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MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
DEPARTMENT OF FOLKLORE
GARDEN PARTY

You can help us to preserve the folklore of Newfoundland.

This traditional material is part of the unwritten history of the province which the university is attempting to record.

Every community has its own way of doing things, which you take for granted but usually are not known in the same way outside of your region. Your contribution will undoubtedly fill a gap in our knowledge.

Please answer as many of the specific questions as possible, in as much detail as you can, OR if you prefer to write an essay on the topic, these questions could serve as a guide to some of the kinds of information in which we are interested.

General Instructions

1. Please write down the information exactly as you remember it or as it was told to you. Use the exact words and phrasing of the informant. Do not attempt to "correct" the form of the information.
2. Write in black or blue ink, or type (double-spaced).
3. Write on one side of the paper only.
4. Number pages in upper right hand corner
5. Give the number of the question you are answering.
6. Complete the following information requested at the end of the paper, as illustrated.

Informant's name	age	occupation
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Home community	bay	religion
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Learned from	Community	relationship
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Student's name	age	course number	Home community
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St. John's address	date
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In answering the questions below, please give full and specific details concerning this event in one specific community.

1. What was the date of the first Garden Party in the community?
2. Who organized the first Garden Party in your community?
3. On what date(s) is the Garden Party held? (If it has varied, give the date(s) for particular years).
4. Who organizes the present Garden Party?
5. Has the practice of holding a Garden Party been dropped in the community? If so, when?
6. Which community in your region, parish or district was the first to sponsor a Garden Party?
7. Was the first Garden Party associated with any specific religious or social group? If so, which?
8. Were there any specific preparations for the event? By whom? (Please describe in detail).
9. How long before the Garden Party do preparations start? (If possible give specific examples).
10. Was there any religious service (special or otherwise) connected with the Garden Party?
11. What do the older people say is the chief purpose of the Garden Party? Do the younger people have different views? If so, what are they?
12. Was there any special dress or clothing worn/purchased for this gathering? Where or how procured and how far in advance?

13. Describe the arrival, overnight stay and departure of non-resident people who visited the community for the Garden Party. From how far away did they come?
14. Was food served? Give very specific details of what was eaten and drunk, the preparation, serving; whether indoors or outdoors etc. Who contributed or paid for the food which was served? What was the cost to the eaters? (Comment on changes over a period if possible.)
15. List and describe the various games and entertainment (including dancing) stating if held indoors and outdoors.
16. Comment on any courtship, visiting patterns and drinking during the Garden Party.
17. Describe the part played in the preparation and during the festivity itself by
 - (a) the children
 - (b) the women
 - (c) the men
18. What were the approximate costs of and profits from the Garden Party in specific years?
19. For what are the profits from the Garden Party used?
20. Additional comments: (eg. What changes have taken place in this festival?)