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**The Linguistics 113 Survey of Massachusetts Speech
Part One: Lexicon**

Name of language consultant:

Name of field worker (you):

Instructions: The field worker asks the questions, and makes note of the answers. Please wait for the consultant to provide the word or expression asked for in the question. Do not suggest the possible answers yourself unless the person fails to come up with one of the responses in the list.

Residential background

1. What city or town in Massachusetts were you born in?
2. In what city or town in Massachusetts did you go to high school?
3. In what area of Massachusetts is the town where you went to high school?
 - a. Within the city limits of Boston
 - b. North of Boston
 - c. South of Boston
 - d. Cape Cod
 - e. West of Boston but east of Worcester
 - f. Worcester area
 - g. Western Mass
4. Where was your mother born?
5. Where was your father born?
6. Please circle the location of the town you went to high school in on the attached map.

Questions about vocabulary

1. What do you call the metal container with a handle that is used to carry water or milk?
 - a. pail
 - b. bucket
 - c. other
2. What do you call a sale of unwanted personal belongings held in your yard or in some other outdoor space?
 - a. yard sale
 - b. tag sale
 - c. garage sale

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3. Do you have another term for liquor store in your speech?
 - a. package store
 - b. packie
 - c. other

4. What do you call the drink made with milk, ice cream and flavored syrup?
 - a. milkshake/shake
 - b. frappe
 - c. cabinet
 - d. other

5. Do you ever use the word *wicked* instead of *very*, like in *This is wicked cool*?
 - a. yes
 - b. no.

6. What do you call the wheeled contraption in which you put groceries at the supermarket?
 - a. grocery cart
 - b. shopping cart
 - c. carriage
 - d. buggy
 - e. other

7. What is your generic term for a sweetened carbonated beverage?
 - a. soda
 - b. pop
 - c. tonic
 - d. coke
 - e. other

8. What's the name of the container with handles that you deposit the trash in ?
 - a. barrel
 - b. trash barrel
 - c. trash can
 - d. garbage can
 - e. other

9. Supposing you want to agree with someone when they say something like "I just love the food at Kelly's." What would you say?
 - a. So don't I
 - b. So do I