Story Card CAMB 005

Story title	A History of Keo Seima District				
Story-teller	Mr. Keo Phloey, Ms. Teut Yeut	Sex	M, F	Age	80
Recording time/date	19 November 2014				
Recording place	At their house in Laoka Village, Senmonorom, Mondulkiri				
	Province, Cambodia				
Length	About 2:00 minutes				
Language(s) used	Bunong, Khmer				
Data available	video audio picture notes oth	ner ()
Topic/key words	Glass, Khmer Rouge				
Category	Etymology				

Summary

Long time ago, a lot of magic glasses (*keo*) grew on a stone in the mountain. Bunong villagers were able to collect them. Villagers released their cattle in the area. They then always held a ceremony and uttered a prayer, "Please take care of my cattle." Only villagers with good virtue were able to ask for a magic glass from the mountain. They had a dream at night, in which they learned how to take a glass. Some villagers took a magic glass and put it at home to pray for. Whenever a festival was held, villagers would bring a glass together and placed it in a sacred place for celebration. Villagers who did this always obtained a good luck for everything not only for themselves but for their family and even cattle. Villagers named the area in the mountain where they collected magic glasses *Keo Seima*. It later became Keo Seima District. Villagers with good virtue and their family passed away. During the Khmer Rouge era, all magic glasses were taken away. No one can find them anymore.