

BUXTON QUESTIONNAIRE

I. Introduction

II. Background Data

1. How long did you live in Buxton? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_)
2. Where did you live before moving to Buxton? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
check here if born in Buxton
3. Why did you leave Buxton? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What places have you lived since leaving Buxton? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Your sex?  male  female
7. Your race?  black  white  other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What is your highest level of education attained?

(check one)

- no formal education
- some elementary school (grades 1-7)
- completed elementary school (grade 8)
- some high school (grades 9-11)
- finished high school (grade 12)
- some college
- college graduate

10. How much of your schooling was received in Buxton?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. What are your parents' names?

Mother \_\_\_\_\_  Black  White

Father \_\_\_\_\_  Black  White

12. Where were your parents born?

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ don't know

Father \_\_\_\_\_

13. What was the highest level of education your parents attained?

mother father

- \_\_\_\_\_ no formal education
- \_\_\_\_\_ some elementary school (grades 1-7)
- \_\_\_\_\_ completed elementary school (grade 8)
- \_\_\_\_\_ some high school (grades 9-11)
- \_\_\_\_\_ finished high school (grade 12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ some college
- \_\_\_\_\_ college graduate

14. Were any of your relatives slaves?  yes  no

If yes, how were they related to you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

← LIII. Life in Buxton

1. Were you employed in Buxton?  yes  no

If yes:

a. At what age did you start working?  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. What job/jobs did you hold? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. How much were you paid? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If no:  
Go on to #2

2. Did your father work while in Buxton?  yes  no

If yes:

a. What work did he do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Did your mother work outside the home?  yes  no

If yes:

a. What was her job? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. Where did she work? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Did your family take in boarders?  yes  no

If yes:

a. How many boarders lived in your house?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What was your fathers occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

If your father was a miner, please go on to the next question. If not, please skip to #11.

6. During what years was he a miner in Buxton?

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Which mines did he work while in the Buxton area? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. What were his specific duties? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Did your father belong to the union?  yes  no

If yes:  
a. Was he ever an officer of the union?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. What office? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Was your father ever injured in the mines?  yes  no

If yes:  
a. Please explain injury: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. How did your father feel about his job? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Did you live with your parents while in Buxton?

yes  no

If no: (go on to #15)  
a. Were you a boarder? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did your family live in a company house?  yes  no

14. How many brothers and sisters lived in your house? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Was there running water in your house?  yes  no

16. How was the house heated? \_\_\_\_\_

17. How many rooms were in the house? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Did you have a garden?  yes  no

19. How big was the yard? \_\_\_\_\_

20. What organizations, if any, did your parents participate in?  
(for example: trade unions, lodges, YMCA, musical groups, etc)

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

21. How often were adult friends entertained in your home?

- several times a week
- once or twice a week
- less than once a week
- 2 or 3 times a month
- less than twice a month
- on special occasions, holidays, etc.
- never

22. Did your parents have friends of another race?  yes  no

If yes:

a. Did they have:

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| very few                 | some                     | several                  | almost all               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

23. Did your parents have relatives in Buxton?  yes  no

24. What were some of your Buxton relatives names? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

25. How often did your family visit relatives?

- |                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| never                    | seldom                   | often                    | no relatives in area     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*Mother*  
*Father*

DAILY ROUTINE. Try to recall the things you frequently did in Buxton. List these activities in order of how often you did them. EXAMPLE: Children most often attend school in the mornings and afternoons during the week, and do chores, homework and play in the evenings.

*see next*

	MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
MORNING	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
AFTERNOON	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
EVENING	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

*double*

*double*

HOLIDAYS. Try to recall how you spent holidays in Buxton. First indicate the holiday and then list the activities associated with it.

	HOLIDAYS		
ACTIVITIES	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

*double*

SICKNESS. Recall how sickness was treated in your home in Buxton. First indicate some common sicknesses (colds, fever, etc.) and then describe how they were treated.

	SICKNESSES		
TREATMENT	1. _____	2. _____	3. _____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

*double*

*Fill in Sicknesses*

DISHARMONY. Do you recall any social problems in Buxton, such as strikes or lockouts, juvenile delinquency, disorderly conduct in public, drinking in public, etc? Be specific, giving dates and locations.

SOCIAL PROBLEM	DATE	PLACE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

EVALUATION OF BUXTON. Check the one that comes closest to your feelings about life in Buxton.

- A period of great satisfaction \_\_\_\_\_
- Mainly good, with some small discomforts \_\_\_\_\_
- Just a place to live and work \_\_\_\_\_
- A period of dissatisfaction, not sorry to move \_\_\_\_\_

*Center*

*different colleges? double*

*Comments*

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*Buxton family*

TIME AND LOCATION DATA

1. Date
2. Place
3. Time
4. Others present (if any)
5. Buxton Club member present (if any)

BACKGROUND DATA

1. Age, date of birth, place of birth
2. Gender
3. Residence prior to Buxton
4. Date moved to Buxton
5. Length of time in Buxton
6. Place of residence after leaving Buxton
7. Names of both parents
8. Names of children (if any)

*Friends*

OCCUPATION

*Connection between nearby Buxton, Bucknell & Hydock. Mine #3*

1. Number and which family members worked outside the home
2. What type of occupation they held
3. Length of employment in Buxton
4. If interviewee was a miner:
  - a. age when first worked in mine
  - b. length of time spent in mine (average work day, number of years, any slack seasons)
  - c. names of mines where employed
  - d. jobs held, responsibilities in mine
  - e. wages
  - f. union membership (see also section on Buxton community)
  - g. illnesses or injuries that were mine related
  - h. satisfaction or dissatisfaction with job

HOUSING

*Rent for house & land*

1. Private or rented housing
2. Company house
3. Size and location of residence
4. Facilities (plumbing, heating, lighting)
  - a. how was garbage disposed of?
  - b. did any homes have telephones?
  - c. were there homes with basements?
5. Garden facilities
6. Conditions (number of children, sleeping arrangements, boarders, etc.)
7. Have interviewee sketch floor plans, furnishings in their house

*Foundations*

BUXTON COMMUNITY

*Economic history*

1. Number and types of churches
2. Lodges or other voluntary associations; church and union membership and participation
3. Type and nature of community stores
  - a. what kinds of goods were purchased at company or other stores? What

- goods were made at home?
- b. what goods were purchased in nearby communities?
- 4. How were Buxton residents treated in surrounding towns?
- 5. Did Buxton change while you lived there?
  - a. lose or gain population?
  - b. any change in racial composition?

#### EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

- 1. Number of schools
- 2. Classes or courses taught
- 3. Remembrance of teachers or other students
- 4. Adequacy of school building, playgrounds, etc.

#### ETHNIC DIVERSITY

- 1. Different ethnic groups living in Buxton
- 2. Interaction between groups
- 3. Any evidence of separation or discrimination?
- 4. Race and background of friends and neighbors
- 5. Interracial families?

*Lynchings*

#### MEDICAL FACILITIES

- 1. Hospital facilities
- 2. Doctors (company or independent?)
- 3. Midwives (if present or used)
- 4. Medical care for miners

*Company store  
and other places  
of business.  
Comparative prices  
Medium exchange*

#### LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

- 1. Y.M.C.A. and it's activities
- 2. Dances, celebrations or other special occasions
- 3. Holidays
- 4. Musical band concerts, orchestra, etc.
- 5. Family entertaining
- 6. Sports (Buxton Wonders baseball, etc.)

*Clothing*

#### HOUSEHOLD ACTIVITIES

- 1. Daily routine of family members
- 2. Division of labor
- 3. Food preparation, preservation:
  - a. did you can foods? (jars or crocks)
  - b. did you make or buy cheese, butter, etc.?
- 4. Talks from parents how to behave, how to live life
- 5. Did the family ever travel outside of Buxton (when and where?)
- 6. What holidays were celebrated and how?

#### DISHARMONY

- 1. Strikes or lockouts
- 2. Juvenile delinquency
- 3. Law and order problems
- 4. Drinking
- 5. Rough parts of town
- 6. Law enforcement: police, jail, courts, etc.

#### ETC.

- 1. Any photographs?
- 2. Relatives buried in Buxton cemetery? (get names and relationship)

COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF BUXTON

1. Seemed to be a period of great satisfaction
2. Mainly good, with some small discomforts
3. Just a place to live and work
4. Dissatisfied, not sorry to move

EVALUATION OF INTERVIEWEE

1. Sensitivity
2. Uneasiness
3. Cooperation
4. Interest
5. Openness
6. Rememberance of details