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Collection Name: Somalis in Lewiston

Narrator: Fatuma Hussein, Azeb Hassan, Hawa Kahin, Kiih Issa, and Ayan Ismail

Interviewer/Depositor: Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal

Description: 3732 Futuma Hussein, Azeb Hassan, Hawa Kahin, Kiih Issa, and Ayan Ismail, interviewed by Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal for ANT 425, 2003, at Daryeelka, Inc., Lewiston, Maine. Paper, titled “Somali Women of Lewiston, Maine,” deals with how Hannibal and fellow student Dianne Schindler set up interviews with the five Somali women living in Lewiston, Maine. Daryeelka, Inc. is a resource for families that assists them in becoming economically independent and active participants in community life. 12 pp.

Text: 13 pp. paper

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Restrictions: None
Description:  **3733 Fatuma Hussein and Ayan Ismail**, interviewed by Dianne Schindler, March 26, 2003, at the United Somali Women Office, Auburn, Maine. Hussein, age 25 and who was originally from Somalia, talks about living in Lewiston for 2 years; food and cultural ways in Somali society; Hussein’s family and her education; food preparation; anchero; tea; spices; samosas; raising girls; cookies; beef; types of foods at celebrations; Qu’an; milk; chapati; American fast food; baby food. Ismail had a small part in the interview.

Text: 24 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3733_c2650_01, mfc_na3733_c2650_02 37 minutes

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Description: 3734 Azeb Hassan, Hawa Kahin, and Kiin Issa, interviewed by Dianne Schindler and Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal, March 26, 2003, at Daryeelka Women and Children’s Advocacy, Lewiston, Maine. Hassan, Kahin, and Issa talks about foodways and cultural dress of Somalis; Somali culture of hospitality and strong community relationships; rich tradition of Somali Muslim society.

Text: 8 pp. transcript
Recording: mfc_na3734_c2652_01, mfc_na3734_c2652_02 35 minutes

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Restrictions  No restrictions on interviews; photographs are not to be used in news-related media; in book only.
Description: 3735 Fatuma Hussein, interviewed by Elizabeth Hoyt Hannibal, March 26, 2003, Hussein’s office in the Community Concepts building, Auburn, Maine. Hussein talks about being the head of an organization called United Somali Women of Maine that helps Somali women adjust to living in nearly all-white Lewiston; importance of family support; hospitality of Somali people; marriage; refugee camps in Kenya; traditional dress; hijab; diraa; religious requirement to cover head; Somalis in Atlanta, Georgia; moving to Maine; wearing pants; shoes; flip-flops; Western clothing; challenges of skin color, religion, culture, language; fear of change.

Text: 19 pp. transcript, 2 pp. field notes
Recording: mfc_na3735_c2651_01 32 minutes
Description: 3736 By Dianne Schindler for ANT 425, spring 2003. Paper deals with Schindler’s collection of information about the foodways and food customs of Somali women in Lewiston, also a narrative of how she prepared for the project, found informants, set up interviews, and recorded her information.

Text: 11 pp. paper
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Interviewer: Caterina Anderson
_Depositor:_ Sue Charon, Phil Nadeau, Pierrot Rugaba, Jeff Burgess, Kathy Harris, and Victoria Scott

Description: 3737 Sue Charon, Phil Nadeau, Pierrot Rugaba, Jeff Burgess, Kathy Harris, and Victoria Scott, interviewed by Caterina Anderson, for the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy, May 10, 2004. Paper, titled “The Somalis of Lewiston, Maine: A Policy Perspective” deals with U. S. immigration and refugee policy; inner workings of the refugee resettlement infrastructure; the situation; policy analysis; why accommodating newcomers is a good idea; Anderson’s findings.

Text: 51 pp. manuscript

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Text: 48 pp. copied material

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