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Heidi Girvin

Logan, UT

December 4, 2018

Middle School Elvish

Children's Folklore

Informant:

Heidi is a student at USU, she has done color guard for the school and now works to clean the business building on campus on weeknights. She also served an LDS mission and is a hard worker who loves what she does.

Context:

I was at home after work and as conversation flowed at our apartment, I went to ask Heidi about any of her secret languages she might've had as kid after I was able to interview Madi. She was in the living room working on her homework and her information was shorter with less detail.

Text:

Heidi: I learned Elvish too like Madi.

Me: Really??

Heidi: Yeah [All laughing]

Me: how did you get into that? [laughs] Where the heck did elvish come from?

Heidi: I was in like middle school and we'd just speak a bit in my friend group. Everyone did it.

Me: How do you speak it?

Heidi: You like switch the first and last letters or something, I can't remember exactly [looks at Madi for confirmation] Like my name would be eidiHay...

Madi: That's Piglatin

Heidi: Oh yeah we spoke that too! Piglatin! [Laughs]

Texture:

As Heidi told about her piece of folklore, she was more business like and seemed a little bit more busy than for a conversation. During some remarks by Madi and I, she laughed and told the story in a more light heartedly tone. It was generally a casual, in passing interview. Often at parts, she'd look at her homework more often than at us.

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