

## ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE

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I think that a number of studies of mountain speech in the South would be highly desirable provided the area covered by each is sufficiently restricted to permit of an intensive, scholarly study. Mrs. Perry does not appear to me to have limited sufficiently the area in which she intends to work. I do not find in her plan any expressed intention to study the history of the settlement of the communities in which she will work. This should precede any study of the speech of the communities. Her plan likewise does not include a phonemic analysis of each informant's speech. Such an analysis would presuppose a limited number of informants. This, I think, is important. Her preparation in phonetics and certain other linguistic courses is not bad. If, however, she is to undertake an intensive study of mountain speech, it would be well for her to pursue at the Linguistic Institute, which is to meet next summer at the University of North Carolina, certain courses which treat specifically of the problems and methods of dialect study. I would suggest also that she keep in constant touch with Dr. Hans Kurath, director of the Linguistic Atlas, Brown University, and if possible, work on the data she collects under his guidance. Moreover, before she completes her study, it would be greatly to her advantage to spend several months at Brown University, in order to avail herself adequately of the many excellent facilities that the Linguistic Atlas workshop and staff offer.

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