Evidence: script copying — "Lillie Ahlers" channel vs. Ezra Cade

Captured 2026-08-19. Prepared in support of YouTube copyright removal request.

[Note added 2026-09-12] "Lillie Ahlers" was this channel's display name on the capture date. It is the SAME channel now known as **"Opal Rowe"** (@OpalRowe1945) — the channel ID **UCZgnDg-w6VqHLJB8Qwpwabg** is identical and channel IDs are permanent. The channel renamed itself "Lillie Ahlers" → "Opal Rowe and Brett Kamp" (~Aug 24, 2026) → "Opal Rowe" (Aug 25, 2026), i.e. within days after the first DMCA claim was filed on Aug 20. See DOSSIER-PHOENIX-RISING-MEDIA-2026-08-25.md for the name history and the operation's structure.

Infringing video: "40 Appalachian Cooking Tricks Grandma Never Wrote Down" — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hlLkNlmRfW0 — channel "Lillie Ahlers" (UCZgnDg-w6VqHLJB8Qwpwabg), published 2026-08-11, 37:35.

Infringed video: "25 MORE Appalachian Cooking Tricks Grandma Has Never Wrote Down" — https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-g8Z1pCBjs0 — Ezra Cade (@EzraCage, UCTJPfBBz4vSQ0jTvbJShiGw), published 2026-08-07, 26:09. Script on disk: SCRIPT-11-Cooking-Tricks-2.md (authored before publication).

Side-by-side, closing passages (their final ~4 minutes vs. our final ~4 minutes)

Ezra Cade script (published Aug 7)	Their narration (published Aug 11)
"It goes back past the covered dish to the funeral biscuit, hundreds of years, women meeting death the only way they had, with their hands and a hot dish."	"It goes back past the covered dish to the funeral biscuit. Hundreds of years. Women meet death the only way they had with their hands and a hot dish."
"Maw cooked for every grieving house on that mountain for fifty years, and when she went, they cooked for us, and I stood in a kitchen full of other women's casseroles and understood it from the inside for the first time."	"My mama cooked for every grieving house on that mountain for 50 years. And when she went, they cooked for us. I stood in a kitchen full of other women's casseroles and I understood it from the inside for the first time."
"What did your grandmother make that never got written down — the dish, the trick, the thing she did **by feel**? Whose was it, and what county did she cook in? I'm trying to get it down before it's gone."	"What did your mama make that never got written down? The dish or the trick she did **by field**? Whose was it and what county did she cook in? I'm trying to get it all down before it's gone."
"It lived in one woman's hands at a time, and it went in the ground with her, over and over, all up and down these mountains, and most of it is gone and not coming back. But not all of it. Not if we write it down."	"It lived in one woman's hands at a time, and it went in the ground with her over and over, all up and down these mountains. Most of it is gone, and it isn't coming back. But not all of it. Not if we write it down."
"They knew. Now it's written down."	"They knew. Now it's written down."

The caption-artifact proof of copying method

Our script reads "the thing she did **by feel**." YouTube's auto-generated captions of our video mis-transcribe this as "by **field**." The infringing video's narrator SPEAKS "by field" — a phrase that exists nowhere except in the machine transcription error of our video's captions. This demonstrates the infringing script was produced by copying our video's captions.

Item-sequence copying

Their items #15 through #1 reproduce our video's item list in our order: reading the oven by hand · milking the corn cob · broom-straw cake tester · two-waters greens · wood cookstove hot corners · cold-oven pound cake · beaten biscuits · jelly sheet test · canning/botulism warning · eggless wacky cake · potato-in-salty-soup myth correction · larding lean meat · chocolate gravy (including our editorial note that its origin is unknown) · "always room for one more" · the food you carry to a grieving house.

Their channel launched 2026-08-06 (the week our channel's videos broke out) and additionally uses our signature sign-off "They knew. Now it's written down." as its own sign-off, and sells a competing ebook at opalrowe.com using the same phrase (see EVIDENCE-opalrowe-slogan-2026-08-19.png in the project root).

Full transcript of the infringing video

(As captured 2026-08-19 via caption extraction. Preserved in case the video is edited or deleted.)

My MMA died in 1991 and she never wrote a single recipe down. What I have is what I watched at her elbow from the time I could see over the counter. It lived in her hands and when she went, most of it went with her. Here's the twist. Number 36 is a spoonful of something bitter she stirred into every chocolate cake. [... full transcript preserved — see note below ...]

Note: the complete verbatim transcript (~6,900 words) was captured on 2026-08-19 and the closing passages quoted above are exact. If the full text is needed for a proceeding, re-extract from the preserved video file INFRINGING-hlLkNlmRfW0-40-cooking-tricks.mp4 in this folder.