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Project Title: A Systematic Study of the Syntax of Appalachian English
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I have been asked to participate in a research study on language variation in southern Appalachia. The purpose of this study will be to investigate linguistic properties of Appalachian English varieties spoken in east Tennessee. I understand that I will be asked to participate in an interview, and that that interview will be tape-recorded. I will be asked to share my observations about language use in my community, and to give my opinion about the “naturalness” of sentences.

A potential risk from participating in this study is that I may feel self-conscious about being tape-recorded. This risk has been explained to me and I accept it.

I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary and that I may end my participation in this research at any time.

I understand that my identity will be protected at all times and that my name will not be used without my separate written permission. I understand that the results of this study will not be reported in a way that would identify individual participants.

I may call the investigator, Judy Bernstein, if I have any questions or concerns about this research and my participation. I may call the Associate Vice President and Dean for Graduate Studies and Research (973-720-3093) for information regarding my rights as a research subject.

By signing this consent form, I am agreeing to participate in this research study.

I have read the description of the research study and understand my role and rights as a participant. By signing this consent form, I am agreeing to participate in this research study.

Signature of participant

Name of participant

Date

Signature of investigator

Judy B. Bernstein
Name of investigator

Date