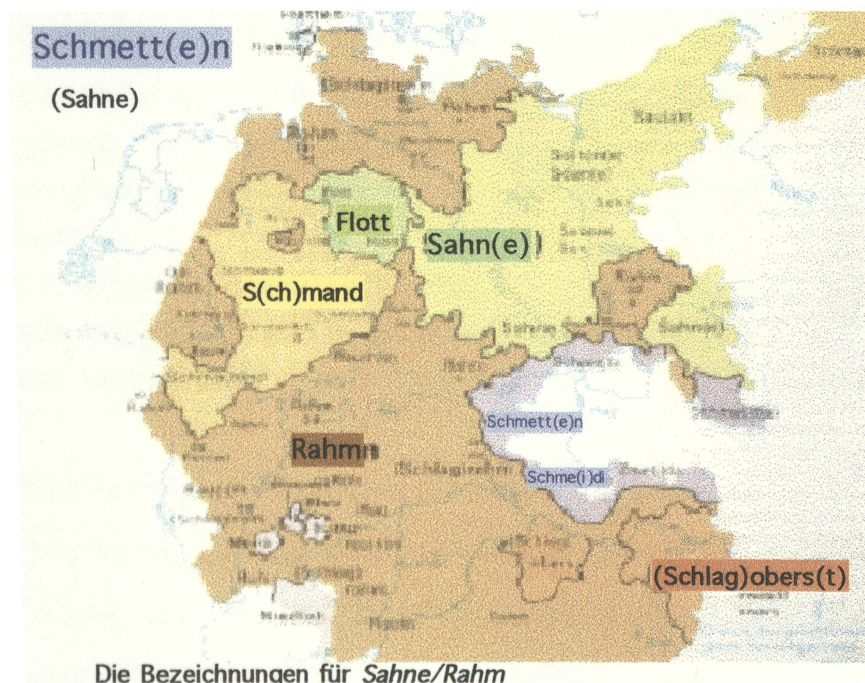
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Die Bezeichnungen für *Sahne/Rahm*

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Chapter 7

Linguistic Decay of Ellis Catholic Bohemian German, and Revival of the Heritage Awareness among the Bukovina Germans of Ellis, Kansas

There is a great concern that the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect is dying out with the older generation, as language loyalty is rapidly vanishing among the Catholic Bohemian Germans. The decline in the dialect and its impending obsolescence is reflected in the following speech sample by Informant 2 where she voices her concern for the loss of her dying language:

/i ʃraɪ ɔftə s dɑɪtʃə kɪnt vəkə. di hamant ulə dɑɪtʃ kɪnt. ʊnt mir hamə ulə dɑɪtʃ kɪnt kɔt. di ɔltn hant do ɡʃtoɔrm mɪt do dɑɪtʃn ʃprox, si, ɔvə ɛɪts di jɪŋən, des ɪs nɪks mɛɐ/

Ich schreie (sage) oft, das Deutsche kommt weg. Die haben alle Deutsch gekonnt. Und wir haben alle Deutsch gekonnt gehabt. Die Eltern sind da mit der deutschen Sprache gestorben, sieh, aber jetzt die Jüngerer, das ist nichts mehr.

'I often say the German is going away. They all spoke German. We all were able to speak German. The parents died with the German language, see, but now the younger ones, there is nothing there.'

With the dialect no longer being transmitted from generation to generation as the primary language for communicating, the Catholic Bohemian German dialect is facing its rapid demise. Brenzinger and Dimmendaal (1992, 3) in their discussion on the social contexts of language death in East African languages write: "A language is considered to be extinct when there is no longer a speech community using the

language." This is echoed by Huffines (1989, 211) in her research on Pennsylvania German, where she maintains that "for immigrant and minority languages in the United States, language death is an almost inevitable outcome of contact with American English." However, Dorian (1981, 114) in her book *Language Death* states that with the death of a language: "it may happen that the last speakers of that language are fully fluent and remain in perfect control of the phonology, lexicon, and grammar of their mother tongue."

Ellis Catholic Bohemian German no longer has a cohesive speech community that uses the dialect. The dialect speakers for this study generally show enough command of the dialect in order to converse with siblings, relatives, or with some other Catholic Bohemian Germans in town, but do not use the dialect systematically. However, a handful of speakers have a high degree of fluency in their dialect and are still capable to carry on extended conversations in their German dialect on a variety of topics. They do not show signs of halting or simplification in the language. Furthermore, they are fully competent and comfortable in switching back and forth from English into the dialect. However, they portray the last speakers of that dialect who have this perfect control of the phonology, lexicon, and grammar of their mother tongue.

With regard to the ultimate demise of the dialect, social, cultural, and economic dependence on the surrounding mainstream American society plays a crucial role in the linguistic decay of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect as a minority language.¹ This chapter deals with the impact linguistic acculturation has on the imminent language death of the dialect.

¹ Born (1994, 13) in her description of the East Franconian dialect in Frankenmuth, Michigan, points out that linguistic minorities typically have weak cultural ties, are dependent on the social and economic system as well as on the values and behavioral patterns of mainstream society, and show bilingualism without diglossia. On the next page Born (1994, 14) defines the minority status as "the transition period between strict separation from mainstream society and linguistic assimilation."

J. Neale Carman visited Ellis on August 20, 1953, as part of his field research to trace the linguistic history of foreign immigrant settlements in Kansas.² He was interviewing a local resident, born 1885, who came to Ellis as a young child, about his German heritage when another man in his forties came by to ask him something. Carman wrote in his field notes: "When he came in [he] started to speak German, shifted to English when he saw me."³ Carman interviewed several speakers that day. Most of them said that their children could all speak the language, but none of their grandchildren did. They would understand, but would not answer in German. At that time, according to Carman all those over 25 or 30 could speak German then.

In June of 1964 Carman also visited Ellis and interviewed several people again about their use of German. One informant said that "he and his wife talk German for secrecy only," another speaker told him that "parents do not really have a conversation in German anymore and just mix words in," and a third informant added there is "more and more tendency not to use German in home" and concluded that "grandparents are more lenient with grandchildren than with children [about not speaking German]."

These statements, some ten years later, suggest that the use of German in the home had gradually declined. The number of Ellis residents of German heritage actively speaking German in their everyday life has been steadily waning in the past thirty years since Carman's last visit to Ellis. Based on the 1990 census, the only census that specifically lists foreign language use in Kansas communities, Ellis County, which includes the towns of Ellis, Hays, Victoria and original Volga German settlements such as Schoenchen, Pfeifer, and Catherine, counted 26,004 residents with 2,319, or 8.9% of those residents age five and over claiming to speak German at home.

² This field research is the basis for Carman's three volume study on *Foreign Language Units of Kansas* from 1962 and 1974.

³ The field work notes are archived as the J. Neale Carman collection at the University of Kansas Archives in the Helen F. Spencer Research Library.

88 of those bilinguals, or 0.3% indicated Austrian to be their single ancestry. And 13,074, or 50.3% of the population of Ellis County reported German as the single ancestry. This is 50.6% of the county claiming single Austrian or German heritage. Thus, 17.6%, or roughly one-third of those claim to still speak German at home.

At the same time, the town of Ellis had a population of 1,900 with 166, or 8.7% of those residents age five and over indicating that they spoke German at home. Fifty three inhabitants, or 2.8%, marked Austrian to be their single ancestry, while 892, or 47%, checked German. This means that out of the whole population of Ellis 49.8% reported single Austrian or German heritage. Thus, 17.6%, or roughly one-third of those claim to still speak German at home.

Those residents of Ellis County as well as the town of Ellis, who claim to have single Austrian or German ancestry, make up half of the population in that area. However, only roughly one-third of them still habitually uses German at home. This means that two-thirds, or twice as many, do not speak the language at home anymore. This result that German, and therefore Catholic Bohemian German, has declined considerably, underscores Carman's findings on his last visit to the Ellis community. German, and for that matter, the Catholic Bohemian German dialect, is no longer being transmitted from parents to their offspring as the primary language.

Another indicator for the emotional distancing from their German heritage and therefore for the decline in language loyalty may be the fact that currently the majority of young residents in Ellis opts for Spanish instead of German as their foreign language elective in high school.⁴ However, there is no way of knowing, on the one hand, how many of those children descended from the original Austrian or German settlers of the town of Ellis, and on the other hand, to what extent multiple ancestry plays a role in

⁴ This information is based on a phone call the author made to the Ellis School District on March 5, 1998.

this development. The fact remains, though, that the Catholic Bohemian German dialect is not being passed on anymore to the third generation of Kansas-born descendants and beyond.

Since good non-farm jobs are scarce, many Ellis high school graduates, who live in town or on farms in the near countryside, have been leaving town to move to Hays, which is located twelve miles east of Ellis. They either find a job in Hays or attend college there or elsewhere in the country.⁵ This change in demographics for economic reasons already started after World War II when the Ellis community could not sustain all young people of large families.⁶ Thus, these people were exposed to English, the majority language of the mainstream society.⁷

Assimilation into the mainstream of America was fast, though it progressed more slowly with children of rural farmers. This is reflected among the dialect informants for this study. None of the dialect speakers, who are either first or second generation Kansas-born Catholic Bohemian Germans, actually live in Hays. Most of them grew up on rural farms, but none of them still lives on the original homestead. Informant 1 has moved to Ellis from his rural farm in recent years. Three informants have lived in Ellis for a long time, and four other informants still live on farms outside of Ellis. The other informants left the Ellis area when they got married. One of them lives in Ness City, while the other two reside in WaKeeney. However, with Hays being the major city in west-central Kansas, it provides the main medical facilities,

⁵ In an information brochure on Ellis, Kansas, the town describes itself as being "a peaceful community surrounded by rural farmland and just minutes from Hays, the major city in northwest Kansas."

⁶ Windholz (1996, 85) notes that this outmigration of young people raised since World War II was characteristic for communities in western Kansas. He writes: "Western Kansas did not have sufficient job opportunities for the young people of large families. A large outmigration occurred to major cities in other states."

⁷ Huffines (1989, 211) in her research on Pennsylvania German contends: "The promise of social and economic advancement proffered by mastery of English eventually overcomes the most fervent of language loyalty intentions."

elderly care, business transactions, legal services, and major shopping opportunities. For all these engagements English is the primary language of communication.

When the dialect informants grew up on often isolated rural farms, both first and second generation dialect speakers, would hardly ever go to town unless they were going to church on Sundays. Most farmsteads were located many miles away from town, and mobility was limited to walking, and riding a horse or buggy. Many families were self-sufficient. The father of a family would take the buggy or walk to town for many miles to do business. Sometimes he worked on the railroad to supplement the family income. On his way home he usually bought fifty pound burlap sacks of wheat flour, which was used for baking bread and other pastries at home. Pigs were slaughtered and their meat was smoked and canned for the winter. Frugality was a trait among most of the families. There was no electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing and water for baths in the summer was heated by the sun in a big wooden tub in the yard outside. In many cases children had to collect cow chips in the summer for burning, while in the winter wood and coal were used.⁸ In some families burlap sacks were sewn into dresses for the young girls, and children often walked barefoot in the summer, because the one pair of shoes they owned had to be stored away for fall and winter.⁹

During harvest season usually the men of several families got together and harvested the wheat. They harvested not with any tractors or trucks, but rather with

⁸ Informant 4, a first generation Kansas-born Catholic Bohemian German, related this information to the author.

⁹ Informant 2, a first generation Kansas-born Catholic Bohemian German, relates that she and her sisters not only had to share one pair of shoes and take turns wearing them for church, but also often times these shoes did not fit anymore when fall came. Informant 5, a second generation Kansas-born offspring, recalls she only had a pair of shoes and a dress. Clothing as well as underwear was made for them by an aunt.

horses. The wheat was cut and turned with a fork, and corn was shelled by hand.¹⁰ At the same time, the women mostly stayed on the farm, milked the cows, cooked for the numerous harvesters or took water out to the crew. Every aspect of daily life for these men and women was conducted in German and their dialect served them adequately in their daily lives. In fact many female Catholic Bohemian German settlers never learned English, partly because they were the ones running the farm while it was a husband's responsibility to deal with business. Many hands were needed on the farm, and the hard economic life made school education for young people a lesser priority. Sporadic school attendance was common among children of the first two generations of Kansas-born offspring. A lot of the immigrant parents themselves had not attended school regularly and kept their children at home if their help was needed. Some girls, for example, had to stay home from school twice a week to do the laundry, and others were sent to school every other week.¹¹ This made it more difficult for them to become conversant in English. Most children did not acquire any English speaking skills until they went to school.

A clue as to the degree in which strong ethnic ties were once felt among Catholic Bohemian Germans was the firm social structure. Young children were expected to show respect for adults in the immediate family and in the community. While they had terms of endearment for calling their parents and grandparents /*tato*/ *Papa* 'daddy'; /*nedl*/ *Opa* 'grandpa'; /*nadl*/ *Oma* 'grandma', they politely addressed their aunts and uncles with /*basl*/ *Base*, *Tante* 'aunt', and /*feto*/ *Vetter*,

¹⁰ See anecdote c3. Windholz (1996, 79) describes in detail the wheat harvest of the early Catholic Bohemian German farmers. With mechanized farming in later years a cookshack was pulled along with the threshing machine. A woman was hired to cook for the harvesters.

¹¹ This information was related to the author by two dialect informants of the first generation of Kansas-born Catholic Bohemian Germans.

Onkel 'uncle'.¹² This behavior fostered the feeling of being a part of the family or the German ethnic community as a whole.

In addition, the familiarity with each other was expressed by a system of nicknames. These were used to tell members of their large families apart.¹³ The father customarily passed on his name or his brothers' names to his sons. His children were identified by adding his name to theirs. For example, Informant 1 recalls that he is the *Jaken Martin*, because his father's name was Jakob. His uncle was named after his father and then was simply called *der Bua*, that is 'the boy'.

This autonomous way of living was further strengthened by the social network that existed among the extended family that was usually considerable in size. Before modern technology, such as the TV, entered their lives, relatives visited each other on Sundays. People socialized more, and according to Informant 2 they would get together with relatives or neighbors and played cards. German would be the language they used: /dɛs ɪs uləs dɑɪf ɡvɛn, dɛs ɪs kɔrtʃspɔɛln ɡvɛn oʋəl/ *Das ist alles Deutsch gewesen, das ist immer Kartenspielen gewesen* 'That was all German, that was always playing cards.'

Major social events involved the immediate and extended family. Weddings were usually held at the bride's or bridegroom's parents' home and a baptism, or wake for a family member at home was solely a family affair. Marriages among Catholic Bohemian Germans, between cousins, for example, were often encouraged.¹⁴

¹² The children continued using these polite forms of address as adults. One informant calls her aunt, for example, /rosɪ basl/ *Tante Rosi* 'aunt Rose'. Another Catholic Bohemian German resident of Ellis relates that she was taught to address the neighbor, who was the grandmother of a friend, as /nodl basl/.

¹³ The custom of nicknames follows an old system dating back to the Bohemian Forest. Mirwald (1988, 34-38) discusses this system in detail and points out that these names or combinations thereof were not only used to identify someone, but also served as last names. See also Windholz (1996, 81) who gives examples of nicknames of Ellis Catholic Bohemian Germans.

¹⁴ Most dialect informants for this study are related to one another. Furthermore, a resident of Ellis told the author that when she first came to Ellis and married a Lutheran "Swabian" German from

The cohesive structure and continuous contact among family members and extended family helped the conservation and active support of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect. This type of living as a close knit group lasted for a little more than one generation.¹⁵

With the launching of the automobile after World War I, some families bought a model-T car. Whereas early on, when there was no transportation and it was a big chore for farmers to go 12 miles to Hays to conduct business there, they now enjoyed more mobility to travel further than to church or to town or even to engage in business ventures in Hays. Siblings were allowed to take turns driving the car and going further from home and to Hays or elsewhere, where English was largely the dominant language.

In time, intermarriage took place with Volga Germans and English-speaking neighbors.¹⁶ Through marriage siblings dispersed and moved away from the family farm and from the town. In many cases siblings and members of the extended family began only visiting each other on rare occasions. Furthermore, the loosening of ties of Catholic Bohemian Germans to the community through intermarriage brought with it a gradual decline in family ties. This was even more felt, once their parents, a common bond between siblings, passed away. In addition, intermarried couples stopped teaching their children German language skills, because the partner often never learned

Bukovina she found out quickly that everybody was related to everybody else. People would constantly "expect" her to know them, since they were in one way or another related to her husband.

¹⁵ One informant who was born in the mid 1920s said she and her siblings only went to town for church and catechism lessons.

¹⁶ Windholz (1996, 80) states, for example, although both groups of settlers from Bukovina, the Catholic Bohemian Germans and the Lutheran "Swabian" Germans, coexisted amicably in Ellis, as they had done in Bukovina, socializing and marriage among them were discouraged. In addition, Dreiling (1976, 96) in his centennial history of Volga-German settlements in Ellis and Rush counties in Kansas writes: "The Volga German descendants have intermingled broadly with the Austrian and Irish descendants who constitute sizable segments of the Ellis community."

German at all. As a result the Catholic Bohemian German dialect was no longer protected and eventually weakened and decayed.

Already at the turn of the century it became more and more difficult to resist the pressure of the surrounding English speaking environment.¹⁷ Some Catholic Bohemian Germans got involved in town activities and politics and others were involved in trade. Some farmers realized, for example, the benefits of a more cost-efficient grain market by participating in a farmers organization.¹⁸ For these aspects of life, the use of English became a necessity.¹⁹ The result was that almost every first and second generation speaker of Ellis Catholic Bohemian German became bilingual, using their vernacular at home and with relatives and switching to English for trade and for many other spheres of daily life.

Their German dialect was adequate when the first Catholic Bohemian German families along with Lutheran "Swabian" Germans came to the Ellis area as early as 1887.²⁰ The German settlement was already established by 1877 with Reich Germans and Volga Germans.²¹ A second wave of families from Bukovina arrived and settled in Ellis at the beginning of the twentieth century.²² This influx of emigrants from Bukovina as well as of other German speaking immigrants provided a base for the preservation and sustenance of German and motivated people to continue

¹⁷ Windholz (1996, 79) mentions that in 1896 a Catholic Bohemian German was an alternate delegate to the Democratic convention for the state of Kansas. He notes: "In less than five years, the leaders of the Bohemian Catholic families were involved in town activities and Democratic Party politics."

¹⁸ Windholz (1996, 84) writes about the farmers organization: "They benefitted by sharing in train carloads of supplies ordered at significant cost savings. A member was sent out to other parts of the country to negotiate loads of potatoes, cabbage, and other products."

¹⁹ Carman (1974a, 164) notes that German ceased very early to be the language for business.

²⁰ On the first page of his printed field notes on the Ellis Bukovinian Germans Carman writes: "They were first primarily a compact rural group [...], but they were at an early date also living in the town of Ellis (98 born in Austria in Hamilton Township in 1895; 24 in town)."

²¹ The Reich Germans had emigrated to the United States mostly because of economic reasons.

²² Carman writes on page 2 of his field notes that "in 1902 a trainload arrived at once." The father of Informant 1 arrived in Ellis, Kansas, in 1887 and his mother in 1901. Both parents of Informants 2 and 3 came in 1901.

speaking the language. When the immigration of German speakers stopped, the use of German receded.²³

With the gradual decline in German language use the desire to maintain cultural identity through the use of their German dialect subsided. This is reflected in the responses of every Catholic Bohemian German dialect informant, born after 1920, who grew up speaking German at home. When asked whether they preferred English to German in their daily life, the answer was unanimously English.²⁴ They say it is more natural to speak English. They only resort to their Catholic Bohemian German dialect if they speak with older aunts and uncles. They communicate mostly in English, even with siblings and cousins, unless they want to convey a joke or an anecdote, or quote things their parents and grandparents used to say. The German of other Catholic Bohemian Germans in their age group is often confined to some words or phrases learned by heart in childhood. At gatherings such as family reunions, those few people who can still carry on a conversation in their Catholic Bohemian German dialect often take every opportunity to use it. Many times they have to switch to English with others who have never learned to speak the dialect. Anecdotes and jokes have to be either translated or just retold in English.

Catholic Bohemian Germans loved music and dance. Songs for all occasions, such as New Year's songs, were handed down through the generations and are remembered by some people.²⁵ Dances were popular among the Catholic Bohemian

²³ Huffines (1989, 211) states that "without the support of continued immigration from the language homeland, the number of fluent interlocutors gradually decreases, and eventually no social context remains in which it is appropriate to speak the minority language."

²⁴ The dialect informants, born before 1920, unanimously responded that they do not mind speaking either, English or German. In fact they preferred speaking German and thought it was easier talking at times, but they objected that they had to speak English to those around them who have forgotten to speak the German language or simply do not want to use it.

²⁵ However, the teaching of traditional folk songs differed from family to family. Informant 2, when asked about traditional Catholic Bohemian songs, responded by saying: /gsoŋl nʊr di dartsʃn, mɪr dartsʃbemsʃn nɪt/ *Gesänge [hatten] nur die Deutschen., wir Deutschböhmern nicht* 'Only the Germans had songs, we German Bohemians did not'

Germans and families often had a music instrument.²⁶ Despite the loss of traditional songs and dances, such as the bridal dance (*Brauttanz*), a few songs are sung and dances are performed at gatherings of the Bukovina Germans to help them recapture some of their heritage. Traditional folk dances that are often accompanied by short repetitive verses, such as the *Pauline Dance*, are sometimes performed at special events. However, the lyrics are translated into English so that participants can sing along. This music and dance usually plays a role in gatherings by Bukovina Germans and is a reminder of the cultural heritage they all share.²⁷

At one time there were bands, sometimes made up of members of an extended family, that would perform at dances and other events. Membership in these bands, as well as in dance groups, has been steadily declining for some time. However, some bands in the Ellis area are composed of people of German background, such as Bukovina German or Volga German. They play at social events, such as the Bukovina German gatherings.²⁸

²⁶ Informant 2 relates that they owned an organ at home. However, this music instrument stood in the /ekstræn ʃtʊm/ *die Extrastube* 'extra living room', that was only used for special occasions. She and her siblings were not allowed to enter it at other times to play the organ.

²⁷ At an *Appreciation Polkafest* in Ellis on February 26, 1995, to celebrate the musical heritage of the area, some Bohemian German dances were performed by a dancing group especially founded for this occasion called *The Bukovina German Dancers*. The handouts had instructions to the dances as well as verses to the songs that were in English. The lyrics to the dance *Pauline Dance* appeared on the handout as follows:

Paulina do you love me?
Paulina do you care?
Paulina if you love me
Be my wife so fair.

One of the members of the dance group, a Catholic Bohemian German resident of Ellis sang and performed some dances for the author during an interview in March 1995. She would sing the lyrics in German. The original words for the *Pauline Dance* go as follows:

Paulina, hast mich gern?
Paulina, hast mich gern?
Paulina, hast mich gern?
Willst du mein Weib werden?

²⁸ One of the dialect informants is a member of such a band called *The Ellis County Dutchmen*.

Later generations are usually not interested in preserving their heritage through maintaining or reviving folk songs and folk dances.²⁹ This aspect of their cultural heritage will lose its importance with the passing of the older generation and will be lost.

Along with changes in the socio-economic structure of the community the Catholic parish ceased using German in church services in the early 1950s and all schools exclusively taught in English. All these factors contributed to the German language attrition.³⁰

The Catholic Bohemian Germans who settled in Ellis were all Roman Catholic.³¹ Upon arrival in Ellis, they joined the local St. Mary's church, that had been organized from people of various backgrounds in 1886, not long before the first wave of immigrants came from Bukovina.³² Besides Catholic Bohemian Germans, the congregation consisted of other elements, such as Volga German, and Irish. The Catholic Bohemian Germans integrated easily into the community. This was partly due to the fact that they were already accustomed to an ethnic mixture of people in Bukovina.³³ Catholic services had been established by Father Fogarty, an Irish priest, who served the congregation until 1893. After that St. Mary's was served by Capuchin monks of German descent from Victoria.³⁴ The church mass was

²⁹ One Catholic Bohemian German informant maintains that it is simply impossible to get younger people interested in learning traditional folk dances.

³⁰ Seliger and Vago (1991, 3) write that "the domain relationships of the languages can change such that the host or first language is weakened by the increasing frequency of use and function of the second language." Similarly, Born (1994, 13-14) states: "When the vernacular is no longer protected by a foreign High variety and supported by formal institutions, the dominant language can invade domain after domain until, ultimately, language death occurs."

³¹ Dreiling (1926, 84) provides a list of members of the congregation at St. Mary's at that time. It shows the names of many Catholic Bohemian Germans.

³² See Dreiling (1976, 96).

³³ Carman writes on page 2 of the printed field notes on Ellis Bukovinian Germans: "Linguistically the Bukovinian Germans were on arrival rather ferociously German because of the competition in Europe, but also because of it they were accustomed to the idea of bi-or multi-lingualism."

³⁴ See Carman on page 3 of the printed field notes on Ellis Bukovinian Germans.

conducted in Latin until the 1960s. The sermons and readings were in German until the 1950s. In the 1930s, preaching in German was every other Sunday and later limited to once a month, until it finally ceased altogether. At the time of Carman's last visit to Ellis in 1964, he was told that the Catholic priest never preached in German.

The parochial school was converted to a public school during World War II and changed its status back later to a parochial school. Religious instruction in the parochial school was always in English, since the time of World War I, probably partly in response to the anti-German sentiment that developed between the two World Wars. All but one of the informants in this study attended a rural school and only went to St. Mary's for religious education. All of them entered school after 1919 when Kansas prohibited the use of German in public schools by state law and made English the language of instruction.³⁵ The rural schools were not consolidated with the town schools until after World War II.

Although many Catholic Bohemian Germans had learned their prayers and catechism in German, a lot of them were not trained in reading and writing Standard German. This fact, along with the hard demands of running a farm and the growing anti-German hysteria might have been the reasons why the German press did not have an impact on language maintenance among the Catholic Bohemian Germans of Ellis. Hardly anybody subscribed to a German newspaper.³⁶

When the first Catholic Bohemian Germans came to Ellis, they had come from Bukovina along with Lutheran "Swabian" German settlers. The two groups went their separate ways when they arrived in Kansas, but they coexisted well when they had to.

³⁵ See 1919 State of Kansas Session Laws (352).

³⁶ Fishman et al. (1978, 52) discussing the distribution of the ethnic press between 1910-1960, write: "The linguistic distribution of non-English dailies has changed considerably since 1910. At that time 54% were published in German alone. By 1960 German dailies accounted for only 7% of the total." Fishman et al. (1978, 52-54) also state: "The sharp decline is noticeable as early as 1920 ... and can be attributed, in large part, to anti-German sentiments that were widespread during World War I and subsequently." Informant 2 recalls her mother having a German newspaper for a short while.

While the Lutheran "Swabian" Germans usually engaged in farming north of the city of Ellis and stayed on their land, the Catholic Bohemian Germans, who settled south of Ellis, integrated quickly into the ethnically diverse Catholic community in Ellis. The ethnic German communities were generally tolerant of each other.³⁷

However, with the animosity from English-speaking neighbors in response to the two World Wars, the pressure grew for acculturation into the American mainstream society. Catholic Bohemian Germans went out of their way to show their patriotism, for example by volunteering for army service in the war.³⁸ More and more parents stopped teaching their children their dialect. This trend continued during and after World War II. Informant 2 attests to this development, she says:³⁹

/maɪ buɔ sɑɪ kɪndə kɪnənt nɪt daɪtʃ rən. ɛs gət ʊləs ɛŋlɪʃ/
*Meinem Jungen seine Kinder (die Kinder meines Sohnes) können
 kein Deutsch reden. Es geht alles auf Englisch.*
 'My son's children cannot speak German. Everything is in English.'

Another reason why parents stopped passing on their German dialect to their offspring was the fact that, a lot of times, most Catholic Bohemian Germans, as well as other ethnic Germans could be easily identified as German speaking by their accent or "brogue" in English.⁴⁰ This must have been very troubling to young Catholic

³⁷ One informant remembers that her grandmother's neighbors, who were Catholic Bohemian German, Volga German, and Reich German, all spoke German with each other. No one paid any attention to the different dialects they were speaking and every one was mixing various words.

³⁸ See Windholz (1996, 84). Informant 1 spent most of his military service in Germany in the Second World War. He recalls that his knowledge of the language was put to use during his stay.

³⁹ Informants 1, 2, and 11 each passed on their dialect to their second generation Kansas-born offspring. They understand and speak it as well, but limit the active German language use to conversations with their parents. Informant 2 admits: /ɛs ɪs oʊvə hɑ:rt, wɛn ɛr so mɪt di ɛŋlɪʃn bɑ:ʁənənt, si. ɪ rɛt oʊvə daɪtʃ mɪt ɛɪm/ *Es ist aber hart, wenn er so mit den Englischen beieinander [ist], sieh. Ich rede aber Deutsch mit ihm* 'It is hard, though, when he is together with the English, see. But I talk German with him.'

⁴⁰ Carman, in his settlement notes on Ellis Bukovinian Germans quoted an interviewee who claimed that most people have a brogue and that "some Germans have an inferiority complex and won't associate with others." Furthermore, one informant reminisces that when she went to school, her

Bohemian German children. As a result, many second-generation Kansas-born Catholic Bohemian Germans decided not to pass on their dialect to their children.⁴¹ The fluent speakers gave in to the overwhelming pressure of the English language and in time accepted more and more English words and influences into their language. It is, therefore, not surprising that Catholic Bohemian German dialect informants, born after 1920, prefer English to German. As a result there is only a limited pool of dialect speakers left as potential informants.

By assimilating into the socio-economic and cultural system of the English-speaking American mainstream, the Catholic Bohemian Germans have prospered economically and advanced in education. Most young descendants have left Ellis to continue with their education or to pursue other non-farm job opportunities.

While the Catholic Bohemian German dialect can still be heard occasionally in Ellis, it is usually spoken by older people. The dialect is no longer being spoken in many homes, much to the regret of a few who still speak the dialect fluently and remain in perfect control of their mother tongue. They have become accustomed to having English spoken around them, they have adopted the language and the socio-economic structure, but they have not lost the desire to maintain their cultural identity through their German language. They are determined to maintain it among themselves at least. Informant 2 expresses her determination as follows:

*/mit mir get di daitʃə ʃprox ins grop/
Mit mir geht die deutsche Sprache ins Grab
'I will be buried with the German language'*

teacher, who was of German background, remarked that a lot of the pupils had a 'tell tale' accent and were encouraged to speak English properly.

⁴¹ None of the third-generation Kansas-born Catholic Bohemian Germans is able to speak the dialect. However, some quotes or words passed down through generations still prevail.

Spoken German language skills, which for many years served the ethnic German groups of Ellis adequately, are on the verge of extinction. However, the German language left its mark on the structural use of the English of many descendants of these settlers, who still compose a large percentage of the Ellis community today. Thus, loan translations, such as their use of the English "It is all" for the dialect phrase /ɛs ɪs ɔl/ *Es ist alle*, in the sense of 'It is all gone', are common. They are fading reminders of the linguistic German heritage of Ellis.

Thanks to the participants in this study, descendants of the Catholic Bohemian German settlers who came to Ellis will be able to listen to recorded tapes of this unique dialect of their ancestors. These are not only archived for them, but they are also preserved as a part of the rich German-American heritage.

Revival of Heritage Awareness among the Ellis Bukovina Germans

A common history was never documented for the Catholic Bohemian Germans, as well as the Lutheran "Swabian" Germans. Younger generations began to lose interest and knowledge of their ancestors heritage. To offset this trend some interested Bukovina Germans decided to form the *Bukovina Society of the Americas* in 1988, to promote recognition of the history of the Bukovina Germans and preserve their heritage, in addition to genealogical research. The Bukovina Society Headquarters (see picture 3 at the end of the chapter) in Ellis, Kansas, is located in a historic church building in the midst of downtown Ellis. The building was once the First Congregational Church, founded in Ellis in 1873. The Society has a museum where artifacts from Bukovina German immigrants are displayed. The Aurochs, the Bukovina coat of arms, serves as the logo for the Bukovina Society (see picture 4). Anyone with an interest in the Bukovina heritage can become a member. Members receive a quarterly newsletter with information on ancestral news on Bukovina and

heritage related web sites. The newsletter was first called *The BULLETin* and changed its name to *The Bukovina Society of the Americas Newsletter* in 1994 (see insert on the back cover). Ethnic cooking recipes, anecdotes or folk songs translated into English are often included as well. The Bukovina Society has its own home page ⁴² and is affiliated with similar international societies, such as the *Associação Alemã-Bucovina de Cultura* (Association of Bukovina German culture) in Rio Negro, Brazil, and the *Landsmannschaft der Buchenlanddeutschen* in Munich, Germany. A Bukovinafest is held annually every summer in Ellis with presentations on the ethnic heritage and history on the Bukovina Germans, as well as a festive program that recaptures their cultural heritage, such as a reenactment of a traditional wedding (see insert on the back cover).

⁴² The home page of the *Bukovina Society of the Americas* is:
<http://members.aol.com/L.Jensen/bukovina.html>



Figure 4 *Bukovina Society of the Americas* Headquarters and museum

BUKOVINA SOCIETY



Figure 5

Ellis, Kansas

The Aurochs, the Bukovina coat of arms

The Aurochs is the extinct wild ox of northern
Africa, Europe, and western Asia.

Reprinted from the *Bukovina Society of the Americas* brochure.

Appendix 1

Fieldwork Forms and Questionnaires

Wenker Sentences - English/German ¹

1. In the winter the dry leaves fly around in the air.
Im Winter fliegen die trockenen Blätter in der Luft herum.
2. It will soon stop snowing, then the weather will get better again.
Es hört gleich auf zu schneien, dann wird das Wetter wieder besser.
3. Put coals in the stove, so that the milk will start to boil soon.
Tu Kohlen in den Ofen, daß die Milch bald an zu kochen fängt.
4. The good old man broke through the ice with his horse and fell into the cold water.
Der gute alte Mann ist mit dem Pferde durchs Eis gebrochen und in das kalte Wasser gefallen.
5. He died four or six weeks ago.
Er ist vor vier oder sechs Wochen gestorben.
6. The fire was too strong. The cakes are burnt black on the bottom.
Das Feuer war zu stark. Die Kuchen sind ja unten ganz schwarz gebrannt.
7. He always eats eggs without salt and pepper.
Er ißt die Eier immer ohne Salz und Pfeffer.
8. I told it to the woman and she said she wanted to tell it to her daughter too.
Ich bin bei der Frau gewesen und habe es ihr gesagt, und sie sagte, sie wollte es auch ihrer Tochter sagen.

¹ The Wenker sentences constructed by the German dialectologist Georg Wenker in 1876, were translated into English by Ilse Vogel Shire and William Keel in 1980.

9. My feet hurt so much; I believe, I walked them off.
Die Füße tun mir sehr weh. Ich glaube, ich habe sie durchgelaufen.
10. I don't ever want to do it again.
Ich will es auch nicht mehr wieder tun.
11. I'm going to hit you over the head with a wooden spoon, you monkey!
Ich schlage dich gleich mit dem Kochlöffel um die Ohren, du Affe!
12. Where are you going? Should we go with you?
Wo gehst du hin? Sollen wir mit dir gehen?
13. The times are bad.
Es sind schlechte Zeiten.
14. My dear child, stay down here. Those mean geese will bite you to death.
Mein liebes Kind, bleib hier unten stehen, die bösen Gänse beißen dich tot.
15. You learned the most today and were well-behaved. You may go home earlier than the others.
Du hast heute am meisten gelernt und bist artig gewesen. Du darfst früher nach Hause gehen als die anderen.
16. You aren't big enough to drink a whole bottle of wine. You have to grow some more first and get bigger.
Du bist noch nicht groß genug, um eine Flasche Wein auszutrinken. Du mußt erst noch etwas wachsen und größer werden.
17. Go, be so good and tell your sister she should finish sewing the clothes for your mother and clean them with a brush.
Geh, sei so gut und sag deiner Schwester, sie solle die Kleider für eure Mutter fertig nähen und mit der Bürste rein machen.

18. If only you had known him! Things would have turned out differently and he would be better off.
Hättest du ihn gekannt! Dann wäre es anders gekommen, und es täte besser um ihn stehen.
19. Who stole my basket of meat?
Wer hat mir meinen Korb mit Fleisch gestohlen?
20. He acted as if they had hired him for the threshing; but they did it themselves.
Er tat so, als hätten sie ihn zum Dreschen bestellt. Sie haben es aber selbst getan.
21. Who did he tell the new story to?
Wem hat er die neue Geschichte erzählt?
22. One has to shout loudly. Otherwise he doesn't understand us.
Man muß laut schreien, sonst versteht er uns nicht.
23. We are tired and thirsty.
Wir sind müde und haben Durst.
24. When we got home last night, the others were already lying in bed and were fast asleep.
Als wir gestern abend zurückkamen, da lagen die andern schon im Bett und waren fest am schlafen.
25. The snow at our place stayed on the ground last night, but it melted this morning.
Der Schnee ist diese Nacht bei uns liegen geblieben., aber heute morgen ist er geschmolzen.
26. Behind our house stand three beautiful little apple trees with little red apples.
Hinter unserem Hause stehen drei schöne Apfelbäumchen mit roten Äpfelchen.
27. Couldn't you (all) wait a moment for us? Then we will go with you.
Könnt ihr nicht noch ein Augenblickchen auf uns warten? Dann gehen wir mit euch.

28. You mustn't be so silly.
Ihr dürft nicht solche Kindereien treiben.
29. Our mountains aren't very high. Yours are much higher.
Unsere Berge sind nicht sehr hoch. Die euren sind viel höher.
30. How many pounds of sausage and how much bread did you all want?
Wieviel Pfund Wurst und wieviel Brot wollt ihr haben?
31. I don't understand you (all). You must speak a little louder.
Ich verstehe euch nicht. Ihr müßt ein bißchen lauter sprechen.
32. Didn't you (all) find a piece of white soap for me on my table?
Habt ihr kein Stückchen weiße Seife für mich auf meinem Tische gefunden?
33. His brother wants to build himself two beautiful new houses in your yard.
Sein Bruder will sich zwei schöne neue Häuser in eurem Garten bauen.
34. That word came straight from his heart!
Das Wort kam ihm vom Herzen!
35. They did the right thing!
Das war recht von ihnen!
36. What kind of little birds are sitting up there on the little wall?
Was sitzen da für Vögelchen oben auf dem Mäuerchen?
37. The farmers had five oxen and nine cows and twelve little sheep. They brought them to the village to sell them.
Die Bauern hatten fünf Ochsen und neun Kühe und zwölf Schäfchen vor das Dorf gebracht. Die wollten sie verkaufen.
38. All the people are outside today in the field and mowing.
Die Leute sind heute alle draußen auf dem Felde und mähen.

39. Go on, the brown dog won't hurt you.

Geh nur, der braune Hund tut dir nichts.

40. I drove with the people back there over the meadow into the grain field.

Ich bin mit den Leuten dahinten über die Wiese ins Korn gefahren.

DWA Questionnaire ¹

	<u>Dialect Form</u>	<u>Standard German</u>	<u>English</u>
1.		Ahorn	maple (tree)
2.		Ameise	ant
3.		Anemone	windflower
4.		Augenbraue	eyebrow
5.		Augenlid	eyelid
6.		auswringen	to wring out
7.		Backenzahn	molar
8.		Backtrog	kneading trough
9.		barfuß	barefoot
10.		Bauchweh	stomach ache
11.		sich beeilen	to hurry up
12.		Begräbnis	funeral/burial
13.		Beule	bump on the head
14.		es blitzt	it's lightning
15.		Brennessel	stinging nettle
16.		Brombeere	blackberry
17.		Brotscheibe	slice of bread
18.		bügeln	to iron
19.		Deichsel	thill (wagon shaft)
20.		Distel	thistle
21.		Docht	candle wick
22.		Eichelhäher	jaybird
23.		Eigelb	egg yolk
24.		Elster	magpie
25.		Enterich	drake
26.		Erdbeere	strawberry
27.		sich erkälten	to catch a cold
28.		ernten	to harvest
29.		Euter (der Kuh)	udder (cow)
30.		Euter (allgemein)	udder (other animals)
31.		fegen	to sweep the floor
32.		Ferkel	baby pig
33.		Fledermaus	bat
34.		Fliege	housefly
35.		Frosch	frog
36.		Frühling	spring
37.		Gabeldeichsel	forked thill
38.		gackern	to cackle
39.		gähnen	to yawn
40.		Gänserich	gander
41.		Gänschen	gosling
42.		Genick	neck
43.		Gießkanne	watering can
44.		Glühwürmchen	lightning bug

¹ The two-hundred-word list of the *DWA* Questionnaire was translated by William Keel in 1984.

45.	Grasschwade	swath of cut grass
46.	Großmutter	grandmother
47.	Großvater	grandfather
48.	Grummet (2. Grasschnitt)	second cut of grass
49.	Gurke	cucumber
50.	häufeln (Kartoffeln)	to hill up (potatoes)
51.	Hagebutte	rose hip
52a.	Hahn	rooster
52b.	Henne	hen
53.	Böttcher	barrel maker
54.	Klempner	tinsmith
55.	Stellmacher/Wagenmacher	wainwright
56.	Tischler	cabinetmaker
57.	Töpfer	potter
58.	Schlachter	butcher (slaughterer)
59.	Fleischer	butcher (preparer)
60.	Hebamme	midwife
61.	Heckenrose	rose hip
62.	heiser	hoarse
63.	Glucke	sitting hen
64.	Heuschrecke	locust
65.	Himbeere	raspberry
66.	Holunder	elder (plant)
67.	Hügel	hill
68.	Hühnerauge	corn (on toe)
69.	Hühnerhaus	chicken house
70.	Hummel	bumble bee
71.	Igel	hedgehog
72.	Iltis	polecatskunk
73.	Käfer	beetle
74.	kämmen	to comb one's hair
75.	Kätzchen (am Haselstrauch)	pussy willow
76.	Kalb (weiblich)	female calf
77.	Kamille	chamomile
78.	Kaninchen	rabbit
79.	Kartoffel	potato
80.	Kater	tomcat
81.	Kaulquappe	tadpole
82.	Kleiderhaken	clothes hanger
83.	Kleiderschrank	clothes cabinet
84.	kneifen	to pinch
85.	Knöchel	ankle/knuckle
86.	Knospe	bud of plant
87.	Kopfweh	headache
88.	Kornblume	cornflower
89.	Kreisel	top (toy)
90.	Kröte	toad
91.	Kruste	crust of bread
92.	Laken	bed sheet
93.	Lamm (weiblich)	female lamb
94.	(Wasch)lappen	washcloth

95.	leer	empty
96.	leihen	to loan money
97.	Lerche	lark
98.	Libelle	dragon fly
99.	Maiglöckchen	lily of the valley
100.	Engerling	cockchafer larva
101.	Margerite	daisy
102.	Maulwurf	mole
103.	Meerrettich	horseradish
104.	Mistkäfer	dung beetle
105.	Mohrrübe	carrot
106.	Motte	moth
107.	Mücke	mosquito
108.	Mütze	cap
109.	Mutterschwein	sow
110.	nachharken	to rake hay
111.	Nachharke	hay rake
112.	Nachmittag	afternoon
113.	Narbe	scar
114.	neugierig	curious
115.	nicht wahr?	isn't it so?
116.	Ohrwurm	earwig
117.	Ostern	Easter
118.	Pate	Godfather
119.	Patin	Godmother
120.	Peitsche	whip
121.	pfeifen	to whistle
122.	Pflaume	plum
123.	pflügen	to plow
124.	Pflugwende	plow turn
125.	Pfropfen/Korken	cork
126.	Pilz	mushroom
127.	Platzregen	downpour
128.	Preißelbeere	cranberry
129.	Pulswärmer	hand muff
130.	jäten	to weed by hand
131.	Pfriem	awl
132.	die Sense schärfen	to sharpen a scythe
133.	Sonnabend	Saturday
134.	Quecke	witch grass (weed)
135.	Rasen	lawn
136.	rauchen	to smoke tobacco
137.	Rauhreif	hoar frost
138.	Regenwurm	earthworm
139.	Reifen (am Faß)	barrel hoop
140.	Rinde (des Nadelbaumes)	bark (evergreen)
141.	Rinde (des Laubbaumes)	bark (deciduous)
142.	Roggen	rye
143.	Rotkraut	red cabbage
144.	Sahne (süße)	sweet cream
145.	Sauerklee	wood sorrel (clover)

146.	Sauerkraut	sauerkraut
147.	schelten	to scold
148.	Schaufel	shovel
149.	Schlüsselblume	primrose
150.	Schneeglöckchen	snowdrop
151.	Schnittlauch	chives
152.	Schnürband	shoestring
153.	Schnupfen	cold (illness)
154.	Schornsteinfeger	chimney sweep
155.	Schwalbe	swallow (bird)
156a.	Schwengel	pump handle
156b.	Zweispännerwaage	bell clapper
157.	Schwiegermutter	mother-in-law
158.	Schwiegersohn	son-in-law
159.	Schwiegertochter	daughter-in-law
160.	Schwiegervater	father-in-law
161.	Seil (aus Hanf)	rope (hemp)
162.	Sperling	sparrow
163.	Spinnewebe	cobweb
164.	Stachelbeere	gooseberry
165.	Star	starling
166.	Stecknadel	stick pin
167.	Streichholz	matches
168.	stricken	to knit
169.	Stricknadel	knitting needle
170.	Tasse	coffee cup
171.	Taube (männlich)	dove/pigeon (masc.)
172.	Tomate	tomato
173.	Topf (irdener)	earthenware pot
174.	unfruchtbar (von der Kuh)	infertile (cow)
175.	Veilchen	violet (flower)
176.	veredeln (Obstbäume)	to graft a fruit tree
177.	Viehbremse	horsefly
178.	Wacholder	juniper bush
179.	Wanze	cockroach/bug
180.	Warze	wart
181.	wenden (Heu)	to turn hay to dry
182.	Werktag	workday
183.	wiederkäuen	to chew cud
184.	wiehern	to whinny
185.	Wimper (Augen-)	eyelash
186.	Zahnschmerzen	toothache
187.	Zaunkönig	wren
188.	Ziege	goat
189.	er hat den Brief zerrissen	torn up (a letter)
190a.	voriges Jahr hat es -	last year
190b.	- viel Obst gegeben -	fruit
190c.	- dies Jahr wenig	this year
191.	vorgestern	day before yesterday
192.	er soll den Wagen ziehen	to pull a wagon
193.	da war niemand zu sehen	no one

194a.	- erst gab es Tränen -	tears
194b.	- dann weinte -	cried (tears)
194c.	- das Mädchen nicht mehr	girl
195a.	Junge, halt den -	boy
195b.	- Mund, gehorche lieber	mouth
196a.	das Kind -	child
196b.	- ist so klein -	little
196c.	- es braucht einen Sauger	nipple/pacifier
197.	den Schornstein fegen	to clean a chimney
198a.	Im Nebel -	fog
198b.	- war keiner zu sehen	nobody
199a.	Wir haben oft -	often
199b.	- gewartet	I have waited
200.	zeig mir doch den Weg -	between
	zwischen den Häusern	

Grammar Questionnaire

Auxiliary Verbs

1. haben - to have

Present:

Singular: I have
you have
she has
he has

Plural: we have
you have
you have (formal)
they have

Past:

I had
you had
she had
he had

we had
you had
you had (formal)
they had

2. sein - to be

Present:

Singular: I am
you are
he is
she is

Plural: we are
you are
you are (formal)
they are

Past:

I was
you were
he was
she was

we were
you were
you were (formal)
they were

Subjunctive forms

I wish I were there.

I wish I had money.

I wish I stayed at home.

I wish I could leave.

I wish I had to leave.

I should leave now.

I would like to leave now.

If I had to I would go home..

Passive

The farmer was shot.

Were the cows milked last night?

Are the cows being milked now?

The barn is being cleaned.

The barn was cleaned yesterday.

Was the grain harvested last summer?

Is the farmhouse being painted?

Was the soil plowed last spring?

The soil is being plowed every year.

Were the cows and pigs fed by the farmer's wife?

Verbs

Present Tense: sein haben tun

I/You/He/She/It/We/You (Pl.)/They

Sentences: I am a farmer (male/female).
 I am a housewife.
 I have a toothache.
 I do the housework.
 I do the cooking.

Simple Past Tense: sein haben tun

I/You/He/She/It/We/You (Pl.)/They

Sentences: I was a farmer last year.
 I was a housewife last year.
 I had a toothache two days ago.
 I did the housework yesterday.
 I did the cooking yesterday.

Present Perfect: sein haben tun

I/You/He/She/It/We/You (Pl.)/They

Sentences: I have been a farmer for three years.
I have been a housewife all my life.
I have had a toothache for a week.
I have done all the housework.
I have done all the cooking.

Past Perfect: sein haben tun

I/You/He/She/It/We/You (Pl.)/They

Sentences: I had been a farmer before I moved to Ellis.
I had been a housewife before I moved to Ellis.
I had had a toothache before I went to the dentist.
I had done all the housework before you came.
I had done all the cooking before I went to church.

Subjunctive Present: sein haben tun

I/You/He/She/It/We/You (Pl.)/They

Sentences: I would be healthy if I had my medicine.
I would not do that if I were you.

Subjunctive Past: sein haben tun

I/You/He/She/It/We/You (Pl.)/They

Sentences: I would have been happy if I had had a vacation.
I would not have done that if I knew better.

Strong Verbs

Class I

He/She is writing a letter. (schreiben)

He/She wrote a letter yesterday.

He/She is cutting the bread. (schneiden)

He/She cut the bread.

He/She is riding the horse. (reiten)

He/She rode the horse.

Class II

He/She is offering money. (bieten)

He/She offered money.

He/She is shutting the window. (schließen)

He/She shut the window.

He/She is deceiving me. (betrügen)

He/She deceived me.

Class III

He/She is finding the cat. (finden)

He/She found the cat.

He/She is drinking fresh milk. (trinken)

He/She drank fresh milk.

He/She is swimming in the lake. (schwimmen)

He/She swam in the lake.

Class IV

He/She is helping me. (helfen)

He/She helped me.

He/She is dying. (sterben)

He/She died.

He/She is taking the car. (nehmen)

He/She took the car the day before yesterday.

Class V

I/He/She is eating a bowl of soup. (essen)

I/He/She ate a bowl of soup.

I/He/She is reading the Bible. (lesen)

I/He/She read the Bible.

I/He/She sees the priest. (sehen)

I/He/She saw the priest.

Class VI

I/He/She is inviting you to come to Hays. (einladen)

I/He/She invited you to come to Hays.

I/He/She is driving to town. (fahren)

I/He/She drove to town.

I/He/She is growing fast. (wachsen)

I/He/She grew fast.

Class VII

I/He/She is sleeping in the bed. (schlafen)

I/He/She slept the whole day.

I/He/She is catching a deer. (fangen)

I/He/She caught a deer.

I/He/She is running to church. (laufen)

I/He/She ran to church.

Weak Verbs

He/She says that he/she is married. (sagen)

He/She said that he/she was married.

He/She is working hard. (arbeiten)

He/She worked hard.

He/She is yawning. (gähnen)

He/She yawned very loudly.

Preterite-Present Verbs

He/She is bringing the flowers.

He/She brought the flowers.

He/She knows the teacher.

He/She knew the teacher.

He/She wants to sing.

He/She wanted to sing.

He/She can sing.

He/She could sing.

He/She has to sing.

He/She had to sing.

He/She is supposed to sing.

He/She was supposed to sing.

He/She likes cabbage rolls.

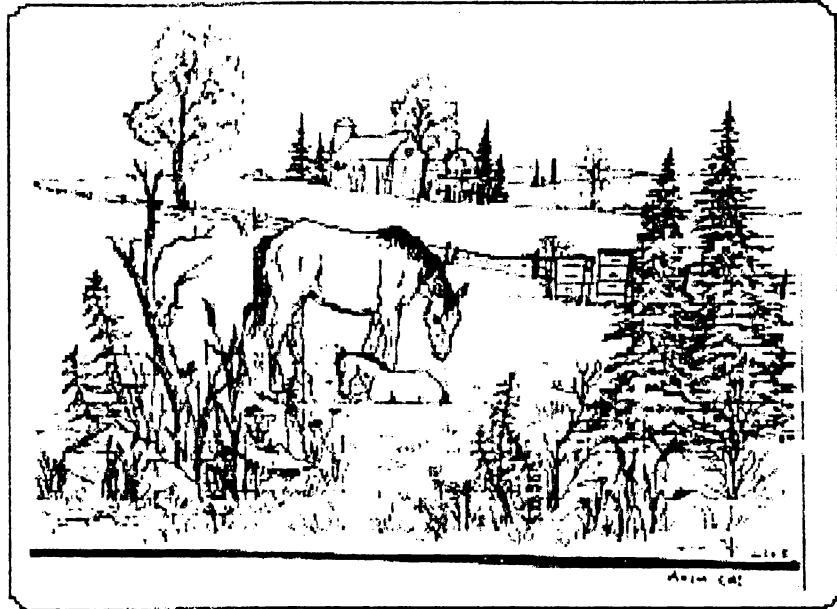
He/She liked cabbage rolls.

He/She likes to eat cabbage rolls.

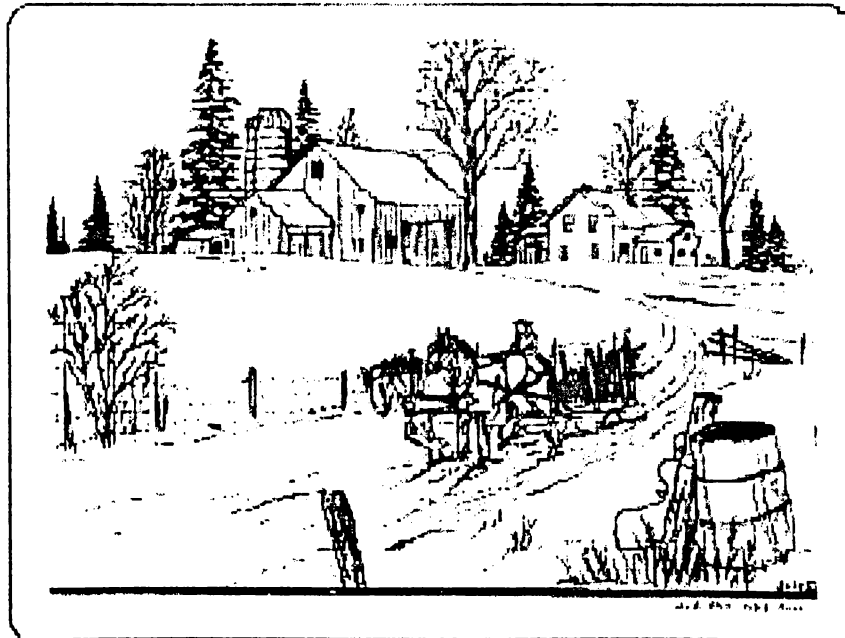
He/She is allowed to sing.

He/She was allowed to sing.

picture 1

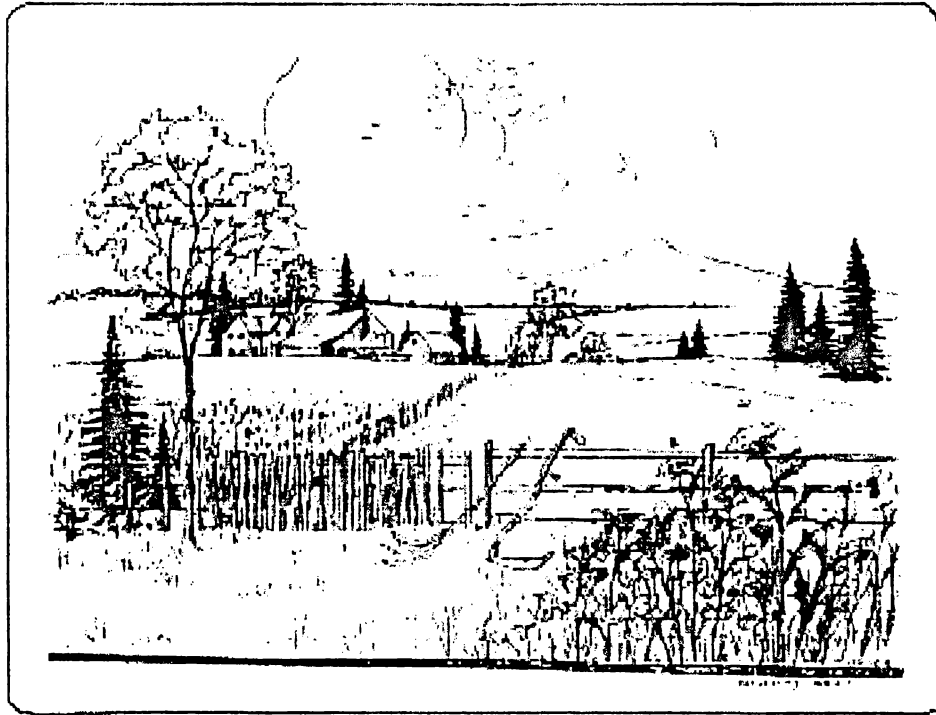


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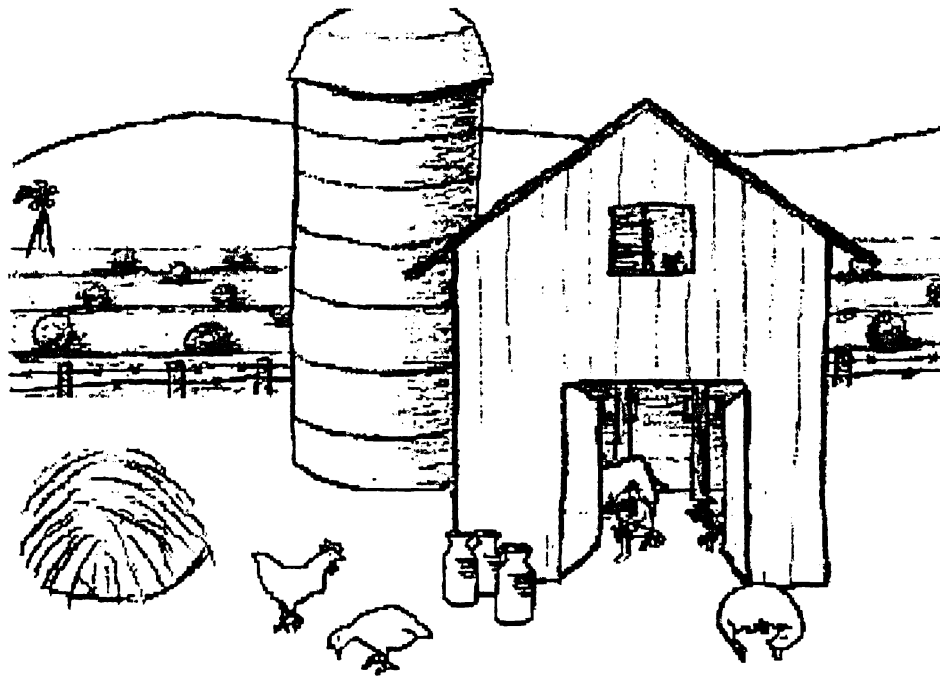
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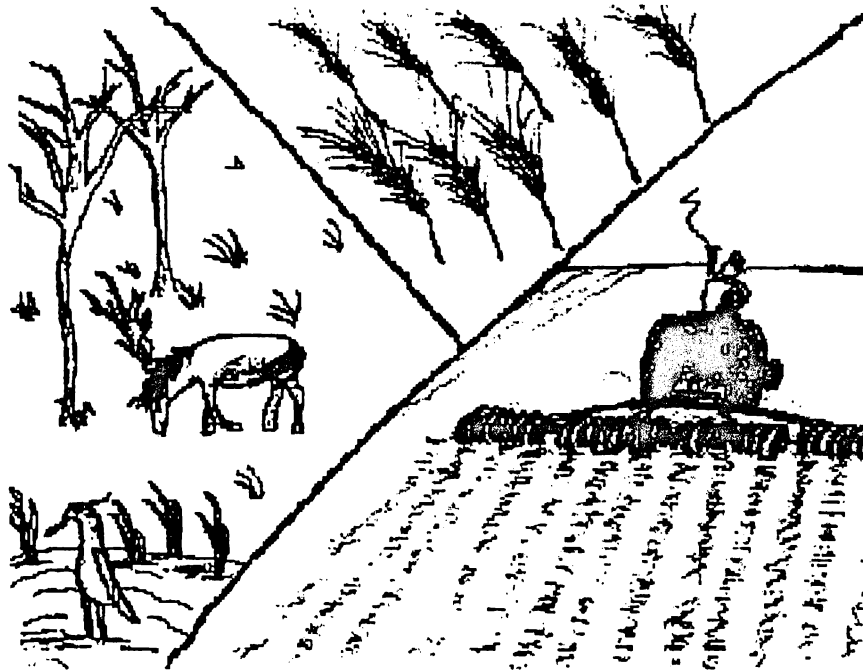


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Informed Consent Statement

The Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at the University of Kansas supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. The following information is provided for you to decide whether you wish to participate in a linguistic study of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect of Ellis County, Kansas. You should be aware that even if you agree to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without penalty.

The purpose of this study is to record and analyze the vestiges of the Catholic Bohemian German dialect spoken by descendants of the settlers of Ellis County, Kansas.

You will participate in an interview lasting about two hours. During the interview you will be asked to translate words and phrases from English into your dialect. The dialect words and phrases will be recorded in writing. With your permission you may also be tape-recorded. Please indicate whether you agree to being taped in the space below. Several interview sessions may be necessary in order to gather sufficient material for a thorough investigation.

By participating in this study you will be playing a part in the preservation of one aspect of the cultural heritage of Ellis County, Kansas.

Your participation is solicited although strictly voluntary. Your name will not be associated in any way with the research findings. Your interview is identified only by a code number.

If you would like additional information concerning this study before or after it is complete, please feel free to contact me by phone or mail. You will be given a copy of this consent form upon signing it.

Sincerely,

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Signature of person agreeing to participate.

By signing, you certify that you are at least 18 years of age.

With my signature I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the consent form to keep.

Date

My dialect interview may be tape-recorded: _____ YES _____ NO

Appendix 2

Selected Transcriptions of Dialect Interviews

Informants:

	<u>Informant #</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Gender</u>
a.	1	Born 1918	Male
b.	2	Born 1916	Female
c.	3	Born 1907	Male
d.	4	Born 1915	Female
e.	5	Born 1926	Female
f.	6	Born 1922	Female
g.	7	Born 1935	Male
h.	8	Born 1928	Female
i.	9	Born 1920	Female

Wenker Sentences:

1. a. in vintø blost der vint bambladlæ rumøðum.
- b. in vintø bladln fløŋt imø ðum in der løft.
- c. in vintø di bladln hant trøko, di fløŋt in di løft.
- d. di bledø, di fløŋt herum in di løft
- e. ... imø ðum in der løft.
- f. uncollected
- g. in dø vintø fløŋt di trøkøne bladln ibø rum.
- h. in vintø di trøkn bladln fløŋt in den vint
- i. in vintø, vens trøko is, fløŋt bladln føn barmøn, unt dø vint bløst si rumøðum.

2. a. sego bult tsu fnarm afheon. aft virts vido biso vern.
 b. hots nrt bult afheon fnarm, aft virts vido biso vern.
 c. virt bult afheon fnarm, s vedo virt biso.
 d. vens afhent fnarm, virts biso ge.
 e. so bult dos ets der snei afhent, s vedo virt biso ge.
 f. hent fnarm af, s veto get seno bult.
 g. es virt bult afheon fnarm unt virts vido biso vern.
 h. s virt vol fnarmo stapm, unt aft virt es vido biso.
 i. it bult stapm fnarmo, ets vedo virt vido biso.
3. a. lek kuln amr in ofo. ml fngt tsu kuxo o.
 b. mir verm misn kuln nur in ofo rameton, dos ml virt vol tsu kuxo ofngp.
 c. hamo de kuln in ofo, dos di ml virt kuxo.
 d. di kuln in ofo rameton, dos di ml ofngt tsu kuxo.
 e. firm ofo, do mismo kuln ameton, dos mo ml ofkuxo kmo.
 f. tuo kuln in ofo, dos ml bult kuxt.
 g. tuo kouls in do ovo, dos di ml hobs virt vern.
 h. host jon kuln in ofo rameto, dos de ml sun hobs virt.
 i. i hon ets kuln in ofo ramedo, suln a ets ml bult kuxo do in kig tsun esn.
4. a. der guote ulte mo is durxs ais broxo mit sam ros, unt is ins kulte vuso gfoln.
 b. der guote mo is durxs ais durxgfoln mit sam ros unt is in des kulte vuso ramegfoln.
 c. der guote, ulte mon is durxgfoln in ais mit sam ros unt is in des kulte vuso gfoln.
 d. der olte mo hot ais broxo unt des ros is amegfoln in kolte vuso.
 e. der ulte mo is durxs ais gfoln, his ros is tsomgfoln in kuln vuso.
 f. der ulte mo broxt durxs ais mit sam ros unt felt ins kulte vuso amo.
 g. der guote ulte mon is durxbroxo tsurtsi ais mit sam ros, er is ins kolte vuso amegfoln.

- h. der ɔltə mon is dʊrx des ars broxɔ, unt des ros is
aɪnəfɔln ɪn des kɔltə vɔsɔ.
- i. a guotɔ mon is dʊrxbrɔxɔ dʊrxs ars unt samə ros is
raɪnəfɔln ɪn des kɔltə vɔsɔ.
5. a. er is ɡʃtoom seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
b. er is ɡʃtoom fiɔr ɔvɔ seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
c. er is ɡʃtoom fiɔr ɔvɔ seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
d. ... fiɔrə ɔvɔ seks
e. er is ɡʃtoom fiɔr ɔvɔ seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
f. er is ɡʃtoom seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
g. er is ɡʃtoom fiɔr ɔ seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
h. er is ɡʃtoom fiɔr ɔ seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
i. er is ɡʃtoom fiɔr ɔvɔ seks vɔxɔ tsurɔk.
6. a. s faɪər is tsu ʃtook gven, tsu ɡrɔʊs. dɔ keɪk is ʃvɔʊts
brɛnt ɪntɔ se.
b. des faɪər is tsu ʃtook gven. keɪks saɪn ulə fɔbrɛnt
ʃvɔʊts ɪntɔ ste.
c. des faɪr vɔɔr tsu hɔʊx, kuxən is fɔbrɛnt ʃvɔʊts ɪntɔ ste.
d. s faɪər is tsu ʃtook gven, is fɔbrɛnt ʃvɔʊts ɪntɔ ste.
e. s faɪər is ts ʃtook gven. der keɪk is brɛnt gven / ɪnt
fɔbrɛnt gven.
f. s faɪər is tsu ʃtook. der kuxɔ is ʃvɔʊts ɪntɔ se.
g. s faɪər is tsu ʃtook. dɔ keɪk, er hɔt ɡɔnts fɔbrɛnt
ɪntɔ ste.
h. des faɪər is tsu hɔʊs, eɪts is maɪ kɛk fɔbrɛnt.
i. s faɪər is tsu ʃtook. dɔ keɪk hɔt sɪ fɔbrɛnt ɪn ɔfɔ /
hɔt sɪ dɔ keɪk ɪntɔɪkstrɪ fɔbrɛnt.
7. a. er tuɔt ɔɪər esn mɪtaʊs sʊlts unt mɪtaʊs pʃefɔ.
b. er ɪst ʊvəl ɔɪɔ mɪtɔnə sʊlts unt pʃefɔ.
c. er ɪst ɪmɔ ɔɪɔ mɪtaʊs sʊlts unt pʃefɔ.
d. er ɪst ɔɪɔ mɪtaʊs sʊlts unt pʃefɔ.
e. er ɪst ɔɪɔ mɪtaʊst sʊlts unt pʃefɔ.

- f. er ist imþ d ǫrð mítaus sults unt pfefo.
 g. der ist imþ ǫrð mítaus sults unt pfefo.
 h. er ist ǫrð mítaus sults unt pfefo.
 i. er hot imþ sarnæ ǫrð gesn mítaus sults unt pfefo.
8. a. i hons den var gsøkt, unt si hot gsøkt, si voelts iræno tuxto sǫŋ.
 b. i hons den var gsøkt, unt si hot gsøkt, i voelts jǫ main mǫrdl sǫŋ/si virts iro tuxto sǫŋ.
 c. i hons gsøkt tsu den var, unt si hot gsøkt , si voel sam mǫrdl sǫŋ.
 d. i hons den var gsøkt, unt si hots iræn mǫrdl gsøkt.
 e. i hon dǫs gsøkt dǫs var, si hot voeln ets fotsœln fǫn iræn duxto.
 f. er hots gsøkt tsu der frau, si voelt es tsu irænæn toxtǫ au sǫŋ.
 g. i hon tsu den var gsøkt, unt si hot gsøkt, si voelts a tsu iro tuxto sǫŋ.
 h. i hons voeln dǫs var sǫŋ, si sults iræn mǫrdl sǫŋ.
 i. i hon dǫs gsøkt tsu di varvo, unt si hots voeln au iro mǫrdl sǫŋ.
9. a. mainæ firs tuont so ftook ve. i moon, i hons ogǫŋǫ.
 b. di firs tuont mǫ so ve. i hon mǫ sæ dǫugǫŋǫ.
 c. mainæ firs tuont so ve. i deŋ, i bin tsu foel gǫŋǫ.
 d. mar feis, di tuont so ve, i deŋ, i kǫn nit meþ ge.
 e. mainæ firs tuont so ve, i deŋ i hon sæ uogǫkæn / gǫkt / i bin tsu foel umǫdum gǫŋǫ.
 f. mainæ firs tuont ve so ftook. i glaup, i hon sæ fǫloorn.
 g. mainæ firs tuont so ve, i deŋ, i hon se ǫrgǫŋǫ.
 h. mainæ feis tuont so ve, i deŋ i hon tsu foel gǫŋǫ harnt.
 i. mar feis tuont ver. i deŋ, i bin tsu foel gǫŋǫ.

10. a. i voels nimþ með top.
 b. i voels nimþ með toppæ so.
 c. i voels nimþ top vido.
 d. i voels nit með top.
 e. i voel des nimþ með top.
 f. des tuor i nimþ.
 g. i voel es nimþ tuo vido.
 h. des voel i nit með topp.
 i. i voels nimþ með top.
11. a. i ver dir om kopf hauþ; i hau dir ivon kopf mitn hoeltsæren lefl, du of du!
 b. i hau dir omæ om kopf ofi mit omæn hoeltsæriçæn lefl, du of!
 c. i ver dr hau ivo dan kopf mit a holtislefl, du of!
 d. i flø dir amæ hi om kopf mit on holtsonæn lefl, du dumær esæl!
 e. i ver dir ivon kopf hau mitn lefl.
 f. i hau driç on fedl mit hoeltsæren lefl, du of!
 g. i ver driç aufs fedl hau mit næn spun, du of!
 h. i ver dir on kopf hau mit den holtislefl, du of!
 i. i voel eom om kopf hau mit næn hoeltsonæn lefl, du of!
12. a. vo gestn hi? sul i mitge mit dir?
 b. vo gest den hi? sulmo mir mitge mit dir?
 c. vo gest den du aus? sul mir mit dir mitge?
 d. vo gest den etst hi? i voel au mitge.
 e. vo gest du hi? sul i mitge?
 f. vo gest den hi? sulnmo mitge?
 g. vo gest den hi? sul i mitge?
 h. virst du ge? sul i mitge mit dir?
 i. vo gest du hi? sulmo mir a mitge?

13. a. di tsartn hant hoot.
 b. tsartn hant flim.
 c. di tsartn hant hoot.
 d. di tsart is fleçt.
 e. tsartn hant flim.
 f. tsart is fleçt.
 g. tsartn hant flim.
 h. di tsartn juə hant hoot.
 i. tsartn hant tsu hoot.
14. a. mar liovəs kint blarp do hermt. di fleçtn gens, di vernt di barsn.
 b. mar guots/liops kint, [...], di flimo gens, di barsənt dr tsu taut.
 c. mar guots kint, blarp [...]. di voeldən gens , di barsənt di tsu taut.
 d. mar kloonə kindo, blarpts vek! di gens, di barsənt dr.
 e. di kindo, di blaimənt do hermt. di gens, di vernt dr tsəmbarsən bis daut bist.
 f. mar liopst kint, blarp ste! di besn gens barsənt dr tsun taut.
 g. mar kloonəs kint, blarp doher. di minə gens virt dr barsənt tsu taut.
 h. mar kint, blarp do, di gens vernt dr barsən.
 i. mar kint, blarp do rnt ! di gens, di vernt dr tautbarsən.
15. a. i hən hart s maistə glernt un hən mī guot bənəmo. i kən friorə hoömge vi di ondən.
 b. mīr han hart s maistə glernt unt i tuo mī guot omftoeln, i ver hoömge friorə ols di ondən.
 c. mīr hamə glernt hart , dəs mīr guot son sūln. du kənst hoömge friorə den di ondən.
 d. du həst dr guot biheft hart. kənst etst hoömge frōi.
 e. du həst hart guot glernt, unt so kənst hart frio hoömge, brauxst nit so ləŋ blam.
 f. du həst foel glernt hart unt həst dr guot koltn. du həst des

- hoom friæro vi di onðon.
- g. du høst merstæ glernt hart unt vorst þoð guot. du konst hoomge frið vi di onðo.
- h. hart høsts mairstæ glernt , ðos du þtart holst. du konst fræro hoomge, venst voelst.
- i. høst hart þo foel glernt. du konst hoom frææro ver di onðon.
16. a. du bist nit grous gnuð tsun triþo / a gontsæ floþn vaí tsu triþo. du must no með vöksn unt gresð vern.
- b. i þin nit grous gnuð fir a grouesæ floþn var, i mus no með vöksn, ðos i gresð ver.
- c. du bist nit grous gnuð, ðos du a gonts flajl var triþo konst. du must erft gresð vern.
- d. du bist nit grous gnuð tsun triþo, must erft vöksn.
- e. du bist etst grous gnuð tsun triþo, konst a houl flajl foel var triþo. du virst gresð unt virst erft grous vern.
- f. du bist nit grous gnuð tsun a gontsæ floþn var tsu triþo. du must vöksn meðr unt must gresð vern.
- g. du bist nit grous gnuð tsun vam tsun triþo, grouesæ floþn. du must erft vöksn, befor ðos kriokst.
- h. du bist nit grous gnuð, ðos so foel vam tsun triþo. du must erft no bið með vöksn.
- i. du bist tsu grous fir a gontsæ floþn of vam, bis ð omol gresð virst.
17. a. ge, sar so guot unt søks ðano þveston, si sul iræn ruk fertinan for irø muoto unt tuon no þutsn mit oono þirftn.
- b. ge, unt sa so guot unt søks ðar þvesto, si sul irø nan firþmoxo, irø vej fir irø muoto unt þutsn mit oono þirftn.
- c. ge, unt søks ðano þveston, ðos si nat di kutn fir ðar muoto unt þutst mit ðer þirftn.
- d. ger, unt søks ðar þvesto, si sul ðes nan firþmoxo, vøs ðar moma kon si ði kutn saubomoxo.
- e. ge, unt søks ðano þveston, si sul ðen vej nan unt suls fir irø muoto suls mit ðer þirftn rarbm.

- f. ge, unt bi so guot unt sökst damo fveston, si sul frotri non s gvont fir fvesto möma unt puts es mit der birftn.
- g. ge, bi guot unt sök dar fvesto, si sult di klös son fio dam muoto unt afputsn mit ön brasf.
- h. gou, sökst dam fvesto, si sult erft firtinan di vej unt aux di dam mam a birftn jusn.
- i. ge, unt söks damo fveston, du virst es firtinan. aft virsto dar möma klino hoelfo mit nö birftn.
18. a. vens du fo eom kent hest, ver s öndöst ausgöno, er tat foel beser ausse.
- b. ven i het fo eom kent. es het si beser ausgöno kot, unt er var beser ö.
- c. ven s du venikstans kent hest. [...] aft vops besö / er var foel besö.
- d. vens des kent host, konst es öndös tuo.
- e. vens du eon erft a bufl besö gvist, öläs var öndös gven / des vob beser afgven.
- f. vens du mar mö kent hest, öls var öndös gven unt er bi bisö, vo er is.
- g. vens du nöur fo hetst den menf kent. den ver öläs gönts öndös dö unt er ver beser ö.
- h. vens du hest den kent, tsarfn varnt öndöst gven.
- i. vens eon hes kent. [...] hets es biser austärnt, varst foel biser ö.
19. a. ver hot mam tsegö flarf gftoln?
- b. i vündö, ver mar tsegö flarf gftoln hot.
- c. ver hot mar flarf gftoln?
- d. ver hot mar göntsäs flarf gftoln?
- e. ver hot mam tsegö ful mit gftoln?
- f. ver hot mam keöbl ful flarf gftoln?
- g. ver hot mö mar flarf gftoln?
- h. ver hot mar bufl / tsegö flarf gftoln?
- i. vündö, ver mar tsegö hot gftoln mit den flarf?

20. a. sei hamant si so argstelt, vi ven sæ eon ofgnom hedn tsun drefn; oþv sæ hamant soelvo to.
- b. er hot to, so ven sæ eon karert hot fio tsun drefn. si hamant es olov to.
- c. er hot gmoxt, vens eom [...] drefn.
- d. hot mon eon harert fir di drefmofin; er hots soelvo to.
- e. er hot denkt, si hamant eon karert firm hults tsun drefn. di hamant neorx selvo to.
- f. i glaup, di hamant eon arkstoelt tsun drefn. di hamants soelvo to.
- g. der hot gsokt, di hot gekt grot so vi di hamant eon karert fro drefn; oþv di hamants soelvo to.
- h. si hamant eon karert tsun drefn, oþv aft hamant sis do mitaust eom.
- i. i hon mi denkt det eom hamants karert fir di drefn. unt aft hot os soelvo to.
21. a. tsu vem hot er di nar gfiqt fotscoelt ?
- b. ver hot den des fotscoelt ?
- c. ver hot er a gfiqt fotscoelt ?
- d. ven hot er di stori fotscoelt ?
- e. ver hot dir dos fotscoelt ?
- f. tsu vem hot er di nanckart gsokt ?
- g. tsu ver hamant di da stori fotscoelt ?
- h. vem host du des fotscoelt ?
- i. tsu vem hot er di gafiqtin fotscoelt ?
22. a. du must hoeldo redn, ondos foftet di er nit.
- b. du must beso frar, oþv ven nit, so foftet er om nit.
- c. du must frar hoel, oþv er foftet uns nit.
- d. du must fraio, ops er kept hot, vos si gsokt ham.
- e. du must frar. er heot di nit ondost.
- f. du must biso fram, en ondon vi er foftet uns nit.
- g. du must laut fraio. opvertst tuot er nit fofteo.

- h. du mœst lauto ren, dœs i dî fœsteno kœn. i kœn dî nîr fœsteo.
- i. du must frao, dœs er œlœs fœstet.
23. a. mir hamo miot unt duorftr.
 b. i bin ausgspœlt unt duorftr.
 c. i bin miot unt duorftr.
 d. i bin trœko unt duorftr.
 e. i bin œvo so marot unt duorftr.
 f. mir sont miot unt duorftr
 g. mir hamo miot unt duorftr.
 h. mir hamo marodr unt duorftr.
 i. i bin marodr unt duorftr.
24. a. vi mœ hant hoœmkemœ letstœ næxt, di œndœn hant jon in bet gleŋ unt sœ hamant jo gflœfo.
 b. mir hant hoœmkemœ gîstœn næxt, di œndœn hant jo in bet gven, hamant gflœfo jo guot.
 c. letstœ næxt, ven mir hoœmkemœ, di œndœn hant jon in bet unt flœfet.
 d. gîstœn næxt, ven i hoœmkemœ bin, hant jo œlœ in bet gven unt gflœfo.
 e. ven bist du hoœmkemœ gestœn af næxt? di œndœn hant jo in bet gven, hamant gflœfo.
 f. ven mœ gîstœn næxt hoœmkemœ, hant di jo miot unt dœ hamant jo gflœfo.
 g. vi mœ hoœmkemœ bin gestœn næxt, di œndœn œlœ jo in bet unt hamant fœflœftœ goŋo.
 h. ven mœ hoœmkemœ hant letstœ næxt, di œndœn hant jon in bet gven unt hamant jon gflœfo.
 i. vi mœ hant hoœmkemœ gîstœn af næxt, hant œlœ in bet vido, hamant jo gflœfo.
25. a. dœ ŋnœr is œf dœ treot blim unt is hart friœ folart.
 b. dœ ŋnœr is œf dœ treot ligoblim unt hart friœ is er folart.

- c. do fnei is glegn om grunt letstæ noxt, ovo is fõgõpõ hart frip.
- d. do fnei is ligoblim, unt in der frei is olæs vek gven.
- e. do fnei is on grunt gftano giston af noxt, ovo der ets get es holt frip.
- f. do fnei is af do trept gftono giston aft noxt unt hart in der frip is er fõgõpõ.
- g. do fnei is on grunt giston noxt gven, ovo hart frei is folamt.
- h. letstæ noxt do fnei is af do trept gven, ovo er is glamt harnt frei.
- i. do fnei is af do trept blim giston af noxt, ovo harnt frei is s fo glart.
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26. a. hinton haus ftenent drar fenæ epflbarmæ mit klopnæ routæ epfl.
- b. hinton unson haus drar epflbarmæ gftono mit klopnæ epfl.
- c. hinton haus ftenent drar fenæ, klopnæ epflbam mit klopnæ, routæ epfl.
- d. hinton haus ften a fenæ baum mit routæ epfl.
- e. hinton haus ftenent drar epflbarm mit routæ epfl om.
- f. hinton haus ftenent drar guotæ epflbam mit klopnæ routæ epfl.
- g. hinton unso haus ftenent drar fenæ epflbamæ mit klopnæ routæ epfl.
- h. hinton or haus hant drar epflbam unt hamant routæ epfl.
- i. hinton haus ftenent drar fenæ klopnæ epflbarmæ mit klopnæ routæ epfl.
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27. a. kents ulæ vootn a vaif , aft ge mo mit mit enj.
- b. kents ir a voot a vaif fir uns? aft vermõ mir mitge mit enj.
- c. konst du a poõ minutæn vootn? aft genmo mit dir.
- d. konst a bisl vootn fir mi? aft gen i au mit.
- e. konst du vootn a vaif? aft totmo rausi ge.
- f. kinst vootn a minutn fir uns? unt den mir voeln gen mit dir.

- g. kōnst vootn fir uns? dōn genmō mit mit du.
 h. kōnst a bisl vootn? unt aft gen i mit dir.
 i. ven dē mōl vootst, aft getmō olē hoom.
28. a. du dērfst nit so fojtoeln.
 b. must nit so dum sa.
 c. du must nit so dum sa.
 d. du bist juæ gjsponsi.
 e. du must nit so dum sa.
 f. du must nit so fōni sa.
 g. du must nit so gjsponsi sa.
 h. must nit so narj san.
 i. sa nit so forkt !
29. a. di hivēln hant nit tsu houX, de enkon hant foel heçp.
 b. di gēbergēn/hivēln hant nit so houX, di enon hant foel heçp.
 c. unsēnē hivēln hant reçt houX, damē sai foel hoegp.
 d. unson hivēln hant so houX, unt dam hant heçp.
 e. unsēnē hivēln hant nit so houX, vi houX hant den damēn?
 f. unsēnē gēbrgēn hant nit har, di damēn hant foel heçp.
 g. unso beergēnt hant nit tsu houX, di damō hant matj hougp.
 h. unsēnē hivēln hant nit so houX, dam hant foel heçp.
 i. di hivēln hant nit so houX, di enon hant foel heçēnō.
30. a. vifœl pfunt flarj / gmolns flarj voelst unt vifœl pfunt brout voelst?
 b. vifœl pfunt vurfj unt vifœl brout voelst ham?
 c. vifœl pfunt of vurfj unt vifœl brout voelst du ham?
 d. veifœl flarj (sœrtj flarj) unt brout voelst du ham?
 e. vifœl vurfjflarj brauxst? vifœl brout host gvoelt?
 f. vifœl vurfj vœln si unt vifœl brot?
 g. veifœl pfunt fœn vurfj unt veifœl brout voelst den du ham?
 h. veifœl pfunt flarj unt veifœl brout hostn gvoelt?

- i. verfoel pfont of flarf unt verfoel brout host du gvoelt?
31. a. i fofTEN di nit, du must a bisl hoeldo ren.
 b. i fofTE di/enk nit, must a bisl hoelero ren/must a bisl lauto ren.
 c. i fofTE di nit, du must a bisl hoelo ren.
 d. i kon di nit fofTE. re a bisl lauto.
 e. i fofTEN di nit. du must laudo ren.
 f. i fofTE di nit. du must a bisl sjar.
 g. i fofTE di nit, du must laudo ren.
 h. i kon di nit fofTE. du most hoelo ren.
 i. i kon di nit heorn. must a bisl hoelo ren.
32. a. host du a stikl vaise soife gfuno om tij?
 b. host a stikl vaise soife om tij gsen kot?
 c. host du nit gfuno a stikl vaise soife af mam tij?
 d. host a vaise soife gfuno on mar dij?
 e. host du etst di vaise soife om tij om gfuno?
 f. host de nit a stikl vaise soife gfuno of mam tij?
 g. host du a stikl / onne vaise sofn gfuno of mam tij?
 h. host du a vaise soife gfuno on mam tij?
 i. host a stikl vaise soife gfuno on mam tij?
33. a. sar brudo voel eom tsvar jene haiso bauo in oon hof.
 b. sar brudo voel eom bau tsvoo jene naræ haiso in darno jat.
 c. sar brudo voel bau tsvoo jene nar haus in darnæ jat.
 d. mar brudo voel a jes haus bauo in mar hof.
 e. der brudo hot eom tsvoo næ hauso baut in sarnæ jat arnæ.
 f. mar brudo voel si ofstoeln tsvar jene haiso in mar jat.
 g. sar brudo voelt soegæt bauo tsvoo naræ hauso in ar jat.
 h. mar brudo voel tsvoo naræ haiso bauo .
 i. mar brudo voelt eom tsvoo jene haiso bauo in mar jat.

34. a. des is fön ernst kemo / er hots in ernst gsökt.
 b. des is fö sai hepts kemo.
 c. des is ştook fön sam hepts kemo.
 d. is ştrak kemo fön sai hepts.
 e. des is ovo gret fön sam hepts kemo.
 f. des is gret fön sam hepts komo.
 g. es kimt fön hepts heo.
 h. des is ştrak kemo fön his hepts.
 i. des kimt gret fön mar hepts.
35. a. si hant s reętə dıŋ to..
 b. si hamant s reętə to.
 c. du hosts reętə to.
 d. di hants dos reętə dıŋ do.
 e. hot er dos reętə dıŋ do?
 f. di hamants reętə dıŋ gmoxt.
 g. do hot er a reętə tsarın to.
 h. du host reęt do.
 i. di hamant s reętə to.
36. a. vofir a kloonnə fogl sıtsıst do dröm af den drot?
 b. vos fir fegl sıtsıst om on ştoo mar?
 c. vos fir kloonnə fegl sıtsınt auf den kloonnə brıgl?
 d. vos fir a kloonnə fegl sıtsınt on dero vent?
 e. vos fir a fegl sıtsınt do omınt af do vent?
 f. vos fir a kloonnə fogl do om sıtsıst af do vent?
 g. vos fir kloonnə fegl sıtsınt do dröm on do kloonnə val?
 h. vos fir kloonnə feglın sıtsınt af do vent omot?
 i. vos fir kloonnə feęlə sıtsınt af dero kloonnə vent?
37. a. do bauo hot fıf öksn khot unt nar kio unt tsvoelf kloonnə şof. unt sı hants brot ins doof tsun fökafö.
 b. do farmo hot fıf öksn unt nar kio unt tsvoelf kloonnə

37. *þofələ. si hamant di in þtot brot tsun fəkafo.*
 c. *do farmos hot fimf əksn unt nam kiə unt tsvoelvə klopnə þof. si hamants brųpə þtot tsun fəkafo.*
 d. *do farmə hot en əks kət unt nam kei unt tsvoelf klopnə þofs. aft hamants sə herbrųpə tsun fəkafo.*
 e. *do farmə hot fimf þtir kət, nai kiə, tsvoelf... di hamants aməbrot fən də þtot tsun fəkafo.*
 f. *do farmə hot nam əksn unt nam kiə unt tsvoelf klopnə þof. di hamants tsun þtot brəxt tsun fəkafo.*
 g. *di farmə hamant frivə əksn unt nam kiə unt tsvoelf klopnə þof. di hamants tsun vilitþ brųpə tsun fəkafo / tsu þtot brųpə sun fəkafo.*
 h. *do farmə hot fimf ros unt nai kei unt tsvoelf þof kət. si hamants aməbrot tsu der þtot tsun fəkafo. / unt di hot er aməbrot in doþf.*
 i. *der farmə volt seks əksn, nam kei unt tsvoelf klopnə þof. di hamants brųpə in þtot tsun fəkafo.*
38. a. *di lart hant ələ draust in foelt hart unt tuont man.*
 b. *ələ lart ələ draust in foelt hart unt tuont man.*
 c. *ələ lart hant in foelt hart unt mant .*
 d. *di gəntsn lart hant draust in foelt hart unt tuont gros þnam.*
 e. *ələ di lart hant avsıgəpə ins lənt hart friə unt hamant mat.*
 f. *ələ lart hant draust in foelt tsun man.*
 g. *ələ di lart hant draust in foelt hart unt tuont man.*
 h. *di lart hant hart ələ draust in foelt unt tuont man.*
 i. *ələ lart hant draust in foelt unt tuont man.*
39. a. *ge ju, der braunə hunt tuot dir nıks.*
 b. *ge, ... tuot do nit ve tuə.*
 c. *ge vekə, der braunə hunt is nit vegməxt.*
 d. *ge on, unt der braunə hunt, der tat di nit ve.*
- e. *ge, der braunə hunt, der baıst di nit / der virt di nıksə tuə.*
 f. *ge, der braunə hunt virt di nit baısen.*

- g. ge, der braunə hunt virt di nit barsən.
 - h. der braunə hunt, der tuot di nit ve.
 - i. ge, ge, der braunə hunt tuot di nit ve.
- 40.
- a. i bin mit den lart mitgfoon dol umə in di vis unt aft ins vortsnoelt.
 - b. i bin mitgfoon mit do lart ... tsurək ... unt amə ins vortsnoelt.
 - c. i bin gfoon mit di lart ivo di hartro unt in vortsnoelt.
 - d. i bin hintri gfoon in vortsnoelt.
 - e. i bin tsurək gfoon mit di ondən lart ivo pesta unt ins vortsnoelt amə.
 - f. i bin hintri gfoon mit di lart ivos lont in d vis amə.
 - g. i bin mit di lart gfoon ibə di pejta unt di vortsnoelt.
 - h. i bin mit di lart hintri gfoon in pesta unt aft dödurx bin i in vortsnoelt.
 - i. i hon gfoon di lart tsən [...] unt in vortsnoelt.

Excerpts from Free Conversation: ¹

a1 Anecdote about Good Friday and the Emperor

is in bukovina draust. mam muoto fotsœlt.---
hœt onnær in koofraitøk in gootn goovvat. do is do kaisœ firkemœ. unt
do is do kaisœ ſteoblim. 'no, har, du bist do ſo ult. tuost in gootn nœ
oovvatn. hœst du ker buom?' 'jo, mir han drai.' 'no, vos tuonts den?'
'der onnæ is a lero, onno is a mertiro und der onnæ is a bedlo.' hœt
eœn do kaisœ gfrœkt: 'no, vi moonst etst du do?' hœt œ gsœkt: 'do
lero,der is a fullero, der tuot kindo leono. der mertiro, der is a dœkto,
der mœrtært lart. unt der bedlo, der is a pfœro, der bedlt imo um goelt'
aft hœt eœm der kaisœ pension gem.

It was out there in Bukovina. My mother told me the story.

Someone worked in the garden on Good Friday. The Emperor came by and stopped.
"Oh hello, you are already an old man. You are still working in the garden. Don't you
have a son?" "Yes, we have three ." "So, what do they do then?" "One of them is a
teacher, another a martyr, and the third one is a beggar." Then the Emperor asked him:
"What do you mean?" He replied: "The teacher is a school teacher, he teaches
children. The martyr is a doctor. He tortures people. And the beggar, he is a priest.
He always begs for money. Afterwards the Emperor granted him a pension.

a2 Anecdote about someone called Schneider

do is a reœto, ſleœto kerl gven, reœt dœrxtriœm. n ſnairdo, hamant si eœn
kœisn. sai nomæn gven. hœt onno gsœkt: 'den ſnairdo, ven i eœn
oœmœl erviſn tat, vœl, do tat i eœn so onnæ ſtopm un eœn tsuœbindn unt
ins vusœ verfo unt ivœ brœk in flœs amœverfo.' aft hœt er eœn oœmœl
erviſt. hœt eœn amœgſtopt in den sœk unt tsuœbundn. œn veœ in ſtot is
di brœk gven, unt s vusœ gruno. is er goœp, hœt ern troœ. is er hikemœ
œf brœk. 'i ſtoel eœn donido. i ge erſt in ſtot. i hœn a gſeft tsun doœ

¹ The placement of punctuation in these excerpts is arbitrary and is used only to separate phrases and sentences.

drin. ven i tsuruk kem, aft virf i eon no ins vuso rane in sok drin.'
 is fuort. unt do snardo, do fleçtæ kerl, hot gsøkt : 'i sul birgomaisto
 vern unt kon nit lesn unt nit fram.' unt do is oono firgøp, hot eon
 kent. 'jo, i kon lesn unt fram. i kon birgomaisto vern.' do snardo
 gsøkt : 'no, los mi auso. unt ge du ane. aft konst birgomaisto vern.'
 aft hot er eon ofgbundn, der snardo rauso, unt der ondræ ane. unt do
 snardo hot eon tsungbundn unt is fuort. der ondræ tsuruk kemø fon do
 stot , nimt den sok unt virft eon ane do ins vuso. hot er en fokeotn
 amegvofn ins vuso. do snardo dofankemø vidø. so fleçt is er gven,
 eçtø durxtriøbæno kerl gven.

There was once a rather bad guy, a rather cunning man. They called him the Taylor.
 That was his name. So someone said: "If I ever catch the Taylor, I would kick him,
 and tie him up, and throw him into the water, and throw him over the bridge into the
 river. Later he caught him. He stuffed him into the sack and tied it. The bridge was
 over the river on the way to town. Then he left and carried him. He came onto the
 bridge. "I will put him down. First, I am going to town. I have to do some business
 there. I will throw him into the water when I come back." So he left. And then the
 taylor, the bad guy, said: " I am supposed to become mayor, but I cannot read and
 write." And then someone came by and heard him. "I can read and write. So I can
 become mayor." "Then let me out. You go in. Then you can become mayor." Then
 the man untied the sack. The Taylor jumped out and he got in. And the Taylor tied the
 sack and left. Later the other guy came back from town. He took the sack and threw it
 into the water. He threw the wrong person into the water. The Taylor got away again.
 He was so bad, a real cunning guy.

a3 Anecdote about the boiled egg

hamant tsvoø kairøt in bukovina draust. -- mit di kuxtn øro. -- unt er
 hot geon vooxkøxtæ øro gesn. unt si hot si imø herx kuxt køt, imø herx
 kuxt. unt aft vooø møl fon tñ, hot sis vidø kuxt køt, vidø herxt. hot er
 gsøkt : 'no olæ, i hon gsøkt, i tat di øro geon vooxkøxtæ ham. etst

høst es vidø herxt.' unt si hət gsøkt : 'øltər i vøðs nıt, vøð løus is mıt dø ørð. i høns tsvo ştunt køxt unt høns nıt vøðx krıøkt.'

Two people got married out there in Bukovina. -- It is about the boiled eggs. -- And he liked to eat boiled eggs. And she always made hard boiled eggs, always hard boiled eggs. As soon as they were eaten she made some boiled eggs again, hard boiled ones. Then he said: "But woman, I said I would like to have soft boiled eggs. Now they are hard boiled again." She replied: "But man, I do not know what is wrong with the eggs. I boiled them for two hours and they would not become soft."

a4 Anecdote about life after the wedding

hamant tsvar jøŋø karrat dø. unt hət so dødrømənt drar føn samnø kømərødn gsøkt : 'etst is dar herşøft aus. etst vırst nıt mēð her gsøkt hıno. etst vırt si her gsøkt ın haus.' 'ø nø, nø, is jø nıt.' unt øn øndøn tøk ırgəntvøn is er øfgştondn ın dø frıø, si hət kuxt, unt hamant gesn. hət si gsøkt: 'vøl etst, du vırst etst des gşır vøşn. i høn kuxt, etst tuø ø des gşır vøşn!' 'nø, døs is dar ørbat.' 'nø, nø, du kønst dø ø høelfø.' unt han ø ştrat kēmø, hamant gşırtn. hət si øn ıntøn tış aməgjøkt. is dø nøxbør ømøkēmø, samnø nøxbør øsuxø vøelt. sıtst er ıntøn tış. 'dø har, du sıtst şø ıntøn tış. vøð isn løus?' 'i køn sıtşø ın mar haus, vø i vøelt.'

Once two people got married. So the man was being razzed by his friends who said: "Your dominance is over now. Now you are not the boss in the house anymore. Now she is called the boss in the house." "No, no, that is not true", he said. And then the next day, sometime in the morning, he got up. She had made breakfast and they ate. Then she said: "Well, now you will do the dishes. I made breakfast, now you can do the dishes.." "No, that is your job", he replied. "No, no, you can also help", she answered. And then they quarreled. So she chased him under the table. Then the neighbor came by to visit. The man was sitting under the table. "Hi, you are sitting

under the table already. What is going on?" He replied: "It is my house. I can sit where I want."

a5 Anecdote about the sad widow

di hant nit lön karrat gven. is er krön vönn unt gftööm. unt glaiç is kocufrarito gven. unt si hot gflent. olæ eönn naigröm. hamant irænə fovöntn gsökt : 'brauxst nit flend. du bist dö nö juñ. konst dö vido hairötn.' unt si hot gsökt : 'jö, ovo nit för onston.'

They had not been married for long. He fell ill and died. And it was Good Friday. And she cried her eyes out when they buried him. Her relatives said: "You do not need to cry. You are still so young. You could marry again." And then replied: "Yes, but not before Easter."

a6 slaughtering a pig

svar gflöxt. hamöns gfosn, ogftuxo, des bluot, avsblint hamöt . aft hamöns obrent in kuxæthöpsn vuso. unt aft ogröpft, aft hamöns ofkeñt, ogvufn, je okrotst vido mitn mesö. aft hamöns ausgnömo, des fvaræt ofkeñt, okæln lösn, aft heögsfnitn. aft hamöns hejö lösn a varl, aft hamöns argultsn in sultsvuso glösn unt aft hamöns grauxt in vintö. unt aft brotn unt gesn. unt in sumö hamöns heögsfnitn of kloönə jtrkl, heögsparilt unt brotn unt in den hefö amätöo, mit fetn ivösvemö. unt des hot sr külnn firn sumö den veç, hamö in sumö fvarnæsflarf kot.

We slaughtered a pig. We shot it, killed it and bled it. Then we poured boiling water over it. Then we cleaned it and hung it up. Afterwards we scraped it nicely with a knife. Then we gutted it, hung up the pig, and let it cool. Then we cut it . We left it hanging for a while and salted it and left it in salt water. In the winter we smoked the meat. And later we also fried it and ate it. And in the summer we cut it into little pieces that we fried. Then we put the meat in a pot layered with fat. And this way it kept until the summer. So we had pork in the summer.

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mar gæbet hot uns unsø muoto gleont kōt. hamo uns misn ulæ noxt - di jnjon gven - ekstro nidoknion misn fon ir fon bet - si is jo jo im bet blim gven - unt si hot uns forbeto kōt. unt do, ets vernmo ovo di erste komunion tsu nemo kōt, ets hamo des gæbet misn ulæs enljf leono. des is hoort gven. hamo in di julæ goŋ gven, hamo nit kind enljf ren. si, ulæs is dartsj goŋ gven. is nit enljf gret vooŋ dohoom, venmo so baronont gven. si, mar brudo, der vilr, drmo in do stot, sarnæ kindo kmænt nit dartsj ren. mar buo sarnæ kindo kmænt nit dartsj ren. es get ulæs enljf. mar buo kon ren. si, es is ovo hoort, ven er so mit di enljfæn baronont, si. i red ovo dartsj mit eom. ven i sran tuo, i sran, des dartsjæ kmt vekæ. mir hamo a ulæ dartsj kmt kōt. di oelton hant jo gftoom mit do dartsjn sprox, si. ovo ets di jnjo, dos is niks meo.

My mother taught us our prayers. Every night we -- the young ones -- had to kneel down in front of her bed. She was already in bed then. She led the prayer. Later we had to learn all the prayers in English for the first communion. That was hard. We attended school and could not speak English. See, everything was in German. We did not speak English at home, when we were together. See, my brother, Willy, in town, his children cannot speak German. My son's children cannot speak German. Everything is in English. My son can speak German. See, it is hard, when he is together with the English-speaking (people), see. I speak German to him, though. When I say something, I say that German is going away. We all were able to speak German. The parents died with the German language, see. But now the younger ones, there is nothing there.

b2 Halushki Recipe

i vil do etst tsomj, vi i halusjki mox. i vil etst flarf rjctæn, vos tsun amætuo. unt do krauthapl. i vil do aft tsomj. dis hant etst halusjki, hon i argvikælt in krautblodln. unt vens etst oon esn tuost, etst tuosts ausonont nemo. unt ven mos tsuomoxo, si, tsu- rolno unt aft amæstumpm in do sarn. tuot des tsomholtn den. des hant etst marnæ flarfvrstl. di hon i in letstn vnto moxt, jo, jo. sults unt pfefo, knofælet

pouðo unt a tsvifæl jnaræn, nrt amælo. vens a kloos harpl nemo tuost,
 vos nrt tsu grouc høn. varl, vens a grouc harpln hōst, must blādln
 hulbo duxfnam. unt dōs must aft tsuerft ms vuso ramætuo, hōs vuso,
 dōs blādln ovo konst tuo. krautharpln, des mus ms vuso kem, dōs sē
 voox vem unt olē niç dōn breçp. a rmdn dra, dōs tuost ovofnam, dōs
 des nrt tsu drk virt. des hant larçto tsun rōln, si. ovo vens tsu grouc
 hant, blādln, aft konst in dō mrt duxfnam, si.

I want to show you how to make halushki. I will prepare the meat that you put inside
 the halushkis. And the cabbage. I want to show you that afterwards. These are the
 halushkis. I wrapped them in cabbage leaves. And if you want to eat one you unwrap
 the cabbage leaf. And then we close it again, roll it up and push in the ends. This way
 it does not fall apart. -- These here are my sausages. I made those last winter, yes,
 yes. Add salt and pepper, garlic powder, and then slice an onion, but do not add it yet.
 Take a little leaf. Because if it is too big you have to cut it in half. You have to put it in
 water first, in hot water so that you can take off the leaves. The cabbage leaves have to
 be softened in water so that they do not break. Just cut off the rind so that it is not too
 thick. Then it is easier to roll the leaves, see. But if the leaves are too big, you can cut
 them in the middle, sec.

How many do you make?

vort a mōl. i mus mōl jaun. der rais, kent der rais amæ. des høn i
 ulēs afgfrim. pfefo, sults, des glarçə tuost, si, unt knofələt sults. unt
 aft a tsvifæl erft amæfnar, vens dē si mōl arulno tuost, di krautharpln,
 si. oriorn, of s flarf tuo unt aft arulno, si. i vil dō des mrtfiko, des
 flarf, des i ogrçtət høn. - nō nrt mainə hent etst gvōfn. - si, oh, des is
 a sositj dō. unt des is hembərgp. əbaut hulvot unt hulvot. meo
 sositj, ven si tsu fet is, vei hembərgp, sonst veon si tsu truko, si. tuost
 nur sults amæ. i tuos amol proviorn. tuo i etst knofələt drin, sults,
 pfefo, unt etst dō rais, ausvōfn. ei olweis wōj mai rais. des must etst
 kuxo. si, unt dō mus jō, lōnsom misn s kuxo. den mus i miksno dō.

Wait a minute, I have to see. The rice is added. I wrote it all down. Pepper, salt, take the same, see, and garlic salt. And afterwards you slice in an onion, when you wrap the cabbage leaves, see. Stir it, pour it over the meat, and then wrap it. I want to give you the meat that I prepared. - But I have not washed my hands.- See, oh, that there is a sausage. And that is hamburger meat. Take about half and half. Take more sausage if the hamburger meat is too fat, like hamburger; otherwise they become too dry, see. Just add salt. I will just taste it. Now I will add garlic, salt and pepper, and then the washed rice. I always wash my rice. That has to cook now. See, that has to, it has to cook slowly. I have to mix that over there.

Does it have to be cooked?

ðos mʊs ɛtst ɔfvɑrmɔ, kɪn mɔs ɛsn. ɪn a bɔks, hɪntn ɪn koɛlb, hɔt ʃɔn kuxt kɔt. kɔnst mɪt hoɔmnɛm, kɔnst ɛs sɛɔ. sʊlst ɔfmɔxɔ, vɛn s aɪgrʊlt vɛrn, sɪ. - nɑ, do nɪt, ɛrʃt vɛn sɪs ɔffoɛln tuɔt, ɛrʃt vɛn sɪ s mɔxɔ tuɔt. sɪ, ɔvɔ vɛn sɪs nɪt mɔxɔ tuɔt glɑɪ, sɪ kɔn dɛs ɪn frɪsɔ rɑɪnɛtuɔ. sɪ, ʊnt ɪ hɔn nɔ dɛs nɪt tuɔn, tsvɪfɛl dɔ nɪt ɑnɛtuɔn, sɪ, dɔs ɔ frɪʃ ɪs, dɔs dɛs ɡʃmɔɔ ɪs.

It has to be warmed up. Then we can eat it. I had it in a box in the basement. It is already cooked. You can take it home with you. You can see it. You should open up the meat when you want to wrap it in the leaves. See, but if she does not want to make them right away, she can put the meat in the freezer. -- See, and I have not made that yet. I have not added the onion, see. It has to be freshly sautéed.

How much meat do you use?

sɪ, vɛns a sɔsɪʃ ɛbaʊt so ɡrɔʊs tuɔst, vɔs ɪ dɔn mɔxɔ, mɛɔrɛ sɔsɪʃ vɛɪ hɛmbɛrgɔ, sɪ. a hɛmbɛrgɔ mɔxts tsu trʊkɔ, vɛn tsu foɛl dɪɪn ɪs. ɛɪ ɛm ɡɔŋ to trɑɪ ɪt nɑʊ hɪɔ. ɪ tuɔ ɔ vol tsvɪfɛl ɑnɛ, dɔs ɛs ɔɔn ɡuɔtn tɛɪst hɔt. dɛs hɑmɔ nɪt kɔt ɪn frɪɔrɛn ʃɔɔn, dɛs hɑmɔ nɪt kɔt. sɪ, ɪ jus frɔ foɛl tsɑɪç dɛs ɡɑɪlɪk sɔlt. sɪ, ɪ hɔn ɔ dɛs ɔnjɔn pɑʊdɛr, ɔvɔ ɪ tuɔ, tsvɪfɛl kɛɔt sɪ ɑnɛtuɔ. dɛs tuɔt mɛɔ flɛrvɛr mɔxɔ. sɪ, dɔs ʃmɛkt mɔ ɔ, sɪ. sɪ, ɪ hɔn dɛŋkt, dɪ vɪrst du ɑnɛʃnɑm. du voɛlst ɛs hoɔmnɛm, du voɛlst ɛs ɡfrɪɔm. ɪ vɔɔs nɪt, vɛɪ ɛs hɑnt, vɛn a tsvɪfɛl ɡfrɪɔrt vɪrt, vɛn

si rø hant, si. vens des mǫxt tust, amæfœln. aft kǫnst ɛs vikæln tu, si.

See, if you use about that much sausage about that. I then use more sausage than hamburger meat, see. Hamburger meat gets too dry, if you use too much. I am going to try it now here. -- I also add an onion so that it gets a good taste. We did not have that in former years. See, I use garlic salt for a lot of things. See, I also have onion powder. But I add, an onion has to be added. It adds more flavor. See, you can taste the difference, see. See, I thought you wanted to add it. You want to take it home, you want to put it in the freezer. I do not know what happens to a fresh onion, when you put it in the freezer. -- When you do that, fill it. Then you can wrap it, see.

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ven i bin juŋ gven, hamþ kvi trektors nit kǫt, kvi trakks nit. hamþ mitn ros hamþ goþrvat, fœl goþrvat mit n rosnæn. hǫt di ɛntn, ven mǫ vǫrts gŋnitn ham. aft hamþ misn olæs mit der govæl tu. den vǫrts hamþ misn in ŋtok amætuo, aft ven mǫ fœtik gven han mit der ɛntn. þrɛŋmaŋin is aft kemþ unt hamþ aft droŋn ɛn vǫrts. aft hamþ ɛn vǫrts, sumþ gfoon tsu dǫ grænri. in vintǫ oft ham misn fiþx fuþðon. olæ tǫk ham misn a lot fuþðo rainæfoþn fiþs fiþx unt ros, ju nǫv. hamþ hǫt goþrvat kǫt. hamþ kǫþ bæþrum kǫt, ham misn a bæþ nemþ oþmol d vǫxæ in a vǫŋtab. ɔm ofþ hamþs misþ hritn, s vǫsþ. unt aft in sumþ hamþ a fasl draus kǫt mit vǫsþ ǫgfoelt. unt aft ðon ðæ sun hǫts vǫm gmǫxt, des vǫsþ in fasl. hamþ kǫþ fæn nit kǫt, kǫþ ɛæ kændrŋnŋ nit kǫt, kǫþn reidruv nit.

When I was young we did not have tractors or trucks. We worked a lot with horses. We harvested when we cut the wheat. Then we had to do everything with the fork. After harvesting the wheat we had to put it in stocks. Later the threshing machine came, and we threshed the wheat. Then we had the wheat, we took it to the granary.

In the winter we often had to feed the animals. Everyday we had to get a lot of feed for the animals and the horses, you know. We had to work hard. We did not have a bathroom. We had to take a bath in a washtub once a week. We had to heat up the water on the stove. And later in the summer we had a barrel outside that was filled with water. And then the sun heated the water. We neither had a fan nor air conditioning, and no radio either.

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mír hamð ǫls gjár rausötub fön þöng unt hamð glasn vöfn. hamð ðó kindö gfontöt . aft þín í hörmgfoöru, hön mí selvo öglekt. ðó þín í umökemö tsu ðó marí. aft hön í ðen polí kolt. hön nít gvíst, vo er rísn ís.

We took all the dishes out of the cupboard and washed the glasses. We fed the children. Then I drove home and got changed myself. And then I came over to Mary's. Then I got Paul. I did not know where he was.

e 1 phone call (with a1)

oker, fedð, sí voelnt vísni, öp ðes tat tsu vakíní umæfoönn. aft brauxænts nít þís elís tsurík öll foönn, eñ tsönn afhem. unt tsu ðó rosí basl hífoönn unt aft ðönn sá eñ ðó umæ drar. umæ drar ðönn tsu rosí basl híkemö. nöjö, ðes kents endö hífoönn. -- virst hífíno tsu ðó rosí? -- sí höt gsökt, sí fínt ðen veç hí, ðes ís ka próblem nít. unt ven nít, kón sá af ðí rosí basl foönn unt aft kents hífoönn, vo ðes ís ín vakíní.. oker, ölrart. jó, sí höt gsökt umæ drar. voelst fö ðá merí endö stöpm, hæ? merí kímt tsu ðó rosí basl umæ aft umæ drar. --- nöjö, í ver se. í vöps a ve, ölés föges í ísía. --- ná, ðí hept eönn nít af, sí hept fö af, vös í sok. rart, ðí guötn lart. -- nöjö, í þín ets sel fö tsvo stönt ðó gsítst mít ír. í hön bölt kenö frö mír önn nos möxo, fö í þín fírú gvönn. í hön gsökt, þís í þín fírú gvönn, í hön mí ðenkt, í ver mí nö nos möxo. -- sí vern frí

do rosi basl umækemþ. si hamant gsókt, es is olrart. aft tuo i di nrt
varto boðem. olrart ðæn, gut bar.

Okay uncle, they want to know whether you are driving over to WaKeeney. Then they do not have to drive back to Ellis to pick you up. And you drive to aunt Rosi's, and then you will be there at three. You come to aunt Rosi's around three. -- No, you can drive there later. -- Will you find your way to Rosi's? -- She said she will find the way, it is no problem. And if not she could call aunt Rosi. Then you can drive over to where it is in WaKeeney. Okay, alright. Yes, she said at three. -- Well, I will see. I do not know much either. I easily forget everything. -- No, she does not record him. She records what I say. -- Right, the good people. -- I myself have sat there with her for two hours. I could have almost wetted myself before I finished. I said I thought I would wet myself before I was done. -- They will come over to aunt Rosi's. They said that it is alright. Now I do not want to bother you any longer. Alright then, good bye.

ven marnə kɪts hant klɔp gven, di hamant kɔpn varnɔxtɪn nɪt kɪrɔkt fɔhɛp. ven səs kɪrɔkt, hamant dis varnɔxtɪn af nɔxt. unt dɔ hamants mɪsn vɔotn vi mɔ hamɔ gesn kɔt. unt mɪsnt vɔotn bɪs kɪrskɪndl kɛmɔ is. unt so ɔɪnə nɔxt hamants kɛmɔ nɪt vɔotn bɪs kɪrskɪndl kɛmɔ is. hamant dʊm gɔŋp, ham gʊkt, ɔp s kɪrskɪndl ʃɔ kɛmɔ is. unt dɔ hamant ɔlə dɛs gfʊnd, vɔs sɛ hens so krɛm fɔn kɪrskɪndl. unt a ʃtɪkl is nɪt dɪrn gven, hamɔ fɔʃtɪkt kɔt ɪn dɔ kɔrʃɛt. unt ven mɔ han aɪnəkɛmɔ, han sɛ ɔlə kʊpft, varɪ s kɪrskɪndl is ʃɔ kɛmɔ gven. unt der ɔvɔnə hɔts nɪt glɪçɔ, vɔɪl sɑɪ vɑgl is nɪt dɪrn gven, vɔs ɛr hɔt gvɔɛlt. aft hamɔ gʊkt : ' vɛl, hamɔ ʊns s kɪrskɪndl fɔjʊkt, dɔ hɔt ɛts dɛs vɑgl nɪt brʊŋp, dɛs vɪrts ʊns ɛts ʃpɛtɔ brʊŋp'. unt aft nɔ dɛm hamɔ gesn hɔt, unt aft is fɑɪnlɪ s kɪrskɪndl kɛmɔ unt hɔt ɛm sɑɪ vɑgl brʊŋp.

When my children were little, they did not get any Christmas presents before Christmas. They would get it on Christmas Eve. And they had to wait until after dinner. And they had to wait for the Christ Child to come. And on such a night they could not wait for the Christ Child to come. They walked around and asked whether the Christ Child had already come. And then everyone found what they got as a present from the Christ Child. And one piece was missing that we had hidden in the carshed. And when we came in they all jumped for joy because the Christ Child had already brought their presents. And one of the children was not happy because the toy cart he had wished for was missing. So we said: "Well, we chased away the Christ Child. He did not bring the cart. He will probably bring it to us later." And after dinner the Christ Child finally came and brought him his toy cart.

Wisconsin questionnaire

Informants

- a. 1
- b. 2

House and Home

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| 1. | This is the kitchen. | a. des is kuxlǽ. |
| | | b. dis is s kuxl. |
| | Some houses have two kitchens. | a. ʊr haisǽ hamant tsvo kuxǽn. |
| | | b. ʊr haisǽ hamant tsvo kuxln. |
| 2. | The stove is in the kitchen. | a. der ofǽ is in dǽ kuxl drin. |
| | | b. der ofǽ is in dǽ kuxl. |
| | We have two stoves in our house. | a. mir hamǽ tsve ofǽ in unson haus. |
| | | b. mir hamǽ tsve efǽ in haus. |
| 3. | Light the fire! | a. kents farǽr ǽ! |
| | | b. kent du s farǽ! |
| 4. | The wood is in the stove. | a. des hũlts is in ofǽ drin. |
| | | b. s hũlts is in ofǽ drin. |
| 5. | They burned all the coal. | a. di hamant ʊl di kuln fǽbrent. |
| | | b. si hamant ʊlǽ kuln brent. |
| 6. | The chimney is burning. | a. der rauxraum tuǽt brǽnǽ. |
| | | b. der raufǽŋ tuǽt brǽnǽ. |
| 7. | The oven is hot. | a. der broxǽhǽǽn is hǽps. |
| | | b. der ofǽhǽǽn is hǽps. |
| 8. | The window is broken. | a. s fenstǽ is brũxǽ. |
| | | b. s fenstǽ is brũxǽ. |
| | Their kitchen has two windows. | a. ǽrǽ kuxlǽ hot tsva fenstǽ. |
| | | b. ǽrǽ kuxl hot tsvo fenston. |

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1. Shut the door!
Both doors are open.
2. The doorknob is broken.
3. The sink is in the corner.
4. The faucet is leaking.
There are two faucets.
5. This ceiling is high.
Not all the ceilings are high.
6. Where is the footstool?
7. This is my chair.
There are five chairs in the kitchen.
8. They are sitting in the living room.
- a. mǫx tíorx tsuð!
b. mǫx tíor tsuð!
a. ulæ tsvo tíræn hant ufo.
b. ulæ tsvo trǫm hant ufo.
a. s tíorxflǫs ís bruxð.
b. s tíorgflǫs ís bruxð.
a. ðæ sínk ís ín ek.
b. sínk ís ín ek ðrín.
a. ðø bítmø rínt.
b. []
a. ðø sí hant tsvo bítmø.
b. []
a. ðø ðrǫm ís höux.
b. ðø ðøðn ís höux.
a. ulæ ðrǫms hant nít höux.
b. nít ulæ ðøðn hant höux.
a. vo ís s fuosftøelø?
b. vo ís ðer fuosftøelø?
a. ðís ís mǫr sēsæl.
b. ðís ís mǫr sēsæl.
a. ðø hant fínf sēsæl ín ðer øðr kúxlø.
b. sí hant fínf sēsæln ín ðø kúxl.
a. ðí fta ulæ ðrín ðø ín ðer ekstræn ftum.
a. sí sítsænt ín ðø sítsftum ðrín. /
bestø ftum

3

1. We have one real little room.
Some houses have even two such little rooms.
- a. mír hamø øð ræxt kløpnø ftum.
b. mír hamø a ræçtø kløpnø ftum.
a. úr háiso hamant tsvo kløpnø ftimøn.

2. The pantry is small.
3. The dishes are in the cupboard.
4. The kitchen is on the first floor.
- The bedrooms are on the second floor.
5. He's up in the attic.
6. He goes upstairs.
7. The stairs are not very wide.
- b. *vi harsø hamant tsvo kloona stimo.*
- a. *di spærø is kloø.*
b. *di pentri is kloø.*
- a. *s gsjr is in frønk drin.*
b. *s gsjr is in sōŋ drin.*
- a. *di kuxlæ is in erstæn stok.*
b. *kuxl is in erstæn fløe - erstæn stok.*
- a. *di fōsløfstum hant in tsvartæn stok.*
b. *betstimen hant in tsvartn stok.*
- a. *er is om tsviŋn dox unt den bodn.*
b. []
- a. *er get on bodn ofr.*
b. *er get om bodn ofr.*
- a. *di trepæn hant nit broot.*
b. *stigeln hant reŋt var.*

4

1. This bedroom is large.
- The bedrooms are upstairs.
2. This bed is soft.
- There are two beds in this room.
3. The bedsheets are clean.
- Take off the dirty bedsheet.
- a. *a sløfstum is groos.*
b. *di bet stum is groos.*
- a. *di sløfstimen hant on bodn om.*
b. *di betstimen hant tsvartn stok.*
- a. *des bet is voox.*
b. *des bet is voox.*
- a. *do hants tsvoø betn in der eor stum.*
b. *si hant tsvoø betn in dero stum.*
- a. *s lartuoX is rar*
b. *lardioxo hant rar.*
- a. *tuoø des drekiŋe lartuoX ovo.*
b. *tuo ovo di drekiŋen lardioxo.*

4. The quilt is warm.
Tonight we need a couple of quilts.
5. He sleeps without a pillow.
This pillowslip is dirty.
Bring me those clean pillowslips.
6. He's lying in bed again.
Yesterday he was lying
7. The dresser is in the bedroom.
She has a couple of dressers.
8. cradle
- a. di dēkn is voom.
b. di dēkn is voom.
a. hait nōxt braux mō tsvo dēknō.
b. hait mismō tsvo dēkn ham.
a. er sluft mitaus pōistəl.
b. er sluft onə pōelstəl.
a. des pōistətsnōç is drekt.
b. des pōelstəl is drekt.
a. brn̄ di pōistətsnōçən.
b. brn̄ mō ramə pōelstotsnōçəln.
a. er likt im bet vido.
b. er likt im bet vido.
a. gəstn̄ hōt ɒ dən gōntsn̄ tək gləŋ.
b. gəstn̄ is er im bet liŋ ən gōntsn̄ tək.
a. dər spioxoʃrōnk is in dər slufstum.
b. dər spiovəlʃōŋ is dɪn̄ in dō betstum.
a. si hōt tsve spioxoʃrōnk.
b. si hōt tsve spiovəlʃōŋ.
a. a viox
b. viomō

5

1. That's an old stone house.
2. He built a brick house.
3. He built two frame houses.
4. log-cabin
5. The new house is larger than the old one.
- a. dis is ən ɔʊlt ʃtoʊhəʊs.
b. dis is ən ʊlts ʃtoʊhəʊs.
a. er hōt des tsiçəlhaus baut.
b. er hōt a tsiŋglhaus baut.
a. er hōt tsvo heltsonə haisə baut.
b. er hōt tsve ʃtik haisə baut.
a. a haus mit bəŋglɪts
b. []
a. tsvo nairə haisə. des grəʊsə is ʊltə.

6. They're living in the doctor's house.
It's the house which I sold to him.
7. This is our house.

That is your house.

And that is their house.
- b. des narə haus is gresə vi des ulti.
a. si vonə in den dukto sar haus.
b. si vonənt in dukto sarhaus.
a. des haus hən der ɔn mi fokaft.
b. dis is des haus, vos er ɔn i hən fokaft..
a. dis is unso haus.
b. dis is unso haus.
a. dis is dar haus.
b. dis is dar haus.
a. unt dis is enə haus.
b. unt dis is ɛrə haus.

6

1. Where does he live?

Where did he live last year?
2. How would it be if we went now?
3. I was there yesterday.
4. You were there too?
5. Let's go home!
6. He's mowing the lawn.
7. He walked between the houses.
- a. vo vount ɔ?
b. vo tuɔt er vounɔ?
a. vo hət ɔ friɔ den gvount?
b. vo hət er gvount letst job?
a. vi var des ven mɔ ets gen tan?
b. vi vars, ven etst tast ge?
a. i bin gestɔn do dɔgven.
b. i bin dɔgven gestɔn.
a. du bist a do dɔgven.
b. du bist a do dɔgven.
a. do gemɔ ets hoɔm!
b. foɔmɔ hoɔm!
a. er ʃnait s groɔs inɔ hof.
b. er mat s gros.
a. er get tsviʃən haɔsɔn.
b. er is gɔɔp tsviʃən haɔsɔ.

1. She's drying the dishes.
She dropped the dishrag.
2. The water bucket is empty.
Bring two buckets right away!
3. He's carrying a bucket of water.
He carried the swill bucket away.
4. The swill bucket is outside.
Where is the sprinkling- can?
5. Here's the basket.
Haven't you got some other baskets?
6. She's wringing the clothes.
7. The wash is on the line,
it's drying nicely.
She is ironing the clothes.
8. The barrel is full.
- a. *fi trækæt s gʃir rar.*
b. *si tuot s gʃir odríko.*
a. *fi hot a gʃirfetsn oifoln løsn.*
b. *s gʃirfetsn is oigfoln.*
a. *der vusokopæ is larx.*
b. *der vusokopæ is lar., fir trínkvusð in haus.*
a. *bríj tsve kópæn ets glar!*
b. *bríj mð tsve kópæn glar!*
a. *er trókt a kópæ vusð.*
b. *er trókt den kópæ vusð.*
a. *er hot des drekiçæ vusð ausþronj/vektionj.*
er hot ən drekiçæn kópæ vektionj.
a. *der drekiçæ kópæ is draust.*
b. *der drekiçæ kópæ is draust.*
a. *vo is dæ guskandl?*
b. *vo is di ʃpritskandl?*
a. *vo is der tsekð fir di vej unt tsun kafb.*
b. *vo is der tsegð fir dæ vej unt fir grosæri kafb.*
a. *host du nit ultæ tsekðn?*
b. *host kur ondðn nit tsegðn?*
a. *si vrinjt dæ vej aus.*
b. *si vint dæ vej ausð.*
a. *di vej is af dð lam draus tsun trekæn.*
b. *di vej is af dð lam, tuot je trekæn.*
a. *si tuot dæ vej bigðln.*
b. *si tuot vej bigðln.*
a. *des fasl is ful.*
b. *s fasl is ful.*

He bought a keg of beer.

- a. er hót a fasl bíor kaft.
- b. er hót a fasl bíor kaft.

Farm and Buildings

9

- 1. This farm is sold.
 - a. di fam is fokaft.
 - b. di fam is fokaft.
- He sold both farms.
 - a. er hót tsvo fams fokaft.
 - b. er hót ulə tsvo fams fokaft.
- 2. Our farm has 80 acres.
 - a. unsö fam hót oxtsik öko.
 - b. unsö fam hót öxtsik öko.
- Your farm is larger than theirs.
 - a. dar fam is gresö vi dero.
 - b. sar fam is gresö.
- 3. They don't live on their farm.
 - a. si vonö nit af dö fam.
 - b. si vonönt nit af dö fam.
- We have a renter on our farm.
 - a. mir hamö a rentö af unsöno fam.
 - b. mir hamö ən rentö af unsöno fam.
- Our son runs our farm.
 - a. unsö buö rant unsö fam.
 - b. unsö buö rant fam.
- 4. That fence is new.
(barbed wire)
 - a. di fens is nar (firn fens drot)
 - b. der fens is nar. (fens drot)
- All the fences are new.
 - a. ulə fensn hant nar.
 - b. ulə fensn hant nar.
- 5. If I were a farmer
I'd have a tractor.
 - a. i ven a farmö var, i het ən trektö.
 - b. ven i a farmö var, i het ən trektö.
- 6. Some people work in
town and some farm.
 - a. ul lart öovatn in der stot unt ul famöt.
 - b. ul lart öovatönt in der stot unt af der fam ul.
- 7. We go to work.
 - a. mir genmö in der öovat.
 - b. mir genmö ets to öovat.

8. He works on the railroad. a. er oðvat af ðo relærot.
b. er oðvat af ðo relærot.

10

1. They built that barn last year. a. si hamant ðo a stol baut ferdn.
b. si hamant den stol baut letst job.
2. We walked over to that red barn. a. er is umogango tsu den rouðn stol.
b. mir hamo umogango tsu den rootn stol.
3. The barn floor is empty. a. ðer tæot is lærx.
b. ðer stolbodn is lær.
4. One hay-mow is still empty. a. ðo stolbodn is a no lærx.
b. oð haifstol is lær.
Two mows are already full. a. tu stolbodn hant so ful.
b. tsvo haifstoln hant ful.
5. He cleaned the stable. a. er hot den stol ausgmist.
b. er hot den stol ausputst.
6. The cows are in the barnyard. a. di kio hant in ðo korel.
b. kio hant in korel.

11

1. The granary is full. a. di grenæri is ful.
b. di gnæri is ful.
We have two granaries, a. mir hamo tsvo grenæren, a ulto
an old one and a new one. unt a nar.
b. mir hamo tsvo grenæri, oð ulto
unt oð narð.
2. What do you call the building a. a svaifstol
where the pigs are kept? b. ðo svaifstol
3. What do you call the buildings a. henostol.
for chickens? b. henostol

4. This well is very deep. a. dɔ brʊnɔ ɪs rɛçt tʊf.
b. dɔ brʊn ɪs rɛçt tʊf.
5. My garden is small. a. dɛr goʊxtɪn ɪs kloʊ.
b. maɪ goʊtɪn ɪs kloʊ.
- We don't have two gardens. a. mɪr hamɔ kʌ tsve goʊxtɪn.
b. mɪr hamɔ kʊɪ tsve goʊtɪn.
6. He's working in the garden. a. ɛr ɔʊvət ɪn goʊxtɪn.
b. ɛr ɔʊvət ɪn goʊtɪn.
7. What is the privy called? a. ən ɔptɪt.
b. dɛr ɔptɪt.

Crops and Implements

12

1. The rye is cut. a. dɛr rɔŋ ɪs ɡʃnɪtɪn.
b. dɛr rɔŋ ɪs ɡʃnɪtɪn.
2. The barley is ripe. a. dɪ ɡɛrʃtɪn ɪs tsarɪ.
b. ɡɛrʃtɪn ɪs rarɪ.
3. We will cut the oats soon. a. dɛr hoʊvɔ vɛrmɔ bʊlt ʃnar.
b. vɪr vɛrmɔ ən hoŋ ʃnar bʊlt.
4. He left one bundle lying. a. ɛr hɔt a bɪŋl ɪŋ lɔsn.
b. ɛr hɔt ən bɪŋl ɪŋ lɔʊsn.
- These bundles are too big. a. dɪ bɪŋlə hant tsu ɡrɔʊs.
b. dɪ bɪŋlɪn hant tsu ɡrɔʊs.
5. You take that shock. a. du nɪm dɛn ʃok.
b. du nɪm dɑɪn ʃok.
- There are a lot of shocks on that field. a. dɔ hant foələ ʃoks ɪn dɛn foelt.
b. sɪ hant foel ʃoks ɪn foelt.
6. We'll begin threshing tomorrow. a. moʊŋ vɛrmɔ s dɹɛʃn ɔfoŋɔ.
b. vɪr vɛrmɔ moʊŋ dɹɛʃn.
- He has already threshed. a. ɛr tuɔt ʃɔ dɹɛʃn.
b. ɛr hɔt ʃɔn dɹɔʃn.
7. We had a good harvest. a. mɪr hamɔ a ɡuɔtə ɛvnt kɔt.
b. mɪr hamɔ a ɡuɔtə ɛvntɪn kɔt.

13

1. The plow is broken.
They have two new plows.
2. He plowed all day.
They are plowing the sod.
3. He tried to plow but
it was too dry.
4. He's using the drag.
They're using two drags,
but one is mine.
5. We sow wheat in the fall.
6. We plant corn in the spring.
7. He's cultivating the corn.
- a. der pfluox is hr.
b. der pfluo is broxo.
a. di hamant tsve narə pfliox.
b. si hamant tsve pflio.
a. si hamant den gontsn tək
gokot.
b. er hot ən gontsn tək gokot.
a. di hamant di erə afgokot.
b. si tuont tsat afbrexo.
a. si hamant voln okon, ovo es is
tsu trəko gven.
b. er hot a voeln okon, ovo is tsu
trəko.
a. ets just ɒ ən ʃtrafo.
b. er just den kreto.
a. di jusn tsve ʃtrafo, ovo oono is
dɒ marə.
b. si hant tsve kreton, oono is dɒ
mar.
a. di baunt den vɔrts in hiɔrkst.
b. mir tənno vɔrts in hiɔrkst
baun.
a. di baunt den kukuruts in
friɔjɔ.
b. mir tamə kukuruts in friɔjɔ
baun.
a. er kultəvertit den kukuruts.
b. er tuot en kukuruts kuləveton.

14

1. He's mowing the marsh.
a. er mat di sumpfn.
b. []

- I mowed it last year.
2. He walked through the marsh.
3. I must buy a new rake.
4. The first crop of hay was very good.
The second crop is almost fit to cut.
5. He said they need the hay themselves.
6. He has an old wagon.
We should have two wagons.
7. He will loan the wagon to you.
He often loaned me the wagon.
8. He said he didn't need it
- a. i hõns ferdn gmat.
b. i hõn letst jõõ gmat.
- a. er get durn di sumpfn.
b. er is durn gõõõ.
- a. i mus a narõ reço kafõ.
b. i mus a narõ reço kafõ.
- a. der erfstõ krõp har is reýt guot gven.
b. der erfstõ krõp har is guot gven.
- a. dõ tsvaltõ krõp is built tsun ðnarõ.
b. dõ tsvaltõ krõp is a guot tsun ðnar.
- a. si sønt, si brauxent des har søelvõ.
b. er brauxts har olõõ hõm.
- a. er hot en ulten voj.
b. er hot en ulten voj.
- a. mir sultmõ tsve voj ham.
b. mir sultmõ tsve voj ham.
- a. mir larçtmõ dir den voj.
b. er virt uns en voj larn.
- a. er hot mi eon ðõ oft glin.
b. er hot mi oft en voj glin.
- a. er søkt, er brauxtn ets nit.
b. er hot gsøkt, er brauxtn õrts nit ham glar.

15

1. That was a good buggy.
Nobody uses buggies nowadays.
2. Here's the whip.
- a. des is a guotõ bogi gven.
b. s is a guotõ bogi gven.
- a. ets jusn nmõ, kar bogis meõ.
b. si tuont bogis nmõ brauxõ.
- a. dõ is di partfn.
b. dõ is di partfn.

3. Light the lantern!
I still have a couple of old lanterns.
4. I could use a nail to hang it up.
5. Here is a short nail.
I must buy some short nails.
6. A new broom sweeps clean.
7. You should sweep the floor every morning.
The floor ought to be swept today.
8. We'll scrub today.
- a. kent lutern ð.
b. kent lutern ð.
a. i hön no tsvo luntermön.
b. i hön no tsvo loternö.
a. i kant den nogl jusn tsun afheþö.
b. i müs a nogl höm tsun afheþö.
a. ðö is a kurtso nogl.
b. ðö is a kurtso nogl.
a. i müs kurtso negl kafö.
b. i müs kurtso negln kafö.
a. a narö besn kent je.
b. a nar besn tuöt rar auskeön.
a. du sulst ulö friö rauskeön.
b. du sulst treöt afkeön ulö friö.
a. der fuösbödn sul hart auskeöt vern.
b. treöt sul hart auskeöt vern.
a. mir vöfmo raf hart.
b. hart vermö afvöfn.

16

1. The shovel is broken.
He broke the shovels.
2. I can't find the needle.
I couldn't find it anywhere.
3. Aha! We found that needle.
We found it on the floor.
4. I have a pin.
- a. di þaufl is hr.
b. þauflö is broxo.
a. er höt di þauflö broxo.
b. er höt þaufln broxo.
a. i fint di nödl nit.
b. i fint köö nödl.
a. i köns nirgänts fimö.
b. i fints nirgänts nit.
a. mir hamös gfunö, di nödl.
b. ha, ha, i hönt nödl gfunö.
a. mir hamös af ðö treöx gfunö.
b. i höns gfunö af der treöt.
a. i hön ön pin.
b. i hön a þpeödn.

- Where are the knitting needles? a. vo hant di striknodln?
b. vo hant den triklnodln?
5. Take this match! a. nrm des mætʃ!
b. nrm des tsɪnthœltsl!
- Give me that box of matches! a. grɪp mɒ di bɒks mætʃəs/
tsɪnthœltsl !
b. grɪp mɒ di bɒks tsmthœltsln!
6. He's smoking a pipe. a. ɛr rəʊxt pfaɪfə.
b. ɛr rəʊxt də pfaɪfə.
- He has three pipes. a. ɛr hət draɪ pfaɪfn.
b. ɛr hət draɪ pfaɪfn.
7. He's smoking his and I am smoking mine. a. ɛr rəʊxt di saɪ, unt i rəʊxt di maɪ.
b. ɛr rəʊxt di saɪ, unt i rəʊxt di maɪ.
8. This is strong tobacco. a. ðə təʊkə ɪz ʃtoʊk.
b. ðɪs ɪz ə ʃtoʊkə təʊkə.
- That's chewing tobacco. a. ðes ɪz tʃu. (kaʊtəʊk)
b. tʃu
- (to chew gum) a. bɪç ɡnaʊʃn.

Animals and Fowl

17

1. One leg of this dog is black. a. ʊn haksə fɒ den hʊnt ɪz ʃvɒʊts.
b. ʊn haksn fɒ den hʊnt ɪz ʃvɒʊts.
- I use these dogs for hunting. a. ɪ juːz di hʊnt tʃɒn ʒɒxn.
b. ɪ hɒn di hʊnt fɪr ʒɒxtɪn.
2. The dog barks. a. ðɜr hʊnt baɪt.
b. ðɜr hʊnt baɪt.
3. Lie down! a. lek dɪ nɪdɒ!
b. lek dɪ nɪdɒ!
4. He lets the dog loose. a. ɛr lest den hʊnt ləʊs.
b. ɛr ləʊst den hʊnt ləʊs.

- The dog was let loose last night.
5. That cat caught a mouse.
- We have four cats.
6. That's a big tomcat.
- These little kittens are pretty.
7. The cattle are in the pasture.
- She's a good cow.
8. She's got a big udder.
- We have ten cows.
- The calf is sucking; we sold three calves today.
- a. der hunt is letstə nɔxt lous gven.
b. der hunt is lous lɔsn vɔn gestɔns nɔxt.
- a. di kɔtsə hɔt a maʊs gfɔŋt.
b. di kɔts hɔt a maʊs gfɔŋt.
- a. mɪr hamɔ fiɔr kɔtsn.
b. i hɔn fiɔr kɔtsn.
- a. des is a grɔʊsb kɔtɔ.
b. dis is a grɔʊsb kɔtɔ.
- a. di kloʊn katsl hant ʃe.
b. di kloʊn katsələ hant ʃe.
- a. s gfɔx is in pesta.
b. s fiɔx is in pesta.
- a. dis is a guɔtə kuɔ.
b. dis is a guɔtə kuɔ.
- a. si hɔt a grɔʊs auɔtɔ.
b. si hɔt a grɔʊs auɔtɔ.
- a. mɪr hamɔ tseɔ kiɔ.
b. i hɔn tseɔ kiɔ.
- a. des kalvəl saʊxt; mɪr hamɔ drar kalvɔn fɔkɔft hart.
b. s kalvəl saʊkt; mɪr hamɔ drar kalvəlɔn fɔkɔft hart.

18

1. This heifer will soon calve: the heifers are outside.
- The bull is in the stable.
- We have two bulls, a young one and an old one.
- a. dis hʊlvəl vɪrt bʊlt a kalvəl kriɔn; di ɔndɔn kulmɔ hant draʊst.
b. di kʊln vɪrt vɔl aʊsʃitn; di kʊln is draʊst.
- a. der kiɔftɪr is in ʃtɔl.
b. der bʊl is in ʃtɔl drɪn.
- a. mɪr hamɔ tsve kiɔftɪr, ɔn juɔn unt ɔn ʊltɪn.

- b. mir hamð tsve bðls, oon juŋð
unt oon ultn.
2. Oxen aren't used anymore.
Gee, he's a big ox!
3. How do you call the cows
from the pasture?
4. That horse is mine.
5. The old mare is in the pasture.
6. He's a big stallion.
7. That's a pretty little colt.
8. He has a team of geldings.
He just bought another gelding.
- a. ðksn hant nit mer gjust.
b. d ðksn hant nmmð gjust.
a. dis is a grouso ðks!
b. jei, des is a grouso ðks!
b. kið føn pesta.
a. des ros is mar.
b. des ros is mar.
a. di ultə stuotn is m pesta.
b. di ultə mar is m pesta.
a. dis is a grouso heŋst.
b. er is a heŋst.
a. dis is a tsimliç kloðns foeln.
b. des is a jes kloðs foeln.
a. er hot a poð valaxən.
er hot tsvoð juŋð ros.
a. er hot ən ondøn valax kaft.
b. er hot eðm ən ondøs ros kaft.

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1. I have a white horse.
I went to town with that horse.
2. What do you say to make horses
go and stop?
3. This old sow has five
little pigs.
He always keeps five old sows.
- a. i hon a vaissə ros.
b. i hon a vaissə ros.
a. i bɪn m di ʃtot gfoon mit den
vaissə ros.
b. i bɪn m di ʃtot mit den vaissə
ros gfoon.
a. /gedɪʌp ho/
b. /gedɪʌp ho/
a. di ultə tsuxt hot fɪnf ʃvaɪlð.
b. di tsuxt hot fɪnf kloðnə ʃvaɪlð
bekoðð.
a. er hot imð fɪnf ultə tsuxn.
b. []

4. That boar is mean. a. *der bernø is fólj.*
b. *der bernø is flim.*
- special term for cut pig. a. []
b. *ausgflitnø*
5. The little pigs are still suckling. a. *di klopn flvarlø tsonø no imø.*
b. []
- One little pig is sick. a. *øð kløð flvarl is krøn.*
b. *øð kløðs flvarinkl is krøn.*
- He always has a lot of pigs. a. *er hót imø føel flvarl.*
b. *er hót øvøl føel flvar*
- He sold one pig. a. *er hót øpnø føkøft.*
b. *er hót øð flvar føkøft.*
6. How do you call the pigs at feeding time? a. *sul, sul.*
b. *ðos øðr aip fresn fresø tuot.*
7. We have both, white and black sheep. a. *mír hamø varisø unt flvøotisø fløf.*
b. *mír hamø varisø unt flvøotisø fløf.*
- One white sheep died. a. *øð varisø fløf is hī vøðn.*
b. *øð varisø fløf is hī.*
- We have no goats. a. *mír hamø kūr gais.*
b. *mír hamø kūr gøis.*
8. That's a pretty little lamb; she had two little lambs. a. *dis is a flis lampl; si hót tsvøð kløpnø lampln køt.*
b. *dis is a flis lampl; si hót tsvøð køt, kløpnø lampln.*
- He is a mean old buck; what do you want with two bucks? a. *er is a grøubø bøk; vøðs vøelst du mīt tsve bek?*
b. *er is a øltø bøk; vøðs vøelst du mīt tsve bek?*

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1. We give our chickens corn. a. *mír gøpmø ønsøø hønø køkørutis.*

- You give your chickens oats.
- They give their chickens barley.
2. The hens lay better in the spring than in the fall.
- The chickens are cackling.
3. We saw a rat among the little chicks; one little chick is sick.
- The cluck has left the nest.
4. The rooster is crowing.
- This year we have five roosters.
5. How do you call the chicks and chickens at feeding time?
6. We have no geese.
- I bought a goose.
- The old gander is mean.
We have some young geese.
7. The ducks are butchered.
We kept one drake.
- b. mir gemō unsonə heno kukuruts.
- a. du gipst damə heno hovon.
b. du gipst damə heno hogon.
- a. di gemt derəno heno gerʃn.
b. si tuont derno heno gerʃtn gem.
- a. di heno leŋt besə in frijoo vi in hīrkst.
b. di heno leŋt besə in frijoo onʃtət in hīrkst.
- a. di heno kakln.
b. di heno tuon gogotsn.
- a. mir hamō ən rats gsen hnto di kloon heŋkln; oo kloos heŋkl is kroŋ.
b. mir hamō ən rats gsen hnto di kloon henlən; oo henl is kroŋ.
- a. di glukə is fə nest ɔrganə.
b. di gluk is ovon fon irən nest.
- a. der hənə krat.
b. der hənə tuot kran.
- a. hōrō hamō fmf hənə.
b. dis joo hamō fmf hənə.
- b. /pip/
- a. mir hamō kui gens. i hən a gəns kaft.
b. mir hamō kʊr gens. i hən a gəns kaft.
- a. der ʊltə gənsəro is fuorʃ. mir hamō juŋə gens.
b. der gənsəro is ʃlm. mir hamō juŋə gens.
- a. di antn hant gʃlɔxt. mir hamō oon antəro rvokoltn.
b. di antn is gʃlɔxt voon. mir hamō oon antəro koltn.

8. This drake has one white feather in the tail.
- a. **der antərə hət ɒn vaɪsə fedə ɪn ʃvoʊf.**
- b. **der antərə hət ɒn vaɪsə fedən ɪn ʃvoʊf.**

Vegetables and Fruits

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1. The beans are good this year.
That's a large bean.
- a. ... hant hərə guot gven.
b. **di fɪsəl nant guot dis jɒ.**
- a. **dis ɪs ə grəʊsə fɪsəl n.**
b. **dis ɪs ə grəʊsə fɪsəl n.**
2. I like peas.
I wish we had horseradish.
- a. **i glɑɪç ɒvəs.**
b. **i glɑɪç ɒvəs.**
- a. **i vʊlt, mɪr hetmə ən kre.**
b. **i vʊlt, mɪr hetmə ən kre.**
3. I don't like cabbage.
Give me a head of cabbage!
What do you call the sour fermented kind?
- a. **i glɑɪç kə kraʊt.**
b. **i glɑɪç s kraʊt nɪt.**
- a. **gɪp mɪ ə kraʊthɑɪpl.**
b. **gɪp mɪ ə hɑɪpl kraʊt.**
- a. **səʊrəs kraʊt**
b. **səʊnə mɪl.**
4. This is strong garlic.
We have cucumbers in our garden.
- a. **der knɒflət ɪs ʃtɒk.**
b. **dis ɪs ə ʃtɒkə knɒflət.**
- a. **mɪr hɑmə ʊmərkən ɪn ʊnsən goʊdn.**
b. **mɪr hɑmə ʊmərkən ɪn goʊdn.**
5. Buy a bunch of onions!
We have beets in the garden.
- a. **kʌf ə bʊnç tsvɪfəl!**
b. **kʌf ə bʊnç tsvɪfəl!**
- a. **mɪr hɑmə ru:tə ru:m ɪn ʊnsən goʊdn.**
b. **mɪr hɑmə ru:tə ru:m ɪn goʊdn.**
6. That's a big carrot.
The carrots are good
- a. **dis ɪs ə grəʊsə gəʊlbə ru:m.**
b. **dis ɪs ə grəʊsə gəʊlbə ru:m.**
- a. **di gəʊlbə ru:m hant guot hərə.**

- this year.
- b. di goelm ruom hant guot dis job.
7. He planted a row of potatoes.
- The potatoes should be hilled.
8. Give me a good big potato!
- There aren't many big potatoes this year.
- a. er hot a rai treapfl baut.
- b. er hot baut a rai treapfl.
- a. di treapfl suln ofkarflt vern.
- b. treapfeln hant ofkarflt.
- a. gip mo en guotn groustn treapfl!
- b. gim mo en groustn treapfl!
- a. hon nit guotæ treapfl hoio.
- b. si hant nit foel groustæ treapfl job.

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1. We don't raise head lettuce.
- I like lettuce; it tastes good.
2. This tree has red apples.
3. He picked a red apple.
4. These trees have sweet plums.
5. Buy raisins today.
6. Pick only the ripe strawberries!
- He ate a ripe strawberry.
7. We also have raspberries.
- a. mir resmo komæ harpl solot.
- b. mir tuomo koin kupfsolot baun.
- a. i glaiç solot; er smekt guot.
- b. i glaiç solot; er is guot.
- a. dis is a routo epflbaum.
- b. der baum hot routæ epfl.
- a. er hot en routn epfl oklaupf.
- b. er hot oklaupf en routn epfl.
- a. di bom hamant siostæ tsvefmo.
- b. di barmæ hant siostæ pflaumæ.
- a. kaf hartæ resins.
- b. kaf resins hart.
- a. klaup blous di tsartichen stroberis o!
- b. tuo blous di raifn stroberis [...]
- a. er hot a tsartichæ stroberi gesn.
- b. er hot a raifæ stroberi gesn.
- a. mir hamo a ondona birlo.
- b. mir hamo a resberis.

Meals and Meats

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| 1. | We milk before breakfast. | a. mır tsartmø befor møs friðstık
esn. |
| | | b. mır tuomø tsardln foon friðstık. |
| 2. | What did you eat this
morning? | a. vøs høst du gēsñ hart frið? |
| | What do you two usually
eat for breakfast? | b. vøs høst gēsñ hart frið? |
| | | a. vøs tuost du gævenlıç esñ fon
den ðo frið? |
| | | b. vøs tuost du gævenlı esñ fir
monstık? |
| 3. | We had company at the
midday meal. | a. mır hamø harsalat kōt firn
mıtōkesñ. |
| | | b. mır hamø harsolat kōt geston
nōmıtōk. heslat |
| 4. | Come over for the
evening meal! | a. kem umə fir hart af nōxt tsun
esn! |
| | | b. kem umə fir nōxtmol esñ! |
| 5. | Have you any word for a light
lunch between meals? | a. tsvısn der moltsart a bısl esñ. |
| | | b. høst du ən larçtn lunst tsvısn
esn. |
| 6. | We'll eat the left-overs
this evening for supper. | a. mır esmø hart af nōxt vøs
ivøblım ıs. |
| | | b. mır vermø, vøs ivøblım ıs, fir
nōxtmol. |
| 7. | I helped myself to meat. | a. mır hamø selvø külfø tsun
flarst. |
| | | b. i høn mø külfø ın flarst. |
| 8. | This is good beef. | a. ðıs ıs guōt rıntflarst. |
| | | b. ðıs ıs a guōts rıntflarst. |
| | I like pork too. | a. i glarç svaməsflarst a. |
| | | b. i glarç svailarst a. |
| | But I don't like mutton
or veal. | a. ovo i glarç sofflarst nıt, vøs glø
i nıt, kalvøflarst nıt. |
| | | b. ovo i glarç kōp sofflarst, ovo
karvølsflarst nıt. |

1. We make our own sausage. a. mir mōxmō unsənən argənə
virft.
b. mir mōxmō unso argənə virft.
- Our smoked sausage is good
this year. a. unsərə rauxtīn virft hant haro
guot.
b. unsərə rauxtīn virft hant guot
dis jōb.
2. We always make liver sausage. a. mir mōxmō imō levōvirft.
Also blood sausage. b. mir tuōmō ovəl levōvirft mōxō.
a. unt ax presmōŋ.
b. unt bluotvirft.
3. Do you have any other kind
kind of sausage? a. hats ax ən ɔndōn virft?
b. hōst du ɔndənə virft?
4. We got ten gallons of lard. a. mir hamō tseō galon fetn
kriōkt.
b. mir hamō tseō galon fetn.
5. What do you call the little solid
bits left after the lard is rendered? a. kramlīn
b. kremələ.
6. The intestines are still warm. a. di dōrm hant no vōox - vōōm.
b. di dōrm hant no vōōm.
7. Do you have one word for liver,
lungs and heart together? a. levō, lūŋə, heōts
b. levō, lūŋə, heōts mītoōnōndō

Foods and Drink

1. I break the eggs into the pan. a. mir hant ɔrō aingflōŋ in dō
rain.
b. i hōn dē ɔrō broxō in dō rain.
- She broke an egg. a. si hōt ən oō broxō.
b. si hōt oō oō broxō.
- The yolk is still soft. a. dēr dōtr is no vōox.
b. s goelbə is no vōox.
2. They could stand some
salt and pepper. a. di kantn no sults unt pfefō
jusn.

3. This is sweet cream.
Butter is made out of sweet cream.
4. This butter is good.
5. I like cottage cheese.
6. What do you call the milk from which cottage cheese is made?
7. She baked bread yesterday.
8. The fire was too hot; the bread is burnt black at the bottom.
- b. si kenæn sults unt pfefo brauxo.
a. dis is siwsə fmetn.
b. dis is a siwsə fmetn.
a. butər is gmøxt fən dō siwsn fmetn.
b. butər is gmøxt fən siwsn fmetn.
a. dō butər is guot.
b. dō butər is guot.
a. i glaiç ən kuxn kas.
b. i glaiç ən kas.
a. fotn
b. sawonə mil.
a. mir han geston brout bakō.
b. si hot brout bakō geston.
a. s farər is nō hōps. des brout is fvoots brent into se.
b. s farər is hōps. des brout is fvoots brent into ste.

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1. He eats only wheatbread.
Buy a ryebread today.
2. The yeast is spoiled.
3. She is baking cookies.
4. Why don't you bake a cake.
5. She made doughnuts
(raised or baking powder?)
I ate a fresh doughnut.
- a. er ist fet voitsnbrout.
b. er ist jets voitsnbrout.
a. er kaft a rønbrout.
b. kaf rønbrout hart!
a. der jist is fōdoom.
b. der ist is fōdoom.
a. si bōkt bargən.
b. si bōkt bargəln.
a. vern tuost net den keik bōkō?
b. ve tuost du kōon keik bōkō?
a. si hot fmultsrīnl gmøxt, fən bōkpulvo.
b. si hot dounats bōkō.
a. i hōn a frīfə fmultsrīnl gesn.
b. i hōn a frīf dounat gesn.

6. Give me a piece of pie!
I could eat two pieces of pie.
7. That's a mighty small piece of pie.
Two such small pieces aren't enough for me.
8. I wish you would make dumplings.
- a. gip mir a stíkl par!
b. gim mǫ a stíkl par!
a. i kǫn tsva stíklǫn esn.
b. i kǫn tsva stíklǫn par esn.
a. dis is ən reçtə kloð stíkl par.
b. dis is a reçtə kloð stíkl par.
a. tsva so kloðnə stíklǫn hant tsveŋ fə mi.
b. tsva so kloðnə stíkləð par hant nít gnuð fið mi.
a. i hǫf, du dast ðə nedl mǫxð.
i vult, du dast nedl ...

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1. Don't let the breadcrumbs fall on the floor!
I like the crust.
2. This is the best honey I ever had.
3. I am thirsty.
4. Give me a drink of water!
5. Names of alcoholic drinks.
6. Don't drink too much!
He always drinks too much.
7. He got drunk.
- a. lo ðə brǫutbreslǫn nít ǫmfǫln!
b. tuð ði brǫutkrámələ - bresəlǫn nít ǫmfǫln drausn af trent!
a. i glaiç ðə ríndn.
b. i glaiç ði fəntsɪ.
a. dis is s bestə hek, vos i mǫl kǫt hǫn.
b. dis is ðer bestə hek, vos i ǫmǫl kǫt hǫn.
a. i bín ðuorçtr.
b. i bín ðuorçtr.
a. gip mir a vuso tsun trínǫ!
b. gim mǫ a glasɪ vuso!
a. fnoʊps, bɪər , vaɪ
b. []
a. trɪŋk nít tsu foel!
b. trɪŋ nít tsu foel!
a. ɛr trɪŋkt ɪmð tsu foel.
b. ɛr trɪŋkt ovəl tsu foel.
a. ɛr ɪs bsufð gven.
b. ɛr ɪs bsufð vɔðn.

8. He's a real old drunk. a. er is a riçtigø bsufæno.
b. er is a reçto bsufæno.

Trees and Flowers

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1. This appletree is ours. a. ðer epflbam is ðer unso.
b. ðer epflbaum is ðer unso.
These appletrees are ours. a. di epflbarmæ hant di unson.
b. di epflbarmæ hant di unson.
2. The orchard is behind the house. a. ðer oupstgootn is hinton haus.
b. opstbaum is hinton haus.
3. This oak is old. a. ðis ok is ult.
b. []
These oaks are high. a. di ouks hant houh.
b. []
4. The acorns are falling. a. di triv vernt grouh.
The buds are getting big. b. []
5. He climbed up higher and higher. a. er is hexo unt hexo raufokralt.
b. er is afgftij heo unt heo.
6. The leaves are falling off. a. di blado fvlñ do.
b. di bladn fvlñ do.
In the fall the dry leaves fly through the air. a. in hiorxst di trukn blado blost ðer vint ðurh ðe luf.
b. in hiorxst di trukn bladn flumt umoðum.
7. That tree has long branches. a. ðer baum hot loŋon est.
b. []
Cut off this dry branch! a. snar ðen ðrukn ust do!
b. []
The bark is rotting. a. di rindn is faulø.
b. []

1. Roses smell nice. a. \int traisl \int mækn \int e.
b. di blumð \int mæko \int e.
2. That's a lilac bush. a. dis is a lailar bu \int - \int tok.
b. []
3. We have some asters.
That color is pretty. a. di fo ν r is \int e.
b. di fo ν r is \int e.
4. I like forget-me-nots. a. i glai \int , ven m on ni om fo gesn
tuot.
b. []
- I touched some nettles. a. i h on oglo ν t ne dls .
b. []
5. There are elderberries in the woods. a. in d e vult hant birlo.
b. []
- He is cutting thistles. a. er \int nart disl.
b. er tuot disln \int nar.

Small Life

1. The squirrel is in the tree. a. des oi \int katsl e is in baum om.
b. des oi \int katsl is drin in baum.
He shot three squirrels. a. er hot drar oi \int katsln g \int osn.
b. er hot drar oi \int katsl g \int osn.
2. A mouse ran across the floor. a. a ma ν s is iv on fu osbodn grent.
b. a ma ν s is iv o \int tum grent.
If we had a cat the mice wouldn't be so sad. a. ven m o a k ots hent, d on di
m ois nit so \int lm sa.
b. venm o mir a k ots hent, v ont
ma is nit so \int lm.
3. A rat killed one of the chicks. a. a rat hot v us f on di hendln d o
kolt.
b. a rats hot hendln okolt.

- There are more rats now
now than ever.
4. The bird is flying away.

Now all the birds are
flying away.
5. A real little bird fell out
of the nest.
6. The sparrows flew away.
7. There is an owl in that tree.

There aren't many owls
around here.
8. The hawk caught a chicken.
- a. ets hant mēð ratsn, vis gveņð
hant.
b. si hant ets mēð ratsn vi ugl
gven hant.
- a. di feġl flūņt fuort.
b. ðer fogl is ðofogfloņ.
- a. hart flūņt ulə feġl fuort.
b. ɔrtst voņn ulə feġln
fuortgfloņ.
- a. a klops feġl is fōn nest
ausņgfōln.
b. oð klops feġələ is fōn nest
ausņgfōln.
- a. di spōtsn flūņt fuot.
b. di spōtsn hant ðofogfloņ.
- a. ðo is a nōxtōrlə in ðen bam
om.
b. oð nōxtōrl is m bam oðm.
- a. ðo hant nrt fōel nōxtōrln nūmð.
b. si hant nrt fōel nōxtōrln ðo.
- a. ðer hēņgārð hot a hēņ gfoņt.
b. ðer hēņgārð hot a hēņ gfoņt.

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1. I shot a crow in the cornfield.

Why are the crows cawing so?
2. The young crows have all
left their nest.

This nest is empty too.
- a. i hōn a hōnə ġfōsn m
kukurutsfōelt.
b. i hōn a krovə ġfōsn m
kukurutsfōelt.
- a. vern ðōn di rubm ulə no
gnaufn?
b. ve tuont di krovənə so frar?
- a. di juņə rubm hant ulə fōn eņrə
nesto ausfaut.
b. di juņə krovən hant fōn eņrə
nesto rausņgfōln.
- a. ðes nest is etst a larx.
b. ðes nest is a lar.

3. Names of other birds.
4. The frog hopped into the water.
The frogs are singing.
What is a pollywog called?
5. There is a toad in the garden.
6. I killed a big mosquito in the bedroom.
The mosquitoes are bad this year.
7. A bee stung me.
A swarm of bees flew over.
8. Look out! There are hornets here!
- a. do fruf is ins vusð ramækupft.
b. do dröfkæ is ins vusð ramækupft.
a. di frej sígønt.
b. di dröfkn tuønt sígø.
a. do is a fruf in gøvtn dñn.
b. do is a dröfkæ in gøvtn dñn.
a. i høn a grousñ goels erfloñ in do fløfstum.
b. i høn a møskito økølt in der betfstum dñn.
a. di goelsñ hant flim harø.
b. møskitos hant flim dis jøø.
a. a bi høt mñ gftøxø.
b. øø møskito høt mñ bisñ.
a. a grousø buf bis/bins ivøgfloñ.
b. øø gøntø jvøøm møskitos hant ivøgfloñ.
a. jau aftør! hant vøil binøn, vus steçæt.
b. []

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1. The fireflies are out tonight.
An ant is crawling on my hand.
2. A bumble-bee landed on my neck.
3. A grasshopper jumped into
- a. di keføñ, vus dñrdi hamant, di hant hart af nøxt heraus.
b. di farøkeføñ hant hart heraus.
a. a umøisñ krøixt øf mamø hent.
b. di umøisñ krøixt øuf mainø hent.
a. a bi is øf mar gnak afi gfloñ.
b. []
a. a harrisl is in mar hemøt ramækupft.

- The grasshoppers are very bad this year.
4. What a pretty butterfly.
5. A moth flew out of my coat and no bedbugs.
6. The flies are bad in hot weather.
- A bug flew into the room.
7. A bat flew past.
8. Names of other insects.
- b. a harrisl is amækupft in mar hemæt.
- a. di harrislh hant reçt flim hamo.
b. di harrislh hant flim dis joo.
- a. vos jeno kefo flukt.
b. []
- b. kura vontsn
- a. di flumh hant flim in hoosn veto.
b. flumh hant flim in hoosn veto.
- a. a kefo is in mar stum amægfløj.
b. a kefo is amægfløj in mar stum.
- a. a fegl is geston firfløj.
b. []
- a. kefo, marfultoløn

Topography

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1. He stood on the hill.
- The hills around here are low.
2. He saw a light from the top
- He sees me down here.
3. The road goes uphill.
- The road goes downhill.
- a. er is on hivæl om gftono.
b. er is om hivæl om gftono.
- a. di hivæln do umo hant nit houh, hant nido.
b. di hivæln do hant nido.
- a. mir hamo a liox gsen, den hivæl om.
b. er hot a lio gsen in he in hivæl om.
- a. er sart mi do hernt.
b. er set mi do rntn do.
- a. do veç get hivæl ofi.
b. di rot get ofi om hivæl.
- a. der veç get hivæl oi.
b. di rot get oi fon hivæln.

4. Don't fall down!
But he fell down anyway.
There are no mountains in Wisconsin.
6. The river is pretty high right now
The water comes up to the bridge.
7. Names of creeks and rivers in vicinity.
8. That's a large lake.
There are lots of fish in those lakes.
- a. fól nít dór!
b. fól nít níðo!
a. er ís dúx oígfóln.
b. er ís dúx níðogfóln.
a. ðó hant kúr maúntens ín vískónsín.
b. sí hant kúr beoŋ ín vískónsín.
a. ðó krík ís tsímliç hóux ets.
b. []
a. s vuso get ínt he bís tsu ðér brúk.
b. s vuso kímt af oferf brúk.
a. ðís ís a gróus vuso.
b. ðes ís a gróusó tarç.
a. ðó hant foel fíj ín ðí gróus vason.
b. ðó hant foel fíj ðrín ín ðí tarçn.

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1. The river will soon freeze over.
The lake is already frozen over.
2. Don't drown!
3. He lives in the village.
There are several villages around here.
4. We went to town.
5. We went to town to buy oil.
- a. ðér krík vírt búlt tsugfríon.
b. ðér tarç vírt búlt ívogfríon.
a. ðér ðarç, ðér ís so tsugfríon.
b. []
a. ðú nít ersafó!
b. túo nít ersafó!
a. er vóunt ín ðoof, ín ðér klóonæn stot.
b. er vóunt ín ðoof.
a. ðó hant etlíçə klóonə stodln nó umó.
b. sí hant a bool ðeafó ðó umóðum.
a. mír hamó ín stot góŋo.
b. mír hamó ín stot gfoon.
a. mír hamó ín stot góŋo um oel.

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| 6. | He lives on that street. | b. mir hamo in stot gfohn, oel kafb. |
| | | a. er vount uf do stros. |
| | | b. er vount af dero stros. |
| 7. | We live on the highway. | a. mir vountmo uf do harvei. |
| | | b. mir vountmo af do harvei. |
| | The highways are slippery. | a. di harveys hant ritʃi. |
| | | b. de rotn hant flɪpəri. |
| 8. | We live on a small country road. | a. mir vountmo uf a klohnən kantriveç. |
| | | b. mir vountmo in a klohn farmrouð. |
| | The countryroads are bad now. | a. di kantriveçən hant ets fleçt. |
| | | b. di farmrotn hant flɪm ɔ:ts. |

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| 1. | The road is dry. | a. do veç is truko. |
| | | b. di rot is truko. |
| | It will soon be muddy. | a. si virt vul matʃiç so. |
| | | b. virt bult matʃi vern. |
| 2. | The railroad goes by here. | a. di relerot get do fiu. |
| | | b. di relerot get do fiu. |
| 3. | I went to the station. | a. i bin tsun di:po go:po. |
| | | b. i bin ol go:po om di:po ɔ:. |
| 4. | We live in Wisconsin. | a. mir vountmo in viskənsin. |
| | | b. mir vountmo in viskənsin. |
| 5. | Milwaukee is the largest city in Wisconsin. | a. milvəki is di grestə stot in viskənsin. |
| | | b. milvəki is di grestə stot in viskənsin. |
| | Watertown is a pretty town. | a. vʊəstot is a ʃenə stot. |
| | | b. [] |

Store and Business

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| 1. | The grocery store is closed today.
Many stores sell meat today. | a. der gróusærifstór is hart tsuo.
b. der gróusærifstór is tsuo hart.
a. foel stórn fokafo a flarf.
b. foel stot túnt flarf fokafo. |
| 2. | He works at Schmidt's store. | a. er oovaf fion smitstór.
b. er oovaf in smits stór. |
| 3. | He has the best butcher shop in town.

We have three butcher shops. | a. er hotn bístn butsjaf in der stot.
b. er hot di besto butsjaf in der stot.
a. mir hamo drar butsjafs in der stot.
b. mir hamo drar butsjafs in der stot. |
| 4. | The coffee is standing on the counter. | a. der kafe stot om kaunto.
b. der kafe stot om tíf/kaunto. |
| 5. | I bought it at the market. | a. i hon eon kaft on moekt.
b. i hons in markæt kaft. |
| 6. | He works at Schmidt's. | a. er oovaf fion smits.
b. er oovaf in smits. |

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| 1. | One pound of sugar costs 6 cents.
Give me ten pounds of sugar, please! | a. a pfont tsuko kosts síks tsent.
b. oð pfont tsuko kosts seks tsent.
a. grip mo tseo pfont tsuko!
b. grip mo tseo pfont tsuko! |
| 2. | Put it in a paper bag!

These bags are no good! | a. tus mo papirsök ramø!
b. tu no ainø in papirsök!
a. di sek han fo níks.
b. di takn hant nit guot. |
| 3. | Here's a short string to tie it. | a. do is a kútsø tsvirn firm tsun tsuobindn. |

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| | Haven't you got any longer strings? | | b. dō is a kuorts bant tsun tsuobindn. |
| | | a. hōst kam leŋon fon? | |
| | | b. hōst kər leŋənə bantln dō? | |
| 4. | Have you any potatoes for sale? | a. hōstə treapfl tsun fōkafō? | |
| | Yes, they're cheap. | b. hōst treapfln tsun fōkafō? | |
| | | a. jō, si hant bılıç. | |
| | | b. jō, si hant bılıç. | |
| 5. | How much do they cost? | a. vifoel kōstns? | |
| | | b. vōifoel kōstns? | |
| 6. | They're \$3.25 a bushel. | a. di hant drar dōlar unt firs bujl. | |
| | | b. si hant drar dōlə finfunttsvōnkts tsent a bujl. | |
| 7. | Cheap? That's expensive. | a. bılıç? des is tarō. | |
| | | b. bılıç? di sar tarō. | |
| | I can buy them cheaper in town. | a. i kōns bılıçō kafō m der fto. | |
| | | b. i kōn kafō bılıçō m der fto. | |

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| 1. | I want to sell my car. | a. i vōel mar kar fōkafō. |
| | | b. i vōel mar kar fōkafō. |
| 2. | Well, he wants to buy a car. | a. vōl, er vōels kafō. |
| | | b. vōl, er vōel a kar kafō. |
| 3. | I want to borrow some money. | a. i vōel goelt auslam. |
| | | b. i vōelə goelt auslam. |
| | He borrowed some money from the bank. | a. er hōt goelt ausglin fō dō beŋ. |
| | | b. er hōt ausglin goelt m dō beŋ. |
| 4. | He bought everything on credit. | a. er hōt uləs af tsart kaft. |
| | | b. er hōt uləs kaft af kredit. |
| | I won't give him credit anymore. | a. i gip eom niks mō af tsart. |
| | | b. i gip eom kam goelt nimp mēō. |
| 5. | You'd better see the lawyer about it. | a. du bisō sest ən atvokatn mit den. |
| | | b. du bisō sekst den lōjō. |
| 6. | This letter came today. | a. dō briof is hart kēō. |
| | | b. dō briof is hart kēō. |

- Why didn't these letters
come earlier?
- He tore up the letter.
7. I read it in the newspaper.
- a. vēm hant di briof nrt endo
kēmø?
- b. ve hant di briof nrt endo
kēmø?
- a. er hōt den briof fōrisn.
b. er hōt oon briof fōrisn.
- a. i hōns in dō tsartuŋ glesn.
b. i hōns glesn in dō tsartuŋ.

The Body

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1. Two heads are better
than one.
He hurt his head.
2. She is combing her hair.
She has a wart on her nose.
3. Close your eyes!
His eyebrows are heavy.
The eyelid protects the eye.
Her eyelashes are long.
4. Your left eye is sore.
Have you got something
in your left eye?
5. These are the ears.
This ear hurts.
- a. tsve kepfə hant bīsø ve oonø.
b. tsve kepf hant bīsø vi oonø.
- a. er hōt oonən kufvø dō.
b. er hōt eom on kufvø ve tuø.
- a. si kamplt sr.
b. er hōt eom sarnə hov kamplt.
- a. si hōt a vartsn af dō nosn.
b. si hōt a vartsn af dō nosn.
- a. mox dam auŋ tsuø!
b. mox d auŋ tsuø!
- a. sarnə auŋvedl hant fvarx.
b. sarnə auŋbrøn hant fvar.
- a. sarnə auŋvedlə tuont ax in dō
hef in di auŋ.
b. sar auŋvedln bæftst des av.
- a. di augnvedləhoox hant loŋ.
b. di auŋvedləhoox hant loŋ.
- a. dam links ar is ve.
b. mar links auŋ is ve.
- a. hōst du eps in dam linkn auŋ?
b. vōs du eps in linkn auŋ drin?
- a. dis hant d eotlō.
b. dis hant d eolō.
- a. des eodl tuot ve.
b. des eodl tuot ve.

- It's the ear which I froze last winter.
6. These are the cheeks.
- He hit me on the right cheek.
7. My neck is stiff.
- My throat is sore.
- I hit him in the nose.
8. This is the mouth.
- He'll never be rich; he has too many mouths to feed.
- a. dis is des eodl, vos i hon letstn vnto gfriot kriçet.
b. dis is des eodl, vos gfriort hot letstn vnto.
- a. dis hant dæ vadlō.
b. dis hant vaŋəln.
- a. er hot mir ofs reçtə vaŋl kaut.
b. er hot mi oonə kaut ofs reçtə vaŋl.
- a. mar gnak is ſtarf.
b. mar gnak is ſtarf.
- a. mar huls is ve.
b. mar huls is ve.
- a. i hon eon of de nosn kaut.
b. i hon eom oonə in di nosn namkaut.
- a. dis is mar maul.
b. dis is s mol.
- a. er virt niomolst rarç; er hot tsu foeln mauln tsu fuoton.
b. er virt niomols nit rarç vern. er hot tsu foelə molon tsu fuoton.

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1. This tooth hurts me.
- He had all his front teeth pulled.
2. These are the eyeteeth.
- What are big back ones called?
- a. der tsont tuot mir ve.
b. der tsont tuot mir ve.
- a. er hot samə forenən tsent ulə raisn losn.
b. er hot samə gonstn forn tsent ausgrsn.
- a. i hant taŋ tsent.
b. dis hant di auŋtsent.
- a. ſtuktsent
b. ſtuktsent

Clothing

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| 1. | The coat has a hole. | a. der ruk hot a lox. |
| | | b. der ruk hot a lox. |
| | He has two coats. | a. er hot tsve rek. |
| | | b. er hot tsve rek. |
| 2. | Please, patch the trousers! | a. ge, flik mai hosn! |
| | | b. bitø, flik di hosn! |
| 3. | The vest is torn. | a. dis larvøl is tsærisn. |
| | | b. des larvøl is tsærisn. |
| | I have at least three vests. | i hon venikstøns drar larvølen. |
| | | i hon drar larvøl. |
| 4. | He has a brand new suit. | a. er hot a narøs untogvønt. |
| | | b. i hon ønnø gøntø nøis gvønt. |
| | He bought two suits today. | a. er hot tsvar untogvøntø kaft hart. |
| | | b. er hot tsvo gvøntø kaft hart. |
| 5. | He had something in his pocket. | a. er hot eps in der tufn kōt. |
| | | b. er hot si in drin in tufn. |
| 6. | This overcoat doesn't fit me. | a. der ivøruk past mō nit. |
| | | b. der ivøruk past mi nit. |
| | Hang it up on the clotheshook! | a. heŋ ø af øm vøshøkl. |
| | | b. heŋ ø af dø vøsheŋø. |
| 7. | Where did he get that shirt? | a. vo hot er des hemøt her? |
| | | b. vo hot er des hemøt herkriøkt? |
| 8. | Oh, you can get such shirts in Milwaukee. | a. ø, du kōnst so hemøtø kriøŋ in milwøki. |
| | | b. ø, mir kēnø di hemøtø in milwøki kriøŋ. |

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| 1. | This stocking has a hole in it. | a. dø strumpf hot a lox. |
| | | b. dø strumpf hot a lox drin. |
| | These stockings don't fit. | a. di strumpf pōsn nit. |
| | | b. di strumpf tuønt nit pōsn. |

2. Those shoes are too small. a. di juə hant tsu kloʊ.
b. di juə hant tsu kloʊ.
3. His boots are dirty. a. saɪnə ʃtɪfl hant dreɪ.
b. di butʃ hant dreɪ.
- She has a new dress. a. si hət a naɪə kʊt.
b. si hət a naɪ kʊt.
- How many dresses has she? a. vɪfoʊl kʊt hət si?
b. vɔːfoʊl kʊt hət si?
- Her dress has a long skirt. a. ɪrə ruk hət a lɔːŋ ɪntəkɛd.
b. ɪrə kʊt hət ən lɔːŋ kɛd.
6. That blouse doesn't fit her quite right. a. dɪs ʃankl pɔːst dɪr nɪt reɪt.
b. ... pɔːst dɪr nɪt reɪt.
7. She has a new handkerchief. a. si hət a naɪəs ʃnartstɪoʊ.
b. si hət a naɪəs ʃnartstɪoʊ.
- He uses only blue handkerchiefs. a. ɛr ʒʊst bləʊ ʃnartstɪoʊ.
b. ɛr ʒʊst a bləʊəs ʃnartstɪoʊ.

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1. He goes in rags. a. ɛr ɡet ɪn fets.
b. ɛr ɡet ɪn fɔːsənə fets.
2. Get dressed! a. lek dɪ ð!
b. lek dɪ ð!
- He got dressed. a. ɛr hət sɪ ðɡlekt.
b. ɛr hət sɪ ðɡlekt.
3. Where are the clothesbrushes? a. vɔ hant dɪ vɛʃbrɪʃn?
b. vɔ hant dɪ vɛʃbrɪʃtən?
- She should clean the clothes with a brush. a. si sʊl dɪ vɛʃ pʊtsn mɪt dɛr brɪʃn.
b. ɪ kən dɪ vɛʃ pʊtsn mɪt dɛr brɪʃtən.
4. She has a beautiful wedding ring. a. si hət a ʃɛnə ɛjərɪŋ.
b. si hət ən ʃɛnən brəʊtɪŋ.
- Our rings aren't nearly as good. a. ʊnsənə rɪŋ hant nɪt ɡʊnts so ɡʊt.
b. []

5. He usually goes bare-headed. a. er get gævenliç boofuoðæ.
 b. er get ovæl boðhapædr.
 I would wear a hat if I a. i tət ən huot afsetso, ven i so s
 had such a cold. kältə het.
 b. i tət ən huot trøj, ven i reçt s
 kältə høn.
6. Especially since he is bald. a. haupt, varl er plotot is.
 b. ivohaupt ven er blotot is.
7. Children like to go barefoot. a. kindo gejo/gen geon boofuoðr.
 b. kindo glaiçæn boofuoðr ge.

Sickness

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1. I have a cold. a. i høn s kältə.
 b. i høn s kältə.
 and I am hoarse. a. i bm rau.
 b. i bm hoisær.
2. Otherwise I'm alright. a. sunst tet ulæs reçt san.
 b. ondotsø bm i guot.
3. I had a bad cough last winter. a. i høn s kältə stoox kot letstn
 vntø.
 b. i høn a reçtə huostn kot letstn
 vntø.
 He coughed hard. a. er hot stoox kust.
 b. er hot a reçt stook huost.
4. His cough got worse and worse. a. sam huostn is flimo vovn unt
 flimo.
 b. sam huostn is flimo unt flimo
 vovn.
 That's the worst I've ever a. des is a flimstə, vos i mol gsen
 seen him. høn.
 b. des is des flimstə, vos i høn
 gsen fon eom.
5. He had to blow his nose. a. er hot misn sam nosn
 asfnartsn.
 b. er hot misn sar nosn blosn.

6. A toothache is no fun.
Oh, what a stomachache!
I have a bad headache.
7. He has the measles.
Have you had the mumps?
8. I had scarlet fever.
And smallpox.
- a. a tsontve is ka şpous.
b. a tsontve is kon şpous.
a. i høn reçt moŋve.
b. oi, vos fir a moŋve.
a. i høn a reçt ştok kupfve.
b. i høn a reçtn kupfve.
a. er hot misəls.
b. er hot di misəls.
a. hōst du mumps kōt?
b. []
a. i høn skalet fivo kōt.
b. []
a. unt smōlpōks.
b. []

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1. He had pneumonia.
2. He died of consumption.
3. He is dead.
4. The coffin is in the church.
5. The funeral was yesterday.
6. He was buried in the cemetery.
- a. er hot numonija kōt.
b. er hot numonija kōt.
a. er hot də austseruŋ kōt.
b. er is gřtoom mit lūpsrīçt.
a. er is tōut.
b. er is tōut.
di trugə is in do kiōrxə.
truxə is drīno in do kiōrxə.
di larçt is geston gven.
di larçt is geston gven.
a. er is in den frarhof aigrom.
b. di bærdigun is in frarhof gven.

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1. I am a little bit tired.
- a. i bm a bisl miot.
b. i bm a bisl miot.

- I am very tired. a. i bin reçt miot.
b. i bin reçt miot.
- I am all tired out. a. i bin gonts ausgspœlt/miot.
b. i bin gonts ausgspœlt.
- I've got to yawn. a. i mus mœl s maul afspratsn.
b. i mus ets s mol afraisn.
2. Do you want to go to bed? a. voelst du di nidoleŋ gen?
b. voelst du ins bet ge?
3. He lay down. a. er hot si nidoglekt.
b. er hot si nidoglekt
4. He is sleeping now. a. er]loft eits.
b. er tunt]lufœ ets.
- He has been sleeping all day. a. er hot den gontsn tok g]lufœ.
b. er hot en gontsn tok g]lufœ.
5. He snored. a. er hot g]noœxt.
b. er hot g]noœt.
6. I had a bad dream. a. er hot en]leçtn traum kœt.
b. er hot en hoœtn traum kœt.
7. I wish they'd get up. a. er vult er tan af]te.
b. i vult i tan af]te.

Personal Attributes

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1. She's a pretty girl. a. si is a]ens mœidl.
She's the girl to whom a. des is des mœidl, vos i den riŋ
he gave a ring. gem hœn.
2. That girl, she doesn't know a. des mœidl vœs nit, vœs si voel.
what she wants.
3. Gee! She is beautiful. a. ei, si is vundœ]e.
She is much more beautiful a. si is foel]enœ vi irœ]vestœ.
than her sister.
Why, she is the most a. si is di]enstœ mœidl in dœ]tot.
beautiful girl in town.

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| 4. | But she likes to show off.
She's the girl whose mother
was just here. | a. si glarçt tsun heøtsøŋ.
a. si is ðes moidl, vo irə muotə
grot dögven is. |
| 5. | She is young.
She's younger than I. | a. si is jøŋ.
a. si is jŋə vi i. |
| 6. | He's very strong.
He's the strongest man
in the country. | a. si is eçt ŋtøk.
a. er is ðer ŋtrkstə mon in ðer
kantri. |
| 7. | They don't say much. | a. si soŋt nrt foel. |

The Family

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| 1. | My father isn't at home.
I went to town with my father. | a. mar fodr is nrt dōhoom.
a. i bŋ in ŋtot mit mam tatən. |
| 2. | My mother is home.
I am staying with my mother. | a. mar mama is dōhoom.
a. i blarp mit mainə mama/
muoton. |
| 3. | Our child is eight years old.
The neighbor's children
were here. | a. unsə kint is øxt joør ølt.
a. ən noxbørn sarnə kində hant
dögven. |
| 4. | Everyone of the children was sick.
They're the children to
whom I gave the candy. | a. ulə kində hant krøŋ gven.
a. ðis hant di kində, vo sə ðen
kendr gem hant. |
| 5. | One shouldn't spank children
too hard. | dō sult mə kində nrt tsu ŋtøk
haup. |
| 6. | We have three girls in all. | a. mir hamə drar moidlə in
gøntsn. |
| 7. | He wants a boy.
Do you see those boys? | a. er voel ən buom.
a. sekst du di buom? |
| 8. | They have a little baby.
Now there are a couple
of babys in the neighborhood. | a. di hamant a kløis bebr.
a. ets san tsvar klømə kində in dō
noxbørŋøft. |

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1. His son is a fine fellow.
His sons are all working.
 2. Where is your daughter?
How many daughters
have you?
 3. Her grandson stays with her.
My grandfather and
grandmother are both dead.
 4. Your older brother was here.
He went along with my
two brothers.
 5. His younger sister is still
in school.
She came with my
younger sisters.
 6. Have you one word for brothers
and sisters altogether?
 7. She's your cousin.
 8. He's my cousin.
Two of my cousins were
here yesterday.
- a. sar buo is a guoto buo.
 - a. samə buom tuont ulə oovətn.
 - a. vo is dar tɔxtə - dar mɔɪdl?
 - a. vifœl mɔɪdlə hɔst du?
 - a. sar ɛnkəlkiŋt blarpt mɪt ir.
 - a. mɑɪ nedl unt nɔdl hant ulə
tsvɔd tɔut.
 - a. dar œlstə bruɔdɔ is dɔgven.
 - a. ɛr is mɪtgɔŋp mɪt mamə tsve
brɪɔdɔ.
 - a. sar ɟɪŋstə ʃvestə is nɔ in dɔ ʃul.
 - a. si is kɛmp mɪt mamə ɟɪŋ
ʃvestə.
 - a. ɡʃvɪstɔrɛt - ɡʃvɪstɔ
 - a. si is mɑɪ kasən.
 - a. ɛr is mɑɪ kasən.
 - a. tsvo fɔn mamə kasəns hant
ɡɛstɔn ɑ dɔgven.

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1. Her husband bought her
a new coat.
Their husbands are good friends.
 2. His wife went to school
with me.
Their wives are always
fighting.
 3. She's a widow.
He's a widower.
She's a grass widow.
- a. irə mɔ hɔt ir a narə rɔk kɔft.
 - a. dɛr irənə mɔnɔ hant guɔtə frɑt.
 - a. sar var is in ʃulə ɡɔŋp mɪt mɪr.
 - a. irənə varfɔ rɔfɛnt ɪmɔ.
 - a. si is a vidm.
 - a. ɛr is a vidmɔ.
 - a. si hɔt a kiŋt kɔt, ledɪçə.

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| 4. | Is that a man or a woman? | a. is dis a mo ovo a var? |
| 5. | My mother-in-law visited us. | a. mar fvigomuoto hot karsot mit uns. |
| | Her father-in-law is our neighbor. | a. irə fvigofoto is uno naxbor. |
| 6. | Where does your brother-in-law live? | a. vo vount dar fvuɡo? |
| | I know your sister-in-law. | i vois dar fvoɡərm. |
| 7. | He's my son-in-law. | a. er is mar fvigosu. |
| | Is this your daughter-in-law? | a. is dis dar fvigotoxtə? |

Social Affairs

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| 1. | He is courting her. | a. er get mit ir / rent imo dəm mit ir. |
| 2. | She jilted him. | a. si hot eom ogsokt. |
| 3. | They want to get married. | a. si volnt harratn. |
| | They will soon get married. | a. si vern bult harratn. |
| 4. | They put it off again. | a. si hamants vidər afgjom. |
| | They don't want to put it off any longer. | si volnts nit mo afgjom lejo. |
| 5. | The marriage ceremony was performed in this church. | a. si hamant in der kirxə karrat. |
| 6. | They were married in this old church. | a. si hamant in der ultn kirxə karrat. |
| 7. | He didn't know whether he should go or not. | a. er hot nit gvist, sul er gejo ovo nit. |

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| 1. | We go to church on Sunday. | a. mir gemo in kirxə on sunto. |
| 2. | Afterwards we go home. | a. aft vens aus is, genmo hoom.. |
| 3. | The pastor preaches a sermon. | a. der pfəro/pasto, der prediçt a prediç. |
| | He preached a good sermon. | a. er hot a guntə prediç kot. |

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| 4. | Who teaches in your school? | a. | ver hult fulə m dengəno ful? |
| 5. | He's learning to write.
He learned to figure. | a. | er lern̄t tsun fraim.
er lern̄t tsun reʒn. |
| 6. | Don't whistle! | a. | tuə n̄t pfaifn! |
| 7. | Why don't you obey?
I'll have to scold you. | a. | vern fülkst du n̄t?
i müs fentn m̄t dr. |

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| 1. | Fritz, look out for the car! | a. | frits, jau of foe di kar! |
| 2. | Children, now you may go home! | a. | k̄ndə, ets kents gejo! |
| 3. | Give me that book!
Give me mine too!
Where are all the books? | a. | gip mir des bioxl!
gip mir ɔls mar!
vo hant di bioxon ulə? |
| 4. | He has a real little book. | a. | er hot a riçtiks groos bioxl. |
| 5. | He brought this book along from school.
He always brings it along. | a. | er hot des bioxəl m̄tbruŋə fo der ful.
er br̄ŋkts imə m̄t. |
| 6. | Children, look out for the cars! | a. | k̄ndə, jaūts auf fo di kam! |
| 7. | Both of you were there.
He came early. | a. | ulə tsvoə hots də dögv̄n.
er is friə kemə. |
| 8. | I wish he would go.
Yes, I wish they would go. | a. | i vült, er tat gejo.
i vült, er tat gejo. |

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| 1. | They are singing a song.
I don't know that song. | a. | si siŋə də gsaŋl.
i vöis des gsaŋl n̄t. |
| 2. | There was a real spree in town last night. | a. | də v̄r a riçt̄i durxan̄nt gven in der ſtot letstə noxt. |
| 3. | I'll tell you all about it.
Oh, we've already heard all about it. | a. | i ver dr̄r uləs fötsçeln.
o, mir hamə jo uləs k̄ent. |

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| 4. | I thought he's never come home.
I wish they'd come home. | i hön mant, er virt nimöls hööm kemö.
i vult, di tant hööm kemö. |
| 5. | He went to town with my friends.
That's right, he went with them. | a. er is in dæ stot göngö mit mainö frarts.
a. dis is von, er is göngö mit ir. |
| 6. | He's the brother of my friends. | a. er is der brüödö fön mainö frarts. |
| 7. | He can't deny it.
I can't believe it! | a. er kön s nit lægnö/olængö.
a. i köns nit glaum. |
| 8. | Don't be offended! | a. tuö dir nit ergön. |

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| 1. | Who is your new neighbor? | a. ver is dam nari næxbör? |
| 2. | Oh, you know who he is. | a. o, du vöist es, vers is. |
| 3. | I don't have to tell you that. | a. i brauxs dirs nit söng. |
| 4. | He's the man whose son was here. | a. er is der mö, sar buö is grot dögvén. |
| 5. | No, not the man to whom you gave the money. | a. na, nit der mö, den vos du göelt gem höst! |
| 6. | We talk about the weather.
He told us a funny story. | a. mir ren fön vetr.
a. er hot uns a jenä gfiçt fotsoelt, a spösiçö. |
| 7. | Then he said do you see that fellow.
So I said yes, I see him. | a. dö aft hot er gsökt, höst du den mö sar felö ..
a. i hön eöm gsökt, jo, i se eöm. |
| 8. | I believe it's the man whom I saw this morning. | a. i glaup dæs is der mö vos i hant hart friö gsen. |

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| 1. | What greetings are used upon meeting somebody? | a. halo, haudi , har |
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| 2. | We visited our relatives.
Some other people were there. | a. mır hamo karsot mıt unsənə
fratʃoft.
a. hant av ɔndənə lart dɔgven. |
| 3. | We didn't stay very long.
He never stays long. | a. mır hamo nıt lɔŋ gblım.
a. ɛr blapt nımɔls lɔŋ. |
| 4. | Come now and then! | a. kım ɛts unt aft ʃo ɔndos mɔl
vidɔ! |
| 5. | Come again soon! | a. kım vidɔ bult! |
| 6. | He says he'll come again.
That's what he said. | a. ɛr sɔkt, ɛr kım ɛts vidɔ bult.
a. dis, vos ɛr gsɔkt hot. |
| 7. | What do you say when you
part from somebody? | a. gut bar. |

The Emotions

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| 1. | He got angry.
She was awfully angry. | a. ɛr ɪs ɪngəduldı vɔn.
a. si ɪs reçt ɪngəduldı. |
| 2. | Is that the woman who
was so angry?
Yes, that's also the woman
whose daughter was just here. | a. ɪs des des var, vos so
ɪngəduldı vɔv?
a. ʃɔ, des ɪs di wumən, ɪrə tuxtɔ ɪs
grot dɔgven. |
| 3. | He's always grouchy.
He's very stubborn too. | a. ɛr ɪs ɪmɔ ɪngəduldı.
a. ɛr ɪs reçt harpɔltərɪʃ - sɪtsı. |
| 4. | They kidded and razzed him. | a. si hamant ɛvɔn sɛv gerxt. |
| 5. | They had a falling out. | a. si hamant a dırxonont kɔt. |
| 6. | I am satisfied!
Oh, I am sorry! | a. ɪ bm tsufrıdn!
a. fɔtsark mɔ! |
| 7. | Please, excuse me! | a. brətə, fɔtsark mɔ! |
| 8. | I am feeling low.
Ah, how sad I am! | a. ɪ foel traurı.
a. a, ɛts bm ɪ sɛv traurı/vı ɪ traurı
brı, ɛts! |

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| 1. | She called him a fool. | a. si hót eðn a noðx kóisn. |
| 2. | He's a bum. | a. er is a trémp. |
| 3. | He's a tightwad.
Don't be so inquisitive. | a. er is reçt artsoŋ. |
| 4. | She's a gossip. | a. si tuót reçt mrit lartn redn/
blepáln. |
| 5. | Do you mean the woman
with whom I just talked? | a. du moðst mrit des var mrit dero,
vo si grot gret hon. |
| 6. | He was angry and said:
you are crazy!
I know he doesn't mean it. | a. si vo unvoelr unt hót gsókt du
biçt narç.
a. i vois er moðts nrit. |
| 7. | I am glad that the children came.
They're the children whose
mother is sick. | a. bin frou, das kindo kemð hant.
a. des sant di kindo, vos eðrø
muoto kroŋ is. |
| 8. | Don't pinch me! | a. tuð mir nrit tsviko! |

The Weather

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| 1. | It's raining; it rained all evening.

The rain came from the east.
It's lightning. | a. s hót greŋt der gontsø, geŋ der
noxt.
a. der reŋ is fo do ist kemð.
a. si tuót blitsn. |
| 2. | He's glad of it. | a. er is frou. |
| 3. | We had bad weather last week.

He got sore about the bad weather. | a. mir hamð fløçts veto kot letstø
voxø.
a. er hót so ungæðuldrç vonn fon
fløçtn veto - umruoŋç. |
| 4. | It's snowing; the snow is deep. | a. si tuót ŋnarm; der ŋner is twif. |
| 5. | It's hailing.
It's a long time since it hailed. | a. si høgølt.
a. is a loŋø tsart, sart s køgølt hot. |
| 6. | We had a hailstorm. | a. mir hamð ən høgølsturm kot. |

- The hailstones were big. a. di hægəlsturm hant grous gven.
7. What is it called, when it rains and freezes at the same time, forming a coat of ice on everything? a. "sleetstorm"
a. si tuot reŋə unt friort unt virt aisi, virt glitʃi.
8. What is the hoarfrost called which sometimes forms on trees and shrubs during winter? a. ðer raif.

Time

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1. At Christmas everybody happy. a. af vaiməxtn hant ulə foel lustr - frøtliç.
2. Santa Claus brings presents for the children. a. s kristkindlə brɪŋt presəntə fo kɪndə.
Easter is late this year. a. əustən is ʃpet hɔrð.
3. A year ago it was raining and snowing. a. a jəʊ tsurək həts greŋt unt ɡʃnɑrpt.
The weather was much better two years ago. a. s vetr is foel bɪsə gven tsvar jəʊ tsurək.
4. How the months fly! a. vi di monətə fəgeŋən.
This month is almost over! a. dis monət is ʃə bult fəri:və.
5. I am going to Milwaukee this week. a. i ge nɔx mɪlvəki di vəkə.
Why, you were there only three a. vɛrn, du bɪst ðəx drar vɔxə tsurək ðə dɔgven.
6. Yes, I was there a little while ago. a. jə, i bɪn ðə dɔgven ə vl tsurək.
7. How many days will you stay? a. vɪfoel tək vlst du blɑm?
I'll stay only one day. a. i blɑp ʃə ðə ən tək.
8. That time I was wrong. a. dis mɔl hən i ʊnrɛçt kɔt.
He hurried to get to the station. a. ɛr hət sɪ ɡarlt, ðəs ɛr tsu ðə ʃteɪʃən kemə ɪs.

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| 1. | January, February
The winter ends in March. | a. janarx, februarx
a. ðer vıtr ıs aus ın mırtı. |
| 2. | Spring begins in April.
May, June | a. frıjoo fõngı ö ın öpröel.
a. maı, djun |
| 3. | July, August
When September comes the
summer is over. | a. julı, august
a. ven ðo septembö kımt, ıs ðer
sumö frıvö. |
| 4. | When it's October, fall is here.

November, December | a. ven ðer öktöbö ıs, ıs ðer
hıörxst ðö.
a. novembö, disembö |
| 5. | Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday | a. suntu, modö,ıörxtö, mıtvöx. |
| 6. | Thursday, Friday, Saturday | a. pfrıntö, frartö, sömstö |

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| 1. | Monday is a weekday.
He's wearing his everyday clothes. | a. modö ıs a vöxntök.
a. er höt sar ulö tök vej ö. |
| 2. | Today I won't work. | a. hart ööbat ı nıt. |
| 3. | Yesterday I worked too hard. | a. gestön hön ı tsu hövt gööbat. |
| 4. | But I got up early this morning.
This afternoon I am going to town.
At night he never wants
to go to bed. | a. övö ı bın hart frı frıö öfgstönö.
a. hart nömtök ge ı ın fıtot.
a. af nöxt vöel er nımölst ıns
bet gejo. |
| 5. | In the evening he usually goes
to town.
In the morning he can
never get up. | a. af nöxt fat er gvenlıq ın fıtot.
a. ın ðer frıö kön er nımölst
öfsten. |
| 6. | It was almost midnight
when he came home.
He was here yesterday evening. | a. ıs fo bült mıtonöxt, vı er
hömkemö ıs.
a. er ıs gestön af nöxt dögvn. |
| 7. | It's already 5:15.
It's 5:30. | a. s rıqtı fıotl nö fımfö.
a. s hülvö söksö. |

- We must go, it's 5:45. a. *mır mırmo gejo, s fiotl bıs
fıfə/drai fiotl fıfə.*
- It's ten o' clock. a. *ets is jo tsenə.*
8. What do you call the two things
which show what time it is? a. *tsorigon*
- The pendulum is swinging.

Numerals

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1. One; two; three; four a. *oons, tsvar, drai, fiore*
2. Five, six, seven, eight a. *fıfə, seksə, simə, oxtə*
3. Nine; ten; eleven; twelve a. *naınə, tsenə, oelvə, tselvə*
4. Thirteen; fourteen; fifteen;
seventeen a. *draitsenə, fiortsenə, foftsenə,
simtsenə*
5. Twenty-one; fifty-five;
seventy-seven a. *oonuntsvontsigə, fıfıfufıftsigə,
simunsimtsigə*
6. Hundred; thousand a. *hındot, taüsənt*
7. He took five.
Take five! a. *er hot fıfə gnomo.
nim fıfə!*
8. He's got enough, isn't it so. a. *er hot plentı.*

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1. He gave me four. a. *er hot mır fiore gem.*
2. Give her four!
Give her four not five! a. *gip ir fiore!
gip ir fiore, nit fıfə!*
3. That's half of all I've got. a. *dis is hulvot fon ulə, vos i hon.*
4. It's only a third.
I already gave him
three-fifths of my candy. a. *des is jo ets s drıtl.
i hon eom jo gem drai fıfıtl
fon mamno kendir.*
5. He's always first.
Once in a while he's second. a. *er is imo tserft.
monıçsmol is er tsvarı.*
6. I was the third in line. a. *i bıı der drıtə in der lam.*

- My neighbor was fourth. a. mam nōxbōr is der fiortē gven.
 A stranger was the seventh in line. a. frēmđō is der sīmtē gven.
 7. All sorts of people were there. a. ulē sōrt lart hant dō dōgven.

Miscellany

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1. They also came. a. si hant kēmō.
 They came nearer and nearer. a. si hant imō negārīçō kēmō.
 2. Fritz, go if you want to! a. gut fri, ge, vens vœlst!
 I don't care to go. a. i gep nīks drum tsun geo.
 You may both go, if you a. des kents ulē tsve geo, vents
 want to. vœlstst.
 3. We didn't know whether he a. mīr hamō nīt gvist, op er nu
 would ever get back. tsuruk kēmō virt.
 4. He is standing behind me. a. er ſtet hīntō mīr.
 5. I thought he had gone. a. i hōn gmōt, er is gōjō.
 6. I should think you would a. i hōn gmōt, du voost frōv tsun
 be glad to go. gejō.
 I thought he ought to do it. a. i hōn gmōt, er sōl.
 7. But he didn't want to do it. a. ovō er hōts vœl nīt tuō.
 8. I could if I wanted to. i het kēnō, ven i het vœln.
 They could to, if they wanted to. a. si kant a, vens hant vœln.

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1. I don't know what to do. a. i vōis nīt, vos tsun tuō.
 But I wish he would do it again. a. i vœlt. er tats vido.
 2. We know what we are a. i vōis, fōn vōs des mō rent.
 talking about.
 3. You two don't have to do it. a. di tsva brauxts s nīt tuō, mīsts
 nīt tuō.
 We do as we always used to. a. mīr tuōmō, vi ma imō hamant.
 4. I saw her yesterday. a. i hōn sī gestōn gsen.
 5. I used to know her very well. a. i hōn si mōl guot kent kōt.

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| 6. | Both of you know whom
I am talking of.
That's right , both of you
know her.
He came closer in order
to see her better. | a. ulə tsvar vists, fə vem dəs i ren
tuð.
a. dis is rəçt, ulə tsvar vists/kents
si.
a. er is negəriŋə kemə, dəs er si
bisd seŋ kən. |
| 7. | I'd like to see him.
It's no use, I can't make it. | a. i tat si ə geəŋ seŋ.
a. s is ul nɪ netɪk, i kəns nɪt
moxə. |
| 8. | I wish they would sit down.
Be so good and tell me a story. | a. i vœlt, di tant si nidsetsn.
a. sə so guot unt fətsœl mɪr ə
gʃiçt. |

Appendix 3

Selected Words from the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German Dialect: ¹

A Glossary

afternoon	<i>Nachmittag</i>	nomittok /nɔmɪtɔk/
ant	<i>Ameise</i>	umoisn /umɔɪsn/
aunt	<i>Tante</i>	basl /basl/
autumn	<i>Herbst</i>	hiarkst /hiɔrkst/
baby pig	<i>Ferkel</i>	a kloas schweil /a kloas ʃvarl/
back	<i>Rücken</i>	's kreiz /s kraɪts/
bale of straw	<i>Strohballen</i>	strouhaafe /ʃtrɔuhafɔ/
barefoot	<i>barfuß</i>	boafuaßi /boɔfuaʃi/ blousfuaßi /blɔʊsfuaʃi/
barley	<i>Gerste</i>	gerschn /gerʃtn/
barn	<i>Stall</i>	stool /ʃtol/
barrel maker	<i>Böttcher</i>	fasslmocher /faslmɔxɔ/
bed sheet	<i>Bettlaken</i>	leituach /lɛɪtuɔx/
be quiet!	<i>Sei ruhig!</i>	bie staat /bi ʃtat/
between	<i>zwischen</i>	zwischn /tsvɪʃn/
big	<i>groß</i>	grouß /grɔʊs/
blackberry	<i>Brombeere</i>	schwoazbierle /ʃvoʊtsbɪrlɛ/
boy	<i>Bube, Junge</i>	bua /buɔ/
brother	<i>Bruder</i>	bruader /brudɔ/
bump on the head	<i>Beule</i>	binkl /bɪŋkl/
butcher	<i>Schlachter</i>	schlochter /ʃlɔxtɔ/
candle wick	<i>Kerzendocht</i>	kirzendocht /kɪrtsndɔxt/
cap	<i>Mütze</i>	haum /haʊm/

¹ The first word is the English vocabulary item, the second word is the Standard High German word, the third word is the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form, and the fourth word shows its phonetic transcription in the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German dialect. The orthography of the Ellis Catholic Bohemian German form is based on the recommendation for orthographic renderings of dialect texts in the Palatine dialect by Rudolf Post in his book *Pfälzisch: Einführung in eine Sprachlandschaft* (1990).

carrot	<i>Karotte</i>	gölbe ruam /goelbə ruʊm/ gölbe roum /goelbə ruʊm/ kotz /kɔts/
cat	<i>Katze</i>	hennerstool /hɛnɔʃtol/
chicken house	<i>Hühnerstall</i>	kint /kɪnt/
child	<i>Kind</i>	rau(ch)fong /rau(x)fɔŋ/
chimney	<i>Schornstein</i>	weschschong /vɛʃʃɔŋ/
clothes cabinet	<i>Kleiderschrank</i>	wulkn /vʊlkn/
cloud	<i>Wolke</i>	kuckuruz /kʊkʊrʊts/
corn	<i>Mais</i>	henneraugn /hɛnɔraʊŋ/
corn (on toe)	<i>Hühnerauge</i>	g'schwister kint /gʃvɪstɔ kɪnt/
cousin	<i>Cousin, Cousine</i>	kua /kuʊ/; kou /kɔʊ/
cow	<i>Kuh</i>	kia /kiʊ/; kei /keɪ/
cows	<i>Kühe</i>	schmettn /ʃmɛtn/
cream	<i>Sahne</i>	broutrinntn /brɔʊtrɪntn/
crust of bread	<i>Brotkruste</i>	umurkn /umʊrkn/
cucumber	<i>Gurke</i>	kafeehefel /kafɛhɛfəl/
cup	<i>Tasse</i>	neigieri /nɛɪgɪrɪ/
curious	<i>neugierig</i>	schwiegertochter /ʃvɪgɔtʊxtɔ/
daughter-in-law	<i>Schwiegertochter</i>	vorgistern /fɔrgɪstɔn/
day before yesterday	<i>vorgestern</i>	damisch /dɑmɪʃ/
dizzy	<i>schwindelig</i>	tauberer /taʊbərə/
dove/pigeon	<i>Täuberich</i>	regnstuarm /rɛŋʃtuʊrɪm/
downpour	<i>Platzregen</i>	anterer /antərə/
drake	<i>Enterich</i>	kneedl /kneɪdl/
dumplings	<i>Knödel</i>	wuarm /vuʊrɪm/
earthworm	<i>Wurm</i>	oastern /oʊstɔn/
Easter	<i>Ostern</i>	oustem /ɔʊstɔn/
egg yolk	<i>Eigelb</i>	duderer /dudərə/
empty	<i>leer</i>	laar /lɑr/
eyebrow	<i>Augenbraue</i>	augnbraan /aʊŋbrɑn/
eyelid	<i>Augenlid</i>	augnwedl /aʊŋvedl/
farmer	<i>Bauer</i>	bauer /bauʊ/; farmer /fɑmɔ/
father-in-law	<i>Schwiegervater</i>	schwiegerfoter /ʃvɪgɔfɔtɔ/

female calf	<i>Kälbchen</i>	kullvel /kʊlvəl/
female lamb	<i>Lamm</i>	lammpl /lampl/
field	<i>Feld</i>	fölt /følt/
flax	<i>Flachs</i>	flochs /flocks/
flour	<i>Mehl</i>	möll /mœl/
flower	<i>Blume</i>	streisl /ʃtraisl/
foal	<i>Fohlen, Füllen</i>	föln /føln/
fog	<i>Nebel</i>	nebl /nebl/
foot	<i>Fuß</i>	fuaß /fuʊs/; fouß /fɔʊs/
forked thill	<i>Gabeldeichsel</i>	wognstong /vɔŋʃtɔŋ/
frog	<i>Frosch</i>	froosch /froʃ/
fruit tree	<i>Obstbaum</i>	fruchtbaam /fruchtbaum/
funeral	<i>Begräbnis</i>	leicht /laɪçt/
gander	<i>Gänserich</i>	gonnserer /gɔnsərə/
girl	<i>Mädchen</i>	moidl /mɔɪdl/
goat	<i>Ziege, Geiß</i>	goaß /goʊs/
Godfather	<i>Taufpate</i>	taafteet /taftet/
Godmother	<i>Taufpatin</i>	taaftoot /taftot/
gosling	<i>Gänschen</i>	gannsl /gansl/
grandfather	<i>Großvater</i>	needl /nedl/
grandmother	<i>Großmutter</i>	naadl /nɑdl/
headache	<i>Kopfweh</i>	kupfweh /kupfve/
hen	<i>Henne</i>	henn /hɛn/
hearse	<i>Leichenwagen</i>	toutnwogn /tɔʊtnvɔŋ/
hill	<i>Hügel</i>	hievel /hivel/
hoar frost	<i>Rauhreif</i>	froostreif /frostraf/
hoarse	<i>heiser</i>	hoiserer /hɔisərə/
horse	<i>Pferd</i>	rooß /ros/
horsefly	<i>Viehbremse</i>	roosfluign /rosfluɪŋ/
horseradish	<i>Meerrettich</i>	kree /kre/
house fly	<i>Fliege</i>	fluign /fluɪŋ/
it's lightning	<i>es blitzt</i>	's tuat blitzn /s tuɔt blɪtsn/
jar	<i>Krug</i>	krua /kruʊ/
jars	<i>Krüge</i>	kria(ch) /kriɔ(x)/

knuckle	<i>Knöchel</i>	kneechl /kneçl/
last year	<i>letztes Jahr</i>	ferdn /ferdn/ letzt joa /letst joo/
lawn	<i>Rasen</i>	groos /gros/
leaf	<i>Blatt</i>	blaadl /blɑdl/
letter	<i>Brief</i>	bríaf /bríof/; breif /brɛif/
lightning bug	<i>Glühwürmchen</i>	feierkeefer /farokefo/
little	<i>klein</i>	kloa /kloə/
locust	<i>Heuschrecke</i>	heiriesl /harrisl/
matches	<i>Zündhölzer</i>	zinnthölzl /tsɪnthoeltsl/
milk can	<i>Milchkanne</i>	schmettnkann dl /ʃmɛtnkandl/ milkanndl /milkandl/
molar	<i>Backenzahn</i>	stockzohnt /ʃtɔktsɔnt/
mosquito	<i>Mücke</i>	gölsn /goɛlsn/
mother-in-law	<i>Schwiegermutter</i>	schwiegermuater /ʃvígomuoto/
mushroom	<i>Pilz</i>	schwommer /ʃvɔmɔ/
neck	<i>Genick</i>	gnack /gnak/
no one	<i>niemand</i>	neamet /neɔmɔt/
oat	<i>Hafer</i>	howann /hovɔn/
pan	<i>Pfanne</i>	rein /ram/
picture	<i>Bild</i>	bötl /boɛtl/
plow	<i>Pflug</i>	pflua(ch) /pfluɔ(x)/
plum	<i>Pflaume</i>	pflaame /pflamə/
	<i>Zwetschge</i>	zweschm /tsvɛʃm/
potato	<i>Kartoffel</i>	treapfl /treapfl/
rabbit	<i>Hase, Kaninchen</i>	hoos /hos/
red cabbage	<i>Rotkraut</i>	routs kraut /routs kraut/
roof	<i>Dach</i>	dooch /dox/
rooster	<i>Hahn</i>	hohner /hɔnɔ/
rope	<i>Seil, Strick</i>	strieck /ʃtrik/
rye	<i>Roggen</i>	roggn /rɔŋ/
sauerkraut	<i>Sauerkraut</i>	sauerkraut /sauɔkraut/
scar	<i>Narbe</i>	moosn /mosn/
scythe	<i>Sense</i>	senkst /senkst/

shoestring	<i>Schnürband</i>	schuabantl /ʃʊnbantl/
shovel	<i>Schaufel</i>	schaufel /ʃaufel/
sister	<i>Schwester</i>	svester /ʃvestə/
sitting hen	<i>Glucke</i>	gluck /glʊk/
skunk	<i>Stinktier</i>	stingkotts /ʃtɪŋkɔts/
slice of bread	<i>Brotscheibe</i>	stikl brout /ʃtɪkl brout/
sniffles	<i>Schnupfen</i>	nosnrinne /nosnrɪnə/
son-in-law	<i>Schwiegersohn</i>	schwieggersuh /ʃviɡəsu/
sow	<i>Mutterschwein</i>	zucht /tsʊxt/
sparrow	<i>Spatz</i>	spootz /ʃpɔts/
spoon	<i>Löffel</i>	leefl /lefl/
spring	<i>Frühling</i>	frihjoa /frijo/
		froihoa /froijo/
stick pin	<i>Stecknadel</i>	speadl /ʃpɛndl/
stomach ache	<i>Bauchschmerzen</i>	mognveh /moŋve/
stone	<i>Stein</i>	stoa /ʃtɔ/
stones	<i>Steine</i>	stui /ʃtʊ/
summer	<i>Sommer</i>	summer /sʊmɐ/
		sommer /sɔmɐ/
swallow	<i>Schwalbe</i>	schweiwel /ʃvarvəl/
sweet	<i>süß</i>	siaß /sɪps/
tadpole	<i>Kaulquappe</i>	a freschle, voss no kaa haksn hott /a freʃlə, vɔs nɔ ka haksn hɔt/
tears	<i>Tränen</i>	zaam /tsɑn/
this year	<i>dieses Jahr</i>	heier /hɑr/
tinsmith	<i>Blechschmied</i>	blechschmiet /bleçʃmit/
to bend	<i>biegen</i>	buijn /bʊɪŋ/
to catch a cold	<i>sich erkälten</i>	's kulte kriagn /s kʊltə kriɔŋ/ 's kulte kreign /s kʊltə kreɪŋ/
to chew cud	<i>wiederkäuen</i>	iadrucke /iɔdrʊkə/ gnauschn /gnaʊʃn/
to comb one's hair	<i>Haare kämmer</i>	hoare kampln /hɔərə kampln/
to cry	<i>weinen</i>	flenne /flɛnə/

to hill up (potatoes)	<i>häufeln (Kartoffeln)</i>	treapfln aafhaifln /treapfln afharfln/
to hurry up	<i>sich beeilen</i>	tummel di /tʊməɫ dɪ/
to iron	<i>bügeln</i>	biegln /biɡln/
to loan money	<i>Geld leihen</i>	gölt leihn /gœlt lam/
to milk (a cow)	<i>melken</i>	zeidlŋ /tsaidlŋ/
to pinch	<i>zwicken</i>	zwicke /tsvikʊ/
to plow	<i>pflügen</i>	ockern /ɔkʊn/
to pull a wagon	<i>einen Wagen ziehen</i>	a wogn tsuign /a vɔŋ tsuɪŋ/
to rake hay	<i>Heu harken</i>	hei reche /haɪ rɛçʊ/
to scold	<i>schelten, schimpfen</i>	schenntŋ /ʃɛntŋ/
to smoke tobacco	<i>Tabak rauchen</i>	towaak rauche /tɔvak rauxʊ/
to sweep (a chimney)	<i>Schornstein fegen</i>	ausputzn /ausputsn/
to sweep the floor	<i>fegen</i>	auskean /auskɛʊn/
to turn hay to dry	<i>Heu wenden</i>	hai drahn /haɪ drɔn/
to weed by hand	<i>jäten</i>	's groos ausreiβn /s gros ausraisn/
to yawn	<i>gähnen</i>	gomozn /gomɔtsn/ 's mol, maal aafreiβn /s mol, mal afraisn/
toad	<i>Kröte</i>	broschke /brɔʃkə/
tomcat	<i>Kater</i>	koter /kɔtʊ/
toothache	<i>Zahnschmerzen</i>	zohntveh /tsontve/
tree bark	<i>Baumrinde</i>	baamrintŋ /bamrintŋ/
udder (cow)	<i>Euter</i>	auter /aʊtʊ/; eiter /aitʊ/
uncle	<i>Onkel</i>	feeter /fɛtʊ/; feeder /fedʊ/
wart	<i>Warze</i>	warzn /vartsn/
washcloth	<i>Waschlappen</i>	wuschfetzn /vʊʃfetsn/
weed	<i>Unkraut</i>	unkraut /ʊnkraʊt/
well	<i>Brunnen</i>	brunn /brʊn/
whip	<i>Peitsche</i>	peitschn /paɪtʃn/
windmill	<i>Windmühle</i>	wintmöln /vɪntmœln/
winter	<i>Winter</i>	winnter /vɪntʊ/
wood	<i>Holz</i>	hulz /hʊlts/

Days of the week

Monday	<i>Montag</i>	monta /montɔ/
Tuesday	<i>Dienstag</i>	iarta /iɔrtɔ/
Wednesday	<i>Mittwoch</i>	mietwoch /mitvɔx/
Thursday	<i>Donnerstag</i>	pfinsta /pfinstɔ/
Friday	<i>Freitag</i>	freita /frartɔ/
Saturday	<i>Samstag</i>	somsta /sɔmstɔ/
Sunday	<i>Sonntag</i>	sunnta /suntɔ/; sonnta /sɔntɔ/

Months

January	<i>Januar</i>	jana /jano/
February	<i>Februar</i>	februa /februɔ/
March	<i>März</i>	mirz /mirts/
April	<i>April</i>	opröl /ɔproel/
May	<i>Mai</i>	mai /maɪ/
June	<i>Juni</i>	juni /juni/
July	<i>Juli</i>	juli /juli/
August	<i>August</i>	august /aʊgust/
September	<i>September</i>	september /septembɔ/
October	<i>Oktober</i>	oktober /ɔktobɔ/
November	<i>November</i>	november /nɔvembɔ/
December	<i>Dezember</i>	dezember /detsembɔ/

Cardinal Numbers

one	<i>eins</i>	oans /oɔns/
two	<i>zwei</i>	zwoa /tsvɔɔ/
three	<i>drei</i>	drei /draɪ/
four	<i>vier</i>	viare /fiɔrə/

five	<i>fünf</i>	finnwe /fmvə/
six	<i>sechs</i>	sechse /seksə/
seven	<i>sieben</i>	sieme /simə/
eight	<i>acht</i>	ochte /ɔxtə/
nine	<i>neun</i>	neine /namə/
ten	<i>zehn</i>	zehne /tsenə/
eleven	<i>elf</i>	ölwe /œlvə/
twelve	<i>zwölf</i>	zwölwe /tsvœlvə/
thirteen	<i>dreizehn</i>	dreizehne /draitsenə/
fourteen	<i>vierzehn</i>	fiarzehne /fiortsenə/
fifteen	<i>fünfzehn</i>	fuchzehne /fuxtsenə/ fuffzehne /fuftsenə/
sixteen	<i>sechzehn</i>	sechzehne /sextsenə/
seventeen	<i>siebzehn</i>	siemzehne /simtsenə/
eighteen	<i>achtzehn</i>	ochtzehne /ɔxttsenə/
nineteen	<i>neunzehn</i>	nei(n)zehne /nai(n)tsenə/
twenty	<i>zwanzig</i>	zwonzige /tsvɔntsɪgə/
thirty	<i>dreißig</i>	dreizige /draitsɪgə/
forty	<i>vierzig</i>	fiarzige /fiortɪgə/
fifty	<i>fünfzig</i>	fuchzige /fuxtsɪgə/ fuffzige /fuftɪgə/
sixty	<i>sechzig</i>	sechzige /sextɪgə/
seventy	<i>siebzig</i>	siemzige /simtsɪgə/
eighty	<i>achtzig</i>	ochtzige /ɔxtɪgə/
ninety	<i>neunzig</i>	nei(n)zige /nai(n)tsɪgə/
one hundred	<i>einhundert</i>	hundert /hundɔt/

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Program

**BUKOVINA
SOCIETY**



**FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND FESTIVAL
JULY 16TH THROUGH 18TH, 1993**

ELLIS AND HAYS, KANSAS

—FRIDAY, JULY 16—

HEADQUARTERS

9:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee

10:00 a.m. Video and talk on research and resources of the
LDS Family History Center, Diane Rasmussen
Discussion and questions

11:00 a.m. Video presentation on German dialects in Kansas
Dr. Bill Keel

ELLIS CITY PARK

1:00 p.m. Opening of Fifth Bukovinafest
Dedication of Bukovina memorial

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER, 29th & Canal, Hays

2:00 p.m. Computer orientation and research

HEADQUARTERS

2:00 p.m. Video of Bohemian roots and annual
Bukovina Convention in Augsburg in 1993
by Larry Jensen

2:50 p.m. Video of Bukovina tour in 1993 by Larry Jensen

4:00 p.m. Video interview of Richard Hoffman, native of
Illischestie, Bukovina

6:30 p.m. Washington Bukovina Settlements, Irmgard
Ellingson
Germany today, Gabi Lunte

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, ELLIS

8:00 p.m. German Mixer, Social and Music

—SATURDAY, JULY 17—

HEADQUARTERS

9:30 a.m. Registration and coffee

10:00 a.m. Panel on Bohemian German Catholics, Al Lang,
Chair, followed by questions and discussion

10:00 a.m. Panel on Swabian Lutherans, Irmgard Ellingson,
Chair, followed by questions and discussion

1:00 p.m. Annual meeting of the Bukovina Society

HEADQUARTERS

1:30 p.m. Video history of Bukovina Society and prior
conventions

Slides of Bukovina, Steve Parke collection

Slides of historical Ellis

BUS TOUR DEPARTING FROM HEADQUARTERS

2:00 p.m. Historical Ellis County

AMERICAN LEGION, 13th and Canterbury, Hays

6:00 p.m. Social

7:00 p.m. German dinner

8:00 p.m. Recognitions and announcements

8:30 p.m. Wedding march for Byron and Diana Schonthaler
Dance

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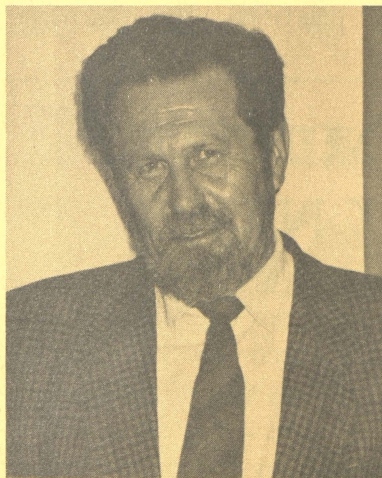
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DIALECT PRESERVATION

Prof. Dr. Kurt Rein traveled from Munich to the Bukovina Society headquarters in March. His first trip here was in May of 1992, and he was recognized and well received by all of his friends in the Ellis area. The board of directors honored him with a German dinner at Alloway's Restaurant and a public reception at the museum. He gave a presentation to the assembly on the progress of the Emigration to America from Bukovina project of the Bukowina Institut in Augsburg. His talk brought out information discovered in the



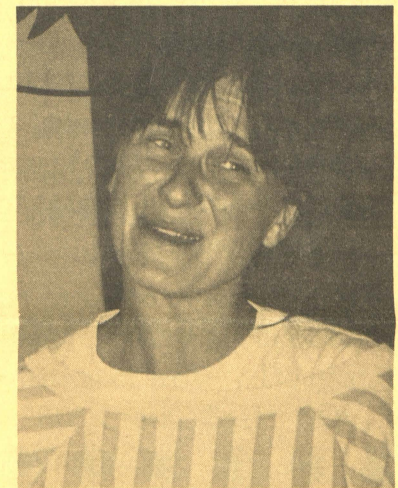
Professor Dr. Kurt Rein

newly opened archives in Czernowitz, the former capital of Bukovina. The Institut plans to publish the first results of the project this spring. This will include research to date and the contributions from Bukovina colonies in Canada, Washington, New York, and Kansas. The entire project will take several years

to complete with the intention of publication in both the German and English languages.

Dr. Rein was assisted during the four day visit by Gabi Lunte, a doctoral student at the University of Kansas, in recording the dialects of the Bukovina German descendants in the area. Ms. Lunte is a native

of Northern Germany and received her college degree there. She completed her Masters at K. U. and the dialect study is a part of her doctoral program. In cooperation with Dr. William Keel, Ms. Lunte will make more field visits to Ellis. She quickly made friends here and will be at home with her subjects of study and hosts. Dr. Keel was here to do research and establish contacts in January of this year.



Gabi Lunte

Dr. Rein was very pleased with the people he met who have retained their ancestral dialects. Spoken among the Bukovina German immigrants to Ellis was the Swabian dialect of the Lutherans, and the Deutsch-Boemish dialect of the Catholics. These dialects have been traced by the professors to the original homelands of the Bukovina Germans before migrating to Bukovina.

The balance of Dr. Rein's journey will take him to K. U. for a lecture, California, Canada, and Washington D.C. for research, and Austin for the annual meeting of the Society for German American Studies. In 1994 he will be a visiting professor at K. U. for a semester and plans more trips to Ellis.



Bukovina People

Marlyns Bias, a life member from Riverton, Wyoming wrote that she found her great great grandfather, Jakob Glass, in the BULLETIN from the Galveston, Texas ships passenger list. She sent for the microfilm through her local LDS Family History Branch in order to view the complete listing and found more interesting information. She purchased a copy of the complete ships passenger list, and donated a copy to the society for others to use. She plans to be back in Kansas for the Fifth Bukovinafest.

Larry Jensen wrote of his plans

to visit the former homeland again this spring. Wilf Uhren had plans to visit the village where his father was born in the Ukraine on a trip to the Bukovina district. He wrote a note to Ray Haneke that it is in doubt at this time. Paul Polansky who organized the trip may instead go into the Czech Republic.

Steve Parke who made a trip to the Bukovina district in Romania in September of 1991 has provided the society with copies of his slides. These will be used to make a slide program for use at the headquarters and to area schools and organizations.

The Ellis County Historical Society has asked Oren Windholz to give a program on the Bukovina Society at their annual social meeting on June 9th. Anyone interested in attending can mark their calendar now and watch for the final details in the local newspapers.

Fr. Felix Petrovsky of Hays will be leading a pilgrimage to Slovakia and the Czech Republic October 5th through October 21st, 1993. Among the cities visited will be Warsaw, Krakow, Zilina, Bratislava, Brno, and Prague. Information is available through Hays Travel, Inc. in Hays.



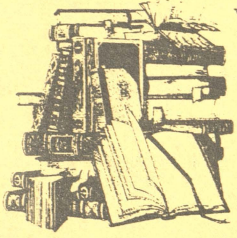
FIFTH BUKOVINAFEST

The program and registration forms are enclosed with this mailing and will be made available through other outlets. The convention will be interesting and entertaining. We expect a good turnout again this year, and the Schoenthaler reunion will add to the activities. A form for the convention motel is being sent to those from out of the area. Any additional registration forms can be received by writing to the secretary. Please inform the secretary if you know of anyone we should include on the mailing list.

MUSEUM AND TOURIST NEWS

Whenever the doors are open, someone stops in from near or far. When the museum is closed, Ray Schoenthaler hustles down to open up and greet visitors with a talk and tour. Ray has been operating the museum and hopes to expand hours this summer. Ray has made folders containing a set of the society newsletters and other information for sale this year. The Hays Convention and Visitors Bureau will again stop at our headquarters for tours this season.

Oren Windholz has been appointed by Hays Mayor Joe Glassman to the board of the bureau. The Hays CVB was of great assistance in the early formation of the Bukovina Society. Most recently they made available a triple slide projector with synchronized audio for use at the headquarters.



BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

Jacob Steigerwald donated his latest book Banat-ToPola's Schwaben: 1791-1945 to the society through Irmgard Ellingson. He has other publications of interest and may be contacted at 355 W. 4th St. Winona, MN 55987.

Dr. Kurt Rein donated several publications to the Ethnic Center Bukovina collection at Ft. Hays University, and to the headquarters.

Bohemian Germans in Kansas: A Catholic Community from Bukovina will be available at the Fifth Bukovinafest.

Bukowina Families: 200 Years is a new publication from Almar Associates of Ellis, Kansas. This book covers the genealogy of many of the Catholic Bohemian families that emigrated to the Bukowina between the years of 1799 and 1842 and later emigrated to the United States, Germany and Brazil with reference to emigrees to Canada. This publication will be available at the annual Bukovina Festival in July, 1993. For additional information, please contact Almar Associates at 300 N. Washington St., Ellis, KS 67637 or telephone (913) 726-4728 or (913) 625-6215.

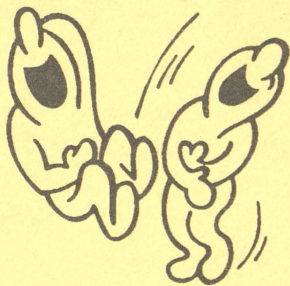
SURNAME EXCHANGE

Doug Dale of Saskatchewan is well known to the Bukovina Society board members and spouses from their visit to Regina. His wife has Bukovina roots. He has stayed in contact with us as well as working with Dr. Kurt Rein on the Bukowina Institut Project.

He called and volunteered to send two full disks to the society from his data base of over two thousand names, those relating to his wife being of interest to Bukovina descendants. The disks are IBM 2.2, 3 1/2 inch, utilizing the Family History Center program. Society members may contact the editor for information or write to Doug at Box 386, Craik, Sask. SOG OVO, Canada.

Bukovina German

HUMOR



Martin Flax said his mother told many stories when they were growing up. He repeated this one to the editor at a recent society gathering.

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A young widow was seen on Good Friday in the cemetery crying her eyes out for her recently departed husband. Finally some sympathetic friends came up to comfort her and told her not to grieve so much because she was young and could marry again. She looked up and said, "Ja one net fowa Oastern," (Yes, but not before Easter).

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Lifetime Members



New members to the **LIFER CLUB** since last newsletter:

30. Mary (Baumgartner) Weiman, Brownell, Kansas
31. Robert R. Massier, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
32. Wilfred P. Uhren Family, Tulsa, Oklahoma
33. William and Doris Hennig, Fairlawn, New Jersey
34. Vernena C. Bunker, Hays, Kansas
35. Jennie Chappell, Leawood, Kansas

Thanks for the support, your investment has increased the endowment for the future of our society.

California Czechoslovak Club

The founder of the society and editor of their club news publication, Kathryn Betlach Dankowski, wrote to ask about the Bukovina Society. She came into a copy of the BULLETIN and is interested in learning about the Bohemian German Catholics. She sent their latest club news Noviny to us, a 16 page publication sent to their 400 plus members.

BUKOVINA COOKING

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The Honas family held a reunion at the Fourth Bukovinafest and published a family history. This recipe is taken from the book and was a staple food of the Bukovina Germans the settlers brought to Kansas. It is listed as one of the main ethnic foods in Romania today. Many people remember growing up with this dish as standard fare around the house.

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Mamaliga

Bring to boil 2 3/4 cups water

Combine: 1 cup corn meal
1 cup cold water
1 tsp salt
1 tsp sugar

Gradually add mixture to boiling water, stirring constantly. Cook until thick, then cover and simmer over low heat for 10-15 minutes. Pour into a 7 1/2 X 3 1/2 X 2 1/4 loaf pan. Cool. After it is chilled, turn pan upside down and mush will slide out. Cut into 1/2 inch slices and serve with strawberries or sliced cucumbers and cream. For fried Mamaliga, slice thin and fry slowly in shortening until golden brown.



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Enclosed are the program and registration forms for the annual meeting of the Bukovina Society. The German Genealogy and Heritage Conference will be in Waco, Texas July 17-20 at the Holiday Inn, 1001 Brazos Drive. Please make copies for anyone who may wish one. We look forward to a very good meeting and appreciate the work by our hosts and organizers Mary and Van Massier.

MEMBERSHIPS

Annual memberships have come in at a record rate from the mailing of our last newsletter.

Thanks for the support. Newest lifetime members:

- 98. Madeline Wentzel Turner, Oregon City, Oregon
- 99.
- 100. Jacque S. Lucero, Garden City, Kansas

Donations to the microfilm reader/printer since the last newsletter are:

Agnes Shellhammer
Rudolph Schmahl
Helen R. Zerfas

ANNOUNCING BUKOVINA-GEN

The Bukovina Society Genealogy Mailing List / Larry R. Jensen

Thanks to the Great Plains Free-Net in Regina, Saskatchewan, we now have a new way to communicate with others on the Internet with an interest in Bukovina: BUKOVINA-GEN - The Bukovina Genealogy Mailing List! This mailing list is available, free of charge, to anyone who has an e-mail account.

What exactly is a mailing list? Everyone who's used e-mail knows that you can send copies of the same message to several people at once, just by listing all their addresses in the "To:" field. The recipients can use the "Reply to All" feature on their e-mail program to send their replies back to everyone, and an instant mailing list is born! That's much more convenient than printing and mailing so many letters. However, once the list grows beyond a handful of friends and family, it can become very difficult for everyone to keep up with the requests to "add me" or "take me off" the list.

To make the job easier, we use a computer program that acts as a robotic secretary to handle all these subscribe/unsubscribe requests. In our case, that program is <listproc@gpfn.sk.ca>. The program does one other thing for us - it gives us a single, common mailing list address for us to write to: <bukovina-gen@gpfn.sk.ca>. (Please note that I'm only using the <angle-brackets> to highlight these addresses and clearly separate them from the punctuation of my sentences. They are not part of the address!)

When any of us send a message to <bukovina-gen@gpfn.sk.ca> our friendly secretary will send a copy of that message to everyone currently subscribed to the list. At the moment, that's over 40 people - and more are joining every hour! (I'm writing this only two days after announcing the list - things can work quickly on the Internet!)

To subscribe to this list, send e-mail to listproc@gpfn.sk.ca with the command: subscribe bukovina-gen Firstname Lastname replacing Firstname Lastname with your own first and last names. For more information, contact me, or see the web version of our "welcome" file at <http://members.aol.com/LJensen/buko-gen.html>

BUKOVINA TOUR

A 13 article series of the recent tour to Bukovina was published in the Ellis Review and Ellis County Star. Written by Oren Windholz, it reflects his experience and some of the group during the journey. Reprints which contain additional pictures are available for \$2.00 (US) from P O Box 1083, Hays, Ks. 67601-1083.



OTILIE NEBL

A package arrived from Augsburg from our good friend and Bukovina Society supporter, Tilly Nebl. She greeted us at the Bukowina-Institut Halushkifest at the start of the Bukovina Tour and baked cakes for the trip. Tilly knew we finished the tour with an evening at Oktoberfest in Munich and offered to send us a tape of the festivities. We appreciate the thoughtful gesture and will make this available at a future meeting of the society.



Bukovina Cyberspace Surname Messages

We are especially proud to hear from persons born in Bukovina through the Bukovina home page on the net. One such man, Adrian Bertisan, wrote for a T-shirt and mug and is happy that there are people who care for that small part of Romania. He plans to be in Waco for the next Bukovina Society meeting. Adrian is proud to have been born and raised in Bucovina until the age of 20 and now lives in California. His hometown is Vatra Moldovitei in northern Romania. He is happy that we have founded the society and some members travel back to the original land to visit. "I think Bucovina is the most beautiful part of the earth, and if the political and economical situation was not that bad, I would have never left."

The editor has exchanged e-mail with a newly discovered cousin who located Larry Jensen on the net. Larry put Judy Kurtzweil from Salinas, California in touch with me. She is the granddaughter of Julia Neuburger Stroud. Julia was born April 11, 1907 in Heinrichsdorf, Bohemia (today Czech Republic). Some Neuburgers immigrated from Bohemia to Bukovina, but retained strong ties to their roots. Family members from time to time traveled back and forth. When the first Bohemian Germans in Bukovina migrated to Ellis, Kansas, Julia's family moved back to Bohemia before going to Ellis. The Neuburgers and Erberts from Ellis and Judy's family share the same common ancestor.

Allan W. Schmidt, a frequent correspondent of the society sent his e-mail addresses: dschmidt@chat.carleton.ca (or) a3676@mail.public.net He would like information on the descendants in North America of the Satulmare, Bukovina family Nunweiler, especially the family of Johann Peter Nunweiler and Marie Elisabeth Ahlen. He enclosed the family group record. Snail mail to 7897 Decarie Dr., Gloucester, Ontario, Canada K1C 2J4

Nancy S. Janda e-mailed Larry Jensen to add her name to the Bukovina home page list of Bukovina researchers at Dennis.Janda@kconline.com Bukovina Towns: Primarily Illischestie; Also Badeutz, Satulmare, Alt-Fratautz, Ludihumora. The surnames: Silzer, Fritz, Armbruster, Gebhardt, Rumpel, Ritter, Leib, Wendling, Hodel, Kattler, Sager, Ludwinkiewisz, Fatteicher, and Keim. Mail to 1738 Sunfish Dr., Warsaw, IN 46580

R. Schulman, 1000 S. Belgrade Rd, Silver Springs, MD 20902, e-mail: ALVAREZ@aol.com is looking for information about the experiences of people in the labor camp of Bershada in the Ukraine during the Second World War. His mother said their family lived in Strijnetz before the war, and in Czernowitz briefly after the war. Then they moved to Timisoara where his two brothers were born and to the United States in 1960. In 1941 his father was taken into the Russian army and shortly thereafter, his mother, her first child, grandmother, an aunt and a cousin were forcibly taken to a labor camp in Bershada. They were there for four years until they were liberated by Russian partisans. Only his mother, the aunt and cousin survived. His grandmother and sister died in the camp. (Larry Jensen found a town of Bershada in Ukraine, on the Southern Bug river about halfway between Kiev and Odessa) Mr. Shulman has been searching for others who have stories of this experience.

Brenda Loew e-mailed from eidos4sex@pipeline.com with mailing address of P O Box 96, Boston, MA 02137-0096 for those with a Czernowitz interest to contact her. Her great-uncle, Elias M. Loew, was born in Czernowitz around 1900 and came to America alone via Ellis Island around 1912. His parents were Harry Loew (a teacher?) and Sarah Dynes Loew. Their other children were Moritz, Isaac, Ira, Berha, and others. Elias was a rags to riches story who founded a large chain of theaters, a race track, a night club, luxury hotels in Miami, and many business and charitable interests. At the time Elias left Bukovina for America, his father and family stayed in Vienna until the Second World War. Elias sent for them to join him.

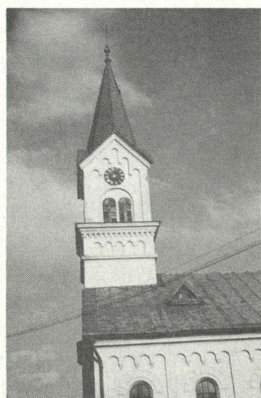
A good friend has developed from the internet in the form of Alex Teller who e-mailed me from alextell@pacbell.net with the message, "I was born in Czernowitz, Bukovina in 1930. I had no idea that there exists a Bukovina Society until 5 minutes ago when I started a search on the internet. Would like to contact other people from there." He left Czernowitz at age six because his father found a new job in another city. It was Romania then, but he spoke German with his parents. He last saw his home city at age 10 on a visit with his parents. All of his other relatives have since left and are scattered all over the world and contact lost. His parents died shortly after the Second World War and he had no other siblings. In 1953 Alex was married in Romania and in 1963 came to the United States. His work was in engineering in San Francisco for 33 years which he enjoyed before his retirement in 1955. He has traveled in Asia and plans an European trip which may include Czernowitz. Alex is not doing research at this time but would enjoy e-mail from anyone with an interest in Czernowitz.

Bukovina Cyberspace Surname Messages Cont.

Chris Teron, CTeron@aol.com thanked us for information and sent his membership fee. "My four paternal great grandparents all emigrated in about 1897 from Breedok, a small village on the shore of the Dniester River directly north of Chernovitsi, to Gardenton Manitoba and Lancaster Minnesota. They emigrated with a larger group of Galicians from L'vov. Their names are Onufry Tyron, Lena Kekot, father Wasyl, Ann Mareniuk and Wasyl Sandul. My grandparents changed the Tyron name spelling to Teron. There is another group of Terons living in California with the same history of emigration from Bukovina to Manitoba and with the same name change but we cannot yet make a connection. Any help for his search will be appreciated."

Todd Legg, tlegg@eskimo.com e-mailed that his mother, Selma Maurine Frambach was born 8-1-26 in Edenwold, the youngest of 17 children of Franz Karl Frombach and Theresia Mang. Frank and Theresia moved from Edenwold to Seattle in March 1929 and settled on Vashon Island.

The former Lutheran Church in Illischestie taken by Agnes Shellhammer during the Bukovina Tour. It is now an Orthodox Church where we were welcomed and given small loaves of bread from a funeral service that day. There are no longer any Lutheran or Catholic congregations in the village. The Catholic Church is locked and under the care of an Orthodox neighbor.



During the Bukovina Tour Werner Zoglauer and Oren Windholz met with two distant Fuchs cousins in Suceava who lived nearby, Heinrich and Fridolin. They were in the resettlement (Umsiedlung) of ethnic Bukovina Germans to the Reichland in 1940 and among the few who were returned after the war from the Soviet zone. In Bavaria, Karl Flachs greeted our cousin Friedolin Fuchs by saying, "Fuchs you stole the goose," from a German nursery rhyme. Friedolin responded with the rest of the rhyme. A week later in Czernowitz, a Bukovina German lady asked Werner and me what our ancestral surnames were. When we mentioned Fuchs, she immediately shouted, "Fuchs you stole the goose." We told her of our earlier learning of the story. When we first met Heinrich and Fridolin in Suceava we were ready, and said to them, "Fuchs you stole the goose" and Fridolin quickly retorted, "No, that was my father."



homeland music

Music, song, and dance were an integral part of the people of Bukovina. The history of their faith, work, holidays, family celebrations and even military service was recorded in song and verse. Even the melancholy of departure was put to song at the time the first families migrated to the New World. At the first convention of the Bukovina Society of the Americas in 1989 Lawrence A. Weigel sang a song from the village of Pojana Mikuli. It was published in the book Buchenhain-Die Heimat unserer Deutschböhmen by Josef Neuburger. The song was translated for the society by Mr. Weigel, a prominent Volga German historian and musician.

AUS POJANA MIKULI

Aus Pojana Mikuli muBich scheiden,
aus einem wunderschönen Ort.
Was muB ich darin verlassen?
Meinen aus er wahlten Shatz!

From Poiana Micului I must depart,
and leave this beautiful place.
What is it I will forsake here?
The sweetheart of my choice!

Reise hin in Gottes Namen
wohl über Länder, übert's Meer
Wenn du kommst in fremde Länder,
schreibe mir noch einmal her!

Travel then in God's name,
go over lands, over sea.
When you arrive in strange lands
write a letter to me.

Deine Wangen sei das Papier,
deine Tränen sei'n die Tint',
deine Finger sei'n die Feder,
daB du schreiben kanst zu mir!

Your cheeks are the paper,
your tears are the ink.
your fingers are the pen
so you can write to me!

Spietet auf, ihr Musikanten,
spielet auf zum AbschiedsruB
Meinem Schätzchen zum Gefallen,
weil ich schneiden von ihr muB.

Musicians please begin playing
play a farewell greeting
so it will please my sweetheart
Because I must part from her.



BUCHENHAINER LIEDER

A choral group in Bavaria of people with roots in Poiana Micului, Bukovina were pictured in 1990 and have preserved on cassette music and songs of the homeland. 1st row: Georg Baumgartner, Maria Fuchs, Margarete Engert, Rosina Lang, Irma Fuchs, Magdalene Baumgartner, Hedwig Manz. 2nd row: Maria Neuburger, Frieda Fuchs, Johann Lang, Hedwig Baumgartner. 3rd row: Josef Neuburger, Gottfried Fuchs (President), Rudolf Kisslinger, Philipp Manz, Ferdinand Baumgartner (Treasurer), Friedolin Fuchs, Franz Engert.

BUKOVINA BRIEFS

Roma Kutzik of Pipestone, MN wrote, "My father, Reinhart Kutzik, immigrated to the U.S. from Eisenau, Bukowina via Canada ending up in Chicago where he joined his father Johann Kutzik in approximately 1918. The two worked as tailors in Chicago earning money to bring wife and mother Ludwina Kutzik and two girls, Gertrude and Elizabeth to America. In 1922, after many delays caused by WWI the females left Eisenau then known as Prisaca, Rumania for Montevideo, Minnesota where they found sponsors. Several factors contributed to my growing up in an environment strongly influenced by the old country culture. Bukowina, the Carpathians, haluschkis made with sauerkraut, mamaliga, kuchen, kartofelen salad and many songs became dear to my heart. I heard many stories of the various communities in Bukowina, also. I enjoy my membership and felt that perhaps the enclosed copies of Bukowina documents will be of interest to society members."

Ray Schoenthaler, Joe Erbert, and Ray Haneke open up the Bukovina Society museum from time to time as people stop in Ellis. They were pleased to host the Daley family from Arns, Manitoba, Canada recently during their return from a tour of the Southwest.

The board of directors of the society has scheduled a Bukovina Christmas program November 30, 1997. This first time event will feature the traditions, customs, and music of the Deutsch-Böhmish and Swabian immigrants to Ellis. A planning committee will work on the details to be announced in the fall newsletter. We have invited the local Sunflower Chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia to join in the program.

At the time of the newspaper series on the Bukovina Tour, Chris Rorabaugh's seventh grade class at Washington School in Ellis was studying East Europe. He asked us to make a presentation which included slides and history of their ancestors. Pat Windholz showed the class her

Romanian dress outfit, black pottery, painted eggs and mementos gathered during the tour.

The 25th Annual Genealogy Conference will be conducted by the Topeka Genealogical Society, P O Box 4048, April 25-26, 1997 in Topeka, 66604.

We received brochures from Ukraina-Tours of Pittersberg, Germany announcing their tours to Bukovina in June, July and August of 1997. They offer to include the home village of guests and have been offering these tours since 1991. Their telephone/fax is 09438/1648 or 0171/7376-288

Madeline Wentzel Turner wrote she has not been able to put the new book down and not a week goes by that someone does not post or e-mail some new significant information or family connection. "Thank you again for your part in having the society online."

GALIZIEN GERMAN DESCENDANTS

The editor of the newsletter and secretary of their organization, Betty Wray contacted me by e-mail for information that might be of interest to their members. She had a specific interest in the village of Alexanderdorf. Betty has met two of our members through the FEEFHS, Irmgard Ellingson and Larry Jensen. She also cited a publication that would be of interest to some Bukovina Society members, "Die Evangelischen Gemeinden in der Bukowina, Alexanderdorf und Kathariendorf von 1863-1940," by Konrad Gross.

Their quarterly newsletter is a very interesting and informative publication dedicated to family history of the German descendants from the Austrian province of Galicia. Cost is US \$15.00/yr; overseas \$18.00. Their home page on the internet is <http://feefhs.org/gal/frg-ggd.html>

Contacts are: Evelyn Wolfer, President, 12367 S. E. 213th St., Kent, WA 98031-2215 or Betty Wray at 2035 Dorsch Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598, e-mail: wraybj@pacbell.net

They place surname and village entries for members and non members on their home page and help members with their research. Their members are spread out all over the country with no one core group location. The two year old society already has 120 members with about a third of them on e-mail. Anyone with a Galizien connection is encouraged to contact Betty.

SOCIETY OF GERMAN-AMERICAN STUDIES

We encourage those interested to join the society which publishes a quarterly newsletter, books, and sponsors various meetings and symposia. Dues are \$20.00 (\$25.00 outside North America) payable to the society through William Roba, Scott Community College, 5009 Belmont Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722-6804 Please use your 9-digit zip. The SGAS reports that an historic marker is being placed at Jamestown to mark the arrival of the first Germans in America in 1608. Sixty million Americans claim Germany ancestry and constitute the largest ethnic element in the U.S. The German-American quadricentennial will be celebrated in 2008. The SGAS has submitted a proposal to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service requesting a stamp in honor of this anniversary. Support of this proposal is encouraged by writing in support to: Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service Stamp Development, Room 4474E, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, D.C. 20260-2437.

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