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- NUMERICAL LISTING OF SELECTIONS IN VOLUMES ONE, TWO, AND THREE (NOS.) TO 84), WITH INFORMATION ON ORIGINAL ISSUES, CONDENSATIONS OF TEXTS, NOTES ON RECORDINGS, AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL AND DISCOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES.

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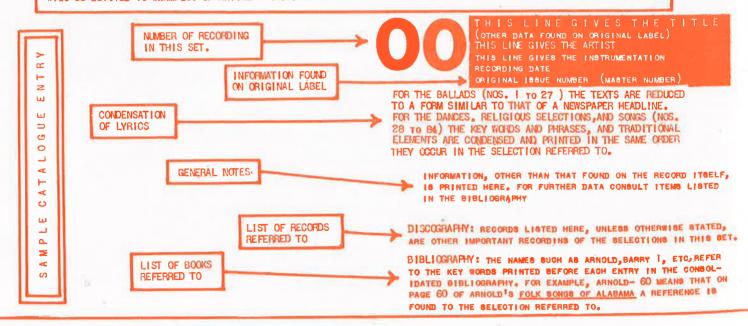
By 1888 many important recordings of folk songs had been out on cylinders, but it was not until that year and the perfection of the gramophone disc by emile berliner that inexpensive records were made available to the public. Out of about thirty folk song titles issued by Berliner between 1995 and 1999 the most important were, no. 3012, an exciting banjo and vocal version of "who broke the lock" by cousins and demoss (recorded new york november 14, 1995); no. 942, "Dixie", with partian lyrids, by george g. Gaskin (washington d.c. october 14, 1996); no. 670 "Virginia camp meeting" by george grahma and billy golden (washington d.c. march 8, 1997) containing the first authentic american religious music on records; and no. 0730, "A day in a country school" by george grahma (new york november 15, 1999) which includes a unique recording of chanted mathematical problems.

DURING THE EARLY 1900'S A NUMBER OF RELEASES WERE MADE, THE MOST FAMOUS BEING UNCLE JOSH'S UNACCOMPANIED "FROG WENT A COURTING" ON THE COLUMBIA, VICTOR AND EDISON VERSIONS OF "A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS", ALSO BILLY GOLDEN'S SEVERAL GUTTINGS MADE AT THAT TIME OF ROLL ON THE GROUND AND RABBIT HASH HAVE VERY FULL TEXTS OF THESE WELL KNOWN SONGS.

THE MODERN ERA OF FOLK MUSIC RECORDING BEGAN SHORTLY AFTER WORLD WAR I WHEN RALPH PEER, OF OKEH RECORDS, WENT TO ATLANTA WITH PORTABLE 'EQUIPMENT AND A RECORD DEALER THERE OFFERED TO BUY 1000 COPIES IF PEER WOULT RECORD THE SINGING OF CIRCUS BARKER 'FIDDLING' JOHN DARSON. "THE LITTLE OLD LOG CABIN IN THE LANE" AND "THE OLD HEN CACKLED AND THE ROOSTER'S GOING TO CROW WERE GUT, AND ACCORDING TO PEER "IT WAS SO BAD THAT WE DIDN'T EVEN PUT A SERIAL NUMBER ON THE RECORDS, THINKING THAT WHEN THE LOCAL DEALER GOT HIS SUPPLY THAT WOULD BE THE END OF IT. WE SENT HIM 1,000 RECORDS WHICH HE GOT ON THURSDAY. THAT NIGHT HE CALLED NEW YORK ON THE PHONE AND ORDERED 5,000 MORE SENT BY EXPRESS AND 10,000 BY FREIGHT, WHEN THE NATIONAL SALE GOT TO SOO,000 WE WERE SO ASHAMED WE HAD 'FIDDLING' JOHN COME UP TO NEW YORK AND DO A RE-RECORDING OF THE NUMBERS. WAS, PEER INVENTED THE TERMS "HILLBILLY" RECORDS AND "RADE" RECORDS. CONCERNING THE LATTER HE SAYS! "WE HAD RECORDS BY ALL FOREIGN GROUPS! GERMAN RECORDS, SWEDISH RECORDS, POLISH RECORDS, BUT WE WERE AFRAID TO ADVERTISE NEGRO RECORDS, SO I LISTED THEM AS "RADE" RECORDS AND THEY ARE STILL KNOWN AS THAT." UNFORTUNATELY THESE UNPLEASANT TERMS ARE STILL USED BY SOME MANUFACTURERS.

ONLY THROUGH RECORDINGS IS IT POSSIBLE TO LEARN OF THOSE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN SO CHARACTERISTIC OF AMERICAN MUSIC, BUT WHICH ARE UNKNOWABLE THROUGH WRITTEN TRANSCRIPTIONS ALONE. THEN TOO, RECORDS OF THE TYPE FOUND IN THE PRESENT SET PLAYED A LARGE PART IN STIMULATING THESE HISTORIC CHANGES BY MAKING EASILY AVAILABLE TO EACH OTHER THE RHYTHMICALLY AND VERBALLY SPECIALIZED MUSICS OF GROUPS LIVING IN MUTUAL SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ISOLATION.

THE EIGHTY-FOUR RECORDINGS IN THIS SET WERE MADE BETWEEN 1927, WHEN ELECTRONIC RECORDING MADE POSSIBLE ACCURATE MUSIC REPRODUCTION, AND 1932 WHEN THE DEPRESSION HALTED FOLK MUSIC SALES. DURING THIS FIVE YEAR PERIOD AMERICAN MUSIC STILL RETAINED SOME OF THE REGIONAL QUALITIES EVIDENT IN THE DAYS BEFORE THE PHONOGRAPH, RADIO AND TALKING PICTURE HAD TENDED TO INTEGRATE LOCAL TYPES. VOLUMES 4, 5, AND 6, OF THIS SERIES, WILL BE DEVOTED TO EXAMPLES OF RHYTHM CHANGES BETWEEN 1890 AND 1950.



HENRY LEE VOCAL BOLO WITH GUITAR. ORIGINAL ISSUE BRUNSWICK 367

SCORNING OFFER OF COSTLY TRAPPINGS, BIRD REFUSES AID TO KNIGHT THROWN IN WELL BY LADY

CHILD (NO. 68) GIVES ELEVEN VERSIONS OF THIS SONG UNDER THE TITLE YOUNG HUNTING: . ALL OF HIS TEXTS ARE FROM SCOTLAND AND HE ALSO MENTIONS SEVERAL SIMILAR SCANDINAVIAN BALLADS. HIS "F" (FROM MOTHERWELL'S MS. .P. 61) IS MOST LIKE THE PRESENT RECORDING. THIS BALLAD IS CURRENT IN MANY PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES (SEE BIBLIOGRAPHY), BUT HAS PROBABLY NOT BEEN FOUND FOR OVER 100 YEARS IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

DISCOGRAPHY: LOWE BONNIE. JIMMY TARLTON. COLUMBIA 15763D.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ARNOLD-60; BARRY-1-122; BELDEN-34; CHILD-111-142 COX-42; DAVIS-182; GORDON-66; HUDSON-77; LUNSFORD-22; MORRIS-263 RANDOLPH-1-90; SANDBURG-64; SCARBOROUGH-11-134; SHARP-1-101; SMITH-107; OWENS-44

FATAL FLOWER GARDEN (NELSON-TOUCHSTONE)
BY NELSTONE'S HAWAIIANS VOCAL DUET WITH GUITARS. RECORDED IN 1930. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR V-401938

GAUDY WOMAN LURES CHILD FROM PLAYFELLOWS: STABS HIM AS VICTIM DICTATES MESSAGE TO PARENTS

IN ITS EARLIEST VERSIONS THE SUBJECT OF THIS BALLAD IS RITUAL MURDER; SEE CHILD (NO. 155) SIR HUGH". OF CHILD'S 18 VERSIONS "G" (FROM PHILADELPHIA) AND "K" (SHROPSHIRE) ARE MOST LIKE THE PRESENT RECORDING. THE EVENTS DESCRIBED IN THE BALLAD CAN BE FOUND IN THE ANNALS OF WAVERLY UNDER THE YEAR 1255. FOR ANOTHER BRITISH VERSION SEE SHARP'S FOLK SONGS OF SOMERSET (NO. 68)

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ARNOLD-42; BARRY-1-461; BELDEN-69; BREWSTER-128; CHILD-V-233; COX-120; DAVIS-400; EDDY-66; HENRY-102; HUDSON-116; MORRIS-302; SCARBOROUGH-11-171; SCARBOROUGH-1-53; SHARP-1-222; 8MITH-148

THE HOUSE CARPENTER BY CLARENCE ASHLEY VOCAL BOLD WITH 5-STRING BANJO. RECORDED IN 1930 ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 15654D(#194982)

WIFE AND MOTHER FOLLOWS CARPENTER TO SEA; MOURNS

BABE AS SHIP GOES DOWN

CHILD (NO. 243 JAMES HARRIS-THE DAEMON LOVER) GIVES
6 VERSIONS OF THIS BALLAD (ALL SCOTTISH) FROM ORAL TRADITION AND TWO BROADSIDE PRINTINGS ONE OF WHICH, (FROM THE RAMBLERS GARLAND, 1785)18 VERY SIMILAR TO THE AMERICAN TEXTS. THE SUPERNATURAL THEME OF THE EARLY VERSIONS HAS DISAPPEARED ALMOST COMPLETELY IN AMERICA.

FOR CTHER BRITISH VERBIONS SEE GAVIN GREIGTS LAST LEAVES OF TRADITIONAL BALLADS AND BALLAD AIRS NO. 84. BARING-GOULD'S SONGS OF THE WEST NO. 76.
DISCOGRAPHY: THE HOUSE CARPENTER. BRADLEY KINCAID. BLUEBIRD 5255. CAN'T YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOUR HEART WAS MINE. CAROLINA TAR HEELS, VICTOR 40219.
SEE ALSO AAFS I

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BARRY-1-304; BARRY-11-37,74; BELDEN-79; BREWSTER-136; CHILD-VIII-360; COX-139; DAVIS-439; EDDY-70; GARDNER-54; HENRY-113; HUDSON-119; MORRIS-311; POUND-10; RANDOLPH-1-166; SANDBURG-66; SCARBOROUGH-11-150; SHARP-1-244; SMITH-151; STOUT-11; THOMAS-1-172 OWENS-56

DRUNKARDS SPECIAL BY COLEY JONES VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR.
RECORDED IN DALLAS TEXAS, 1929. ORIGINAL 188UE COLUMBIA 14489D(#149558)

WIFE'S LOGIC FAILS TO EXPLAIN STRANGE BEDFELLOW TO DRUNKARD

TWO BRITISH TEXTS OF THIS SONG ARE GIVEN IN CHILD NO. 274 (OUR GOODMAN , THE MERRY CUCKOLT AND KIND WIFE OF WHICH "A" FROM HERD'S ANCIENT AND MODERN SCOTTISH SONGS (1776), IS THE MOST LIKE AMERICAN VERSIONS. THE SONG IS ALSO FOUND IN OTHER PARTS OF EUROPE, THE GAELIC, FLEMISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN FORMS PROBABLY DE-RIVING FROM THE ENGLISH AND THE SCANDINAVIAN AND MAG-YAR FROM THE GERMAN.

OTHER BRITISH VERSIONS ARE IN ALFRED WILLIAMS'S FOLK SONGS OF THE UPPER THAMES P. 188, GAVIN GRIEG'S LAST LEAVES, NO. 91.

DISCOGRAPHY: THREE NIGHTS EXPERIENCE, EARL
JOHNSON. OKEH 45097. SEE ALBA AAFS 60
BIBLIOGRAPHY: BARRY-I-315; BELDEN-89; BREWSTER-149; CHILD-IX-88; COX-154; DAVIS-485; EDDY-82; HENRY-119; HUDSON-122; LINSCOTT-259; LOMAX-1V-300; MORRIS-317; SCARBOROUGH-11-231; SHARP-1-267; SMITH-159; STOUT-13 OWENS 65.

OLD LADY AND THE DEVIL BY BILL AND BELLE REED VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1928. ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 15336D(W147211)

MEDIEVAL WOMAN DEFEATS DEVIL DESPITE HUSBAND'S PRAYERS

THE MOTIF OF A WIFE WHO TERRORIZES DAEMONS IS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED IN EUROPE AND ASIA. CHILD'S TWO VERSIONS (NO. 278) ARE BOTH QUITE SIMILAR TO THE PRESENT RE-CORDING

SEE ALSO OTHER BRITISH VERSIONS IN ALFRED WILLIAMS! FOLK BONGS OF THE UPPER THAMES P. 211 AND H.R. HAY-

WARD'S ULSTER SON'S AND BALLADS P. 32.
DISCOGRAPHY: BATTLE AXE AND THE DEVIL. BILL COX AND CLIFF HOBBS. VOCALION 04811. SEE ALSO HELL AIN'T BUT A MILE AND A QUARTER. ST. LOUIS RED MIKE. BLUEBIRD 7744. (FOR A MODERN RECAST-ING OF THE SAME THEME). SEE ALSO AAFS

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BARRY-1-325; BARRY-11-60; BELDEN-94; BREWSTER-155; CHILD-1X-107; COX-164; DAVIS-505; GARDNER-373; HENRY-125; HUDSON-124; LINSCOTT-188; LOMAX-1V-152; RANDOLPH-1-189; SHARP-1-275 OWENS-54

HE BUTCHERS BOY (THE RAILROAD BOY) BY BUELL KAZEE VOCAL BOLO WITH 5-STRING BANJO RECORDED IN 1928. ORIGINAL ISSUE BRUNSWICK 213A(032)

FATHER FINDS DAUGHTER'S BODY WITH NOTE ATTACHED WHEN RAILROAD BOY MISTREATS HER

QUITE FULL NOTES ON THIS BALLAD ARE FOUND IN KETTRIDGE'S NOTES, JOURNAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLORE VOL. XXIX P. 170 AND XXXV P. 361. HE CONSIDERS IT AMALGAMATION OF "THE CRUEL FATHER" AND "THERE 18 AN ALEHOUSE IN YONDER TOWN", BOTH 18TH CENTURY BRITISH PRODUCTS. THE WAY IN WHICH THEY ARE COMBINED, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO HAVE OCCURED FIRST IN AMERICA.

THERE ARE BRITISH VERSIONS OF THIS SONG IN GAVIN GREIG'S FOLK SONGS OF THE NORTH EAST, VOL. 11 NO. 175, GEORGE BUTTERWORTH'S FOLK SONGS FROM SUSSEX NO. 7, LEATHER'S FOLK LORE FROM HEREFORDSHIRE, P. 205, FRANK KIDSON'S TRADITIONAL TUNES P. 44.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ARNOLD-66; BARRY-II-8, 76; BELDEN-201; BREWSTER-198; COX-430; EDDY-129; GARDNER-117; HENRY-195; HUDSON-160; LINSCOTT-179; MORHIS-334; POUND-18; RANDOLPH-1-226; SANDBURG-324; SCARBOROUGH-II-282; SHARP-11-76; STOUT-37

DISCOGRAPHY: THE BUTCHERS BOY. HENRY WHITTER. OKEH 40375. THE BUTCHERS BOY. BLUE BKY BOYS. BLUEBIRD 8482. BUTCHERS BOY. KELLY HARRELL. VICTOR 20242.

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THE WAGONERS LAD (LOVING NANCY) BY BUELL KAZEE VOCAL BOLO WITH 5-STRING BANJO. RECORDED IN 1928. ORIGINAL 188UE BRUNSWICK 2138(064)

LOCAL GIRL'S PROTEST THAT WHIP NEEDS FIXING FAILS TO HALT WAGONING BOY FRIEND'S DEPARTURE

THIS COMPOSITION ALTHOUGH APPROACHING A BALLAD IN NARRATIVE UNITY IS OF THE TYPE CLASSIFIED BY H.M. BELDEN (SEE BIBLIOGRAPHY) AS FOLK-LYRIC. HE CHARACTER-IZES THESE AS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY LOVE SONGS; MOST OFTEN OF LOVE DENIED OR BETRAYED, BUT OCCASIONALLY EX-PRESSIONS OF FREEDOM RECOVERED, IN WHICH THE WOMAN (OR THE MAN) BAYS SHE (HE) WILL LOVE WHOM SHE (HE) PLEASES OR THAT SHE (HE) CARES. ALL ITEMS GIVEN IN THE BIBLIOG-RAPHY BELOW CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE PRESENT RECORDING, BUT WORD CLUSTERS AND ENTIRE VERSES OF THE WAGONERS LAD ARE FOUND IN A GREAT MANY OTHER SIMILAR AMERICAN AND BRITISH BONGS, IN THIS SET NOS. 57 (THE COO-COO BIRD), 58 (EAST VIRGINIA), 62 (SUGAR BABY), AND 73 (COUNTRY BLUES) CONTAIN VERSES OFTEN USED INTERCHANGEABLY WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THOSE OF THE PRESENT RECORDING. ALL OF THESE EXAMPLES (PRINCIPALLY FROM KENTUCKY) HAVE 5-STRING BANJO ACCOMPANIMENT WHICH BUGGESTS THAT THIS TYPE OF COMPOSITIONAL COMPOUNDING DEVELOPED BETWEEN 1850-1875.

DISCOGRAPHY: <u>PRETTY POLLY</u>. MC FARLAND AND GARDNER. BRUNSWICK 116. MY HORSES AIN'T HUNGRY. KELLY HARRELL. VICTOR 20103.
BIBLIOGRAPHY: HENRY-279; SCARBOROUGH-11-272; SHARP-11-123; THOMAS-111-30 OVE::S-162

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KING KONG KITCHIE
KITCHIE KI-ME-O
BY "CHUBBY" PARKER AND HIS OLD TIME BANJO
YOCAL BOLO WITH 5-STRING BANJO AND WHISTLING.
TRECORDED IN 1923,
ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 15296D(W146878)

ZOOLOGIC MISCEGENY ACHIEVED IN MOUSE FROG NUPTUALS, RELATIVES APPROVE

IN THE REGISTER OF THE LONDON COMPANY OF STATIONERS FOR NOVEMBER 21, 1580, THERE IS AN ENTRY TITLED $^{\rm H}{\rm A}$ MOSTE STRANGE WEDDINGE OF THE FROGGE AND THE MOUSE"; PROBABLY THIS SAME COMPOSITION.

OTHER BRITISH VERSIONS CAN BE FOUND IN ALFRED WILLIAMS FOLK SONGS OF THE UPPER THAMES, P. 133, JOURNAL OF THE IRISH FOLK LORE SOCIETY, VOL. IV, P. 22, JOURNAL OF THE WELSH FOLK LORE SOCIETY, VOL. I, P. 178, E.M. LEATHER'S FOLK LORE OF HEREFORDSHIRE, P. 209, JOURNAL OF THE FOLK SONG SOCIETY, VOL. II, P. 226.

DISCOGRAPHY: SEE ALSO AAFS 58

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ARNOLD-12;BARRY-11-3;BELDEN-494;BREWSTER-226;00x-470;EDDY-137;GARDNER-455;GORDON-86;HUDSON-282; LINBOOTT-199;LOMAX-11-310;MORRIS-407;PERROW-VOL.26-134; RANDOLPH-1-402;SANDBURG-143;BCARBOROUGH-1-46;SCARBOROUGH-11-244;BHARP-11-312;STOUT-30;TALLEY-190;THOMAS-1-154; BHITE-218 OWENS-254



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OLD SHOES AND LEGGINS
(E. DUNFORD)
BY UNCLE ECK DUNFORD
VOCAL SOLO WITH HARMONICA, VIOLIN, GUITAR,
BANJO, AUTOHARP.
RECORDED IN 1929.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR V-40060B

MOTHER HOSPITABLE, BUT GIRLS FIND SHODDY OLDSTER'S ACTIONS PERVERSE

FOR MORE RECENT BRITISH VERSIONS SEE: GAVIN GREIG'S FOLK SONGS OF THE NORTH EAST VOL. 11, NO. 149, ROBERT BELL'S BALLADS AND SONGS OF THE PEASANTRY P. 237, ALFRED WILLIAMS! FOLK SONGS OF THE UPPER THAMES, P. 73, FRANK KIDSON'S TRADITIONAL TUNES, P.92. SIMILAR FORMS OF THIS SONG ARE FOUND IN THE MUSICAL MISCELLANY, VOL. 111, P. 110 (LONDON 1730) AND THE ROBIN (LONDON 1749), THE FORMER, IN SCOTTISH DIALECT HAVING THE BURDEN "AND HIS BEARD NEW SHAV!N".

BIBLIUGRAPHY: ARNOLD-22; BELDEN-264; BREWSTER-255; COX-489; EDDY-132; GARDNER-413; HENRY-301; LOMAX-IV-132; MORRI 9-377; PERROW-VOL.28-158; SHARP-11-93; STOUT-30 OWENS-217

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WILLIE MOORE
BY BURNETT AND RUTHERFORD
VOCAL BOLD WITH 5-STRING BANJO AND VIOLIN.
RECORDED IN 1927.
ORIGINAL TEBUS COLUMBIA 15314D(W145086)

ANNIE UNDER GRASSY MOUND AFTER PAHENTS NIX MARRIAGE TO KING. DEATH PROBABLY SELF INFLICTED

THE ONLY PRINTED REFERENCE TO THIS BALLAD SEEMS TO BE IN RANDOLPH. ACCORDING TO HIM, MR. PAUL WILSON, FARMINGTON, ARKANSAS, MET A REV. WILLIAM MOORE IN DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO CLAIMED THAT THE SONG WAS ABOUT HIM. "I SURE DID HAVE SOME MISADVENTURES WHEN I WAS YOUNG" MOORE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING."I DIDN'T GO TO MONTREAL AND DIE, THOUGH, LIKE THE SONG SAYS" (IN RANDOLPH'S VERSION), "I JUST WENT TO EAST TEXAS AN'T TOOK UP PREACHIN' THE WORD".

BIBLIOGRAPHY: RANDOLPH-IV-309

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A LAZY FARMER BOY BY BUSTER CARTER AND PRESTON YOUNG VOCAL SOLO WITH VIOLIN AND GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1930. ORIGINAL 188UE COLUMBIA 15702D(151648)

YOUNG AGRICULTURIST NEGLECTS SEED - LOOSES BOTH CROP AND FIANCEE

KNOWN ALSO AS "THE YOUNG MAN WHO WOULDN'T HOE CORN"
OR "HARM LINK" THIS AMERICAN NARRATIVE PROBABLY
DATES BACK TO THE MIDDLE 19TH CENTURY.
BIBLIOGRAPHY: BELDEN-440; BREWSTER-307; BOTKIN-874; COX-

494; EDDY-243; HUDBON-200; LOMAX-V-231; LOMAX-IV-286; POUND-58; RANDOLPH-III-195; BHARP-II-258; BTOUT-91: OWENB-219

PEGANDAWL BY CAROLINA TAR HEELS YOCAL DUET WITH MARMONICA, BANJO, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR V-40007A

TECHNNOLOGICAL UNEMPLOYMENT HITS SHOE INDUSTRY IN THE YEAR OF IS AND 4

> ALTHOUGH RECORDED COMMERCIALLY SEVERAL TIMES, THIS EARLY SOCIAL DESCRIPTION IS NOT PRINTED FULLY IN

THE MEMBERS OF THE "CAROLINA TAR HEELS" ARE DOCK WALSH (BANJO), GWEN FOSTER (HARMONICA), AND THOMAS ASHLEY (GUITAR).

DISCOGRAPHY: PEG AND AWL. KELLY HARRELL. OKEH

40544.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: LUNSFORD-30; SHARP-11-75



OMMIE WISE (G.B. GRAYSON)
BY G.B. GRAYSON VOCAL SOLO WITH VIOLIN. RECORDED IN 1927. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 216258(40306)

GREEDY GIRL GOES TO ADAMS SPRING WITH LIAR; LIVES JUST LONG ENOUGH TO REGRET IT

A NAOMI WISE WAS DROWNED BY HER SWEETHEART JONATHAN LEWIS IN DEEP RIVER, 1808 AND HER GRAVE CAN STILL BE SEEN NEARBY AT PROVIDENCE CHURCH, NORTH CAROLINA. THESE ARE PROBABLY THE SAME "OMIE" AND JOHN LEWIS MENTIONED IN THE BALLAD. THE COMBINATION OF VOICE AND VIOLIN (PLAYED BY THE SINGER) IS QUITE ARCHAIC.

DISCOGRAPHY: NAGMI WISE. CLARENCE ASHLEY. COLUMBIA 15522D. SEE ALSO AAFS 57.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BELDEN-322; GORDON-11; HENRY-221; HUDSON-187; LUNSFORD-28; MORRIS-85; RANDOLPH-11-86; SHARP-11-144

MY NAME IS JOHN JOHANNA BY KELLY HARRELL (VIRGINIA STRING BAND) VOCAL SOLO WITH VIOLIN, BANJO, TWO GUITARS. RECORDED IN 1927. ORIGINAL 188UE VICTOR 21520A(38235)

DITCH DIGGER SHOCKED BY EMPLOYMENT AGENTS! GROTESQUE DECEPTIONS

A COMPILATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS HUMOROUS COMPOSITION CAN BE FOUND IN MASTERSON'S TALL TALES OF ARKANSAS, PP. 255-268.

DISCOGRAPHY: WAY DOWN IN ARKANSAS. GOLDEN MELODY BOYS. PARAMOUNT 3087. SEE ALSO AAFS 35. BIBLIOGRAPHY: ARNOLD-113; BOTKIN-316; BREWSTER-265; COX-239;LOMAX-V-240;LOMAX-I-283;PERROW-VOL,26-173; RANDOLPH-III-25;SHARP-II-238;TALLEY-64;THOMAS-I-152 OWENG-226

BANDIT C<u>OLE YOUNGER</u> (GRAIN) BY EDWARD L. CRAIN (THE TEXAS COMBOY) VOCAL BOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN EARLY 1930.
ORIGINAL 188UE COLUMBIA 157100(#151731)

BANK ROBBER VOICES REGRET FOR ASSOCIATION WITH JAMES BOYS IN NORTHFIELD FIASCO

COLE YOUNGER WAS A MISSOURIAN WHO RODE WITH QUANTRELL'S GUERRILLAS AND BECAME A CAPTAIN IN SHELBY'S MISSOURI CAVALRY TOWARD THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR. HE AND HIS BROTHERS TURNED OUTLAW, AND ROBBED TRAINS AND BANKS WITH THE JAMES BOYS. CAPTURED WHILE TRYING TO LOOT A BANK IN NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA, IN 1876, COLE WAS SENT TO PRISON FOR MURDER. HE WAS PARDONED IN 1901. TO PRISON FOR MUNDER, HE WAS PARDONED IN 1901, RANDOLPH, VOL. 11, P. 12. SEE EMERSON HOUGH'S "THE .STORY OF THE OUTLAW" PP. 340-370 FOR FURTHER INFORMA-

BIBLIOGRAPHY: LOMAX - COWBOY SONGS (1925 EDITION) P 106; RANDOLPH-11-12

CHARLES GITEAU BY KELLY HARRELL VOCAL WITH VIRGINIA STRING BAND (VIOLIN, BANJO, GUITAR). RECORDED IN 1927. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 207978

ASSASSIN OF PRESIDENT GARFIELD RECALLS EXPLOIT IN

SCAFFOLD PERORATION

JAMES A. GARFIELD, 20TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS SHOT JULY 2, 1881 IN A WASHINGTON RAILWAY STATION BY A DISAPPOINTED OFFICE SEEKER CHARLES J. GUITEAU. ACCORDING TO POUND (AMERICAN BALLADS AND SONGS, 1922, PP 146-251) IT MAY BE AN ADAPTATION OF AN EARLIER SONG "MY NAME IS JOHN T. WILLIAMS". THE SONG IS ALSO ALLEGED TO BE THE WORK OF GUITEAU HIMSELF WHO SANG IT TO VISITORS IN HIS DEATH CELL.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BELDEN-412; EDDY-288; HENRY-331; HUDSON-239; MORRIS-72; POUND-20; RANDOLPH-II-29; STOUT-110 OWENS-113

JOHN HARDY WAS A DESPERATE LITTLE MA<u>N</u> (A.P. CARTER)
BY THE CARTER FAMILY VOCAL SOLO (BY SARA CARTER) WITH AUTOHARP, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1930. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 40190A

JOHN HARDY HELD WITHOUT BAIL AFTER GUNPLAY, GIRLS IN RED AND BLUE VISIT JAIL. WIFE AT SCAFFOLD

> NO ABSOLUTELY AUTHENTIC INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON JOHN HARDY EXCEPT THE ORDER FOR EXECUTION ON FILE IN THE COURT HOUSE AT WELCH, MC DOWELL COUNTY. "STATE OF THE COURT HOUSE AT WELCH, MC DOWELL COUNTY. WEST VIRGINIA VS. JOHN HARDY. FELONY. THIS DAY CAME AGAIN THE STATE BY HER ATTORNEY AND THE PRISONER WHO STANDS CONVICTED OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE THE PRISONER SAYING NOTHING WHY SUCH BENTENCE SHOULD NOT BE PASSEDIT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE PRISONER, JOHN HARDY, IS GUILTYAND THAT THE SAID JOHN HARDY BE HANGED BY THE NECK UNTIL DEAD ON FRIDAY THE 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 1894." WITHERS OF THE TRIAL STATES THAT HARDY WORKED FOR THE SHAWNEE COAL COMPANY AND ONE PAY DAY NIGHT HE KILLED A MAN IN A CRAP GAME OVER 25 CENTS. (COX)

BIBLIOGRAPHY: cox-175; gordon-42; Johnson-1-55; LOMAX-II-124; LOMAX-V-306; MORRIB-93; RANDOLPH-11-144: SHARP-35

DISCOGRAPHY: JOHN HARDY. BUELL KAZEE. BRUNSWICK 144. JOHN HARDY. EVA DAVIS. COLUMBIA 157D. OLD JOHN HARDY. CLARENCE ABHLEY. COLUMBIA 15654.



CHASE INTERISON

STACKALEE (HUTCHISON)
BY FRANK HUTCHISON VOCAL SOLO WITH HARMONIGA, GUITAR. RECORDED IN EARLY 1927 ORIGINAL 188UE OKEH 45106(#80-359A)

THEFT OF STETSON HAT CAUSES DEADLY DISPUTE. VICTIM IDENTIFIES SELF AS FAMILY MAN

> THE MURDER MENTIONED HERE PROBABLY TOOK PLACE IN MEMPHIS IN ABOUT 1900. STACK LEE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CONNECTED BY BIRTH OR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE LEE FAMILY OF THAT CITY WHO OWNED A LARGE LINE OF STEAMERS ON THE MISSISSIPPI

DISCOGRAPHY: STACKERLEE, MISSISSIPPI JOHN HURDT. OKEH 8654. STACKOLEE AND BILLY LYONS, FURRY LEWIS.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOTKIN-122; JOHNSON-11-194; LOMAX-11-93; ODUM-1-196; ODUM-11-245; SCARBOROUGH-1-92

WHITE HOUSE BLUES BY CHARLIE POOLE WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA RAMBLERS VOCAL SOLO WITH VIOLIN, BANJO, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1926. ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 15099D(w142658)

McKINLEY SWEARS, MOURNS, DIES. ROOSEVELT GETS WHITE HOUSE AND SILVER CUP

ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1901, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, 25TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS SHOT AT CLOSE RANGE BY A YOUNG AMARCHIST, LEON GZOLGOSZ. THIS MURDER TOOK PLACE AT A GREAT RECEPTION AT THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK WHERE THE PRESIDENT HAD GONE TO DE-CLARE HIS VIEWS ON THE TARIFF.

DISCOGRAPHY: CANNON BALL BLUES. CARTER FAMILY. VICTOR 40317. THE ROAD TO WASHINGTON. ERNEST V. STONEMAN. OKEN 45125. MR. MC KINLEY. HOMER BRIAR-HOPPER. DECOM 5588. SEE ALSO THE BATTLESHIP OF MAINE, RED PATTERSONS PIEDMONT LOG ROLLERS, VICTOR 20936 FOR A RELATED COMPOSITION.

DIBLIOGRAPHY: LOMAX-IV-256

GONNA DIE WITH MY HAMMER IN MY HAND BY WILLIAMSON BROTHERS AND CURRY VOCAL SOLO WITH DUET CHORUS WITH VIOLIN AND TWO GUITARS. RECORDED IN 1927. ORIGINAL 188UE OKEH 45127(W80757)

JOHN HENRY VOWS TO DEFEAT MECHANIZATION; QUESTIONS

CAPTAIN, WARNS SHAKER AND SON, WIFE STRONG TOC GUY B. JOHNBON IN HIS "JOHN HENRY" LISTS THE FOLLOW-ING (P. 18) AS FACTS: 1. JOHN HENRY REALLY LIVED 2. HE BEAT A STEAM DRILL DOWN AND DIED DOING IT. 3. LI'L BILL WAS HIS BUDDIE OR HELPER 4. HE WORKED FOR A RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR 5. HIS WIFE'S NAME WAS LUCY. THE FOLLOWING ARE PROBABILITIES: I. HE DIED IN THE EARLY 70'8 2. HE WAS A VIRGINIAN 3. HE WORKED ON THE C & O OR A BRANCH OF THAT SYSTEM 4. HIS CAPTAIN WAS TOMBY WALTERS; PROBABLY AN ASSIST-ANT FOREMAN. (SEE THE ABOVE REFERENCE FOR MORE COM-PLETE DETAILS).

DISCOGRAPHY:

BILL WILSON. BIRMINGHAM JUG BAND. OKEH 8895. JOHN HERRY BLUES. JOHN CARBON. OKEH 7004. DEATH OF JOHN HENRY DAVE MACON, VOCALION 15320, JOHN HENRY HENRY THOMAS, VOCALION 1094. AAFS 15, JOHN HENRY WAS A LITTLE BOY, J. E. MAINER, BLUEBIRD 6629.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOTKIN-235; COX-194; HENRY-441; JOHNSON-II-130; JOHNBON-1-84; LOMAX-11-3; LOMAX-V-258; LOMAX-1V-258; LUNBFORD-32; MORR I B-182; ODUM-11-221; PERROW-VOL.26-163; BANDBURG-24; TALLEY-105; WHITE-189

FRANKIE BY MISSISSIPPI JOHN HURT VOCAL BOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1928. ORIGINAL 188UE OKEH 8560(#400221)

ALBERT DIES PREFERRING ALICE FRY, BUT JUDGE FINDS FRANKIE CHARMING AT LATTER'S TRIAL

> ALLEN BRITT SHOT FRANKIE BAKER OF 212 TARGEE STREET. ST. LOUIS MISSOURI, OCTOBER 15, 1899, THE SONG WAS FIRST SUNG BY, AND PROBABLY WRITTEN BY, "MANMAY LOU" A SINGER AT BABE CONNER'S FAMOUS CABARET IN THAT CITY.

DISCOGRAPHY: FRANKIE AND JOHNNY, JIMMY ROGERS.
VICTOR 22143, FRANKIES GAMBLIN' MAN. WELBY TOOMEY.
GENET 3195, FRANKIE DEAH. TOM DARBY AND JIMMY TARLTON. COLUMBIA 1570ID. FRANKIE. DYKES MAGIC CITY TRIO. BRUNSWICK 127.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BELDEN-330; EDDY-245; acron-46; henry-338; hudbon-189; lomax-11-103; lomax-111-192; lomax-V-312; morr 18-126; ddum-1-228; perrom-vol.28-178; randolph-11-125; BANDBURG-76:8CARBOROUGH-80;WHITE-213

THAT GREAT SHIP WHEN THAT WENT DOWN BY WILLIAM AND VERSEY SMITH VOCAL DUET WITH TAMBORINE, QUITAR. RECORDED IN 1927. ORIGINAL 188UE PARAMOUNT 125058(4685-728)

MANUFACTURERS PROUD DREAM DESTROYED AT SHIPWRECK. SEGREGATED POOR DIE FIRST

> AT 2:20 A.M. APRIL 15TH, 1912 THE WHITE STAR LINER TITANIC THE LARGEST SHIP AFLOAT, ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE, STRUCK AN ICEBERG AT FULL SPEED, GOING DOWN WITH 1513 PERSONS. SEE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY PAPERS NO. 2253, SHIPPING CASUALTIES (TITANIC) 1912 [ED. 6352] FOR DETAILS.

DISCOGRAPHY: THE TITANIC. ERNEST V. STONEMAN. OKEH 40288, SEE ALSO (SINKING OF) THE TITANIC BY RIGHARD "RABBIT" BROWN (VICTOR) AND GOD MOVES ON THE WATER BY BLIND WILLIE JOHNSON (COLUMBIA) FOR DIFFERENT BALLADS OF THE SAME THEME. BIBLIOGRAPHY: HENRY-426; JACKSON-11-210; RANDOLPH-1V-145; WHITE-347





ENGINE ONE-FORTY-THREE (A.P. CARTER)
BY THE CARTER FAMILY VOCAL BOLO (BY SARA CARTER) WITH AUTOHARP, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1927. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 400898

GEORGIE RUNS INTO ROCK AFTER MOTHER'S WARNING. DIES WITH THE ENGINE HE LOVES

> GEORGE ALLEY WAS BORN IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, JULY 10TH, 1860; MARRIED NOVEMBER 10TH, 1881, AND HAD FOUR CHILDREN. THE WRECK ON THE C & O IN WHICH HE WAS KILLED OCCURED AT 5:40 A.M. OCTOBER 23RD, 1890, WHILE HE WAS RUNNING TRAIN NO. 4, THE F.F.V. ("FAST FLYING VESTIBULE"), ENGINE 134. HE LIVED FIVE HOURS AFTER BEING HURT. THE WRECK OCCURED THREE MILES EAST OF HINTON, AND WAS CAUSED BY A LANDSLIDE. THE BALLAD WAS PROBABLY COMPOSED BY A WORKER IN THE ROUND HOUSE AT HINTON, WEST VIRGINIA. (cox)

DISCOGRAPHY: WRECK ON THE C & O ROAD. BRADLEY KINCALD, CHAMPION 54098. THE C. AND O. WRECK. GEORGE RENEAU. VOCALION 14897. BIBLIOGRAPHY: cox-221; LOMAX-11-31; MORRIS-111; RANDOLPH-IV-129; THOMAS-11-115

KASSIE JONES (THO PARTS) (F. LEWIS)
BY FURRY LEWIS VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1928. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 21664A&B

CRACK ENGINEER JONES IN FATAL COLLISION. KNEW ALICE FRY. WIFE RECALLS SYMBOLIC DREAM, LATER CONSOLES CHILDREN

JOHN LUTHER JONES (KNOWN AS "CASEY" FROM THE TOWN OF CAYGE, KENTUCKY, NEAR WHERE HE WAS BORN) WAS KILLED A LITTLE AFTER 4 A.M., APRIL 30TH, 1900 WHEN THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL'S NO. 638 PLOUGHED INTO A FREIGHT TRAIN THAT EXTENDED INTO THE MAIN LINE FROM A SIDE TRACK NEAR VAUGHN, MISSISSIPPI. WHEN THEY TOOK CASEY'S BODY FROM THE OVERTURNED CAB, THEY FOUND ONE HAND ON THE WHISTLE CORD AND THE OTHER ON THE AIRBRAKE LEVER. ACCORDING TO HIS WIDDOW. CASEY ESTABLISHED A TRADEMARK FOR HIMSELF BY HIS INIMITABLE METHOD OF BLOWING THE WHISLTE IN A KIND OF LONG DRAWN OUT NOTE, BEGINNING SOFTLY, THEN RIS-ING, THEN DYING AWAY ALMOST TO A WHISPER. PEOPLE LIVING ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY WOULD TURN OVER IN THEIR BEDS LATE AT NIGHT AND SAY "THERE GOES CASEY JONES". "I REMEMBER", SAYS SIM WEBB, CASEY'S ENGIN-JONES". "I REMEMBER", SAYS SIM WEDD, CHIEF EER. "THAT AS I JUMPED FROM THE CAB CASEY HELD DOWN THE WHISTLE IN A LONG, PIERCING SCREAM". THE BALLAD WAS WRITTEN A FEW DAYS AFTER THE WRECK BY WALLACE SAUNDERS AN ENGINE WIPER OF MEMPHIS, MISS-ISSIPPI, WHO HAD BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF JONES. (SEE ERIE RAILROAD MAGAZINE, APRIL 1928 AND APRIL. 932

DISCOGRAPHY: CASEY JONES. JOHN CARSON. OKEH 40038. ON THE ROAD AGAIN. MEMPHIS JUG BAND. VICTOR 38015. SOUTHERN CASEY JONES. JESSE JAMES. DECCA 7213.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOTKIN-241; HUDSON-214; JOHNSON-11-182; LOMAX-11-34; LOMAX-V-264; MORRIS-109; ODUM-1-207; ODUM-11-126; PERROW-VOL.26-165; POUND-56; SANDBURG-366; SCARBOROUGH-1-249: WHITE-374

DOWN ON PENNYS FARM BY THE BENTLY BOYS VOCAL SOLO WITH BANJO, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 15565D(W149254)

RENTERS CAUGHT BY POVERTY ON GEORGE PENKY'S FARM

PICTURE LANDLORD AS MISER, THIEF, AND LIAR
THIS RECORDING IS A REGIONALIZED RECASTING OF AN
EARLIER SONG "HARD TIMES". A TRANSCRIPTION OF THE EARLIER SONG "HARD TIMES". A TRANSCRIPTION OF THE "BENTLY BOYS" YERSION IS FOUND IN LOMAX - IV, P. 287. BIBLIOGRAPHY: GARDNER-443; HUDSON-215; LOMAX-11-332;

MISSISSIPPI BOWEAVIL BLUES BY THE MASKED MARVEL VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE PARAMOUNT 128058(15211, P1337)

BOLLWEAVIL SURVIVES PHYSICAL ATTACK AFTER CLEVERLY ANSWERING FARMERS QUESTIONS

> A TEXT SIMILAR TO THIS RECORDING DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PRINTED IN ANY EASILY AVAILABLE SOURCE. ALL OF THE REFERENCES GIVEN BELOW REFER TO A COMPO-SITION CONTAINING A NUMBER OF PHRASES AND RHYMES IN COMMON WITH THIS VERSION, BUT. IN A TOTALLY DIFFER-ENT METRICAL PATTERN.

DISCOGRAPHY: AAFS 16.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOTKIN-9:6; HANDY-3; HUDSON-199; LOMAX-11-112; LOMAX-111-184; LOMAX-V-236; MORRIS-188; SANDBURG-8-252; scars orough-1-77; white-352



Carolina Tar Heels

GOT THE FARM LAND BLUES BY THE CAROLINA TAR HEELS VOCAL BOLO WITH HARMONICA, BANJO, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1932. ORIGINAL 188UE VICTOR 23611A

DISCOURAGING ACTS OF GOD AND MAN CONVINCE FARMER OF POSITIVE BENEFITS IN URBAN LIFE

NO STANDARD PRINTED SOURCE GIVES ANY OF THE VERSES
OF THIS RECORDING, BUT NUMEROUS ONES OF SIMILAR
MEANING AND STYLE CAN BE FOUND IN THE WORKS OF
JOHN AND ALAN LOMAX.

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SAIL AWAY LADY
(FIDDLE SOLO) MOUNTAIN DANCE MUSIC
BY "UNCLE BUNT" STEPHENS
UNACCOMPANIED VIOLIN SOLO.
RECORDED IN 1926.
ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 15071D(W141876)

THIS PERFORMANCE IS PROBABLY SIMILAR TO MUCH AMERICAN DANCE MUSIC IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE REVOLUTIONARY AND CIVIL WARS. ALTHOUGH, BY THE 17TH CENTURY THE BANJO HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO THIS CONTINENT FROM WEST AFRICA, THE EUROPEAN SETTLERS GENERALLY USED THE VIOLIN UNACCOMPANIED FOR DANCING, AND SANG UNACCOMPANIED OR WITH A VIOLIN ONLY (SEE NO. 13 OF THIS BET). INCREASED SOCIAL CONTACTS OF VARIOUS KINDS DURING THE MIDDLE 19TH CENTURY POPULARIZED THE VIOLIN-BANJO COMBINATION. (SEE NO. 82 THIS SET). AN UNUSUAL SET OF WORDS FOR THIS MELODY CAN BE FOUND IN TALLY, P. 20. THE TUNE ITSELF IS IN ALMOST EVERY COLLECTION OF

DISCOGRAPHY: SAIL AWAY LADY. UNGLE DAVE MACON. VOCALION 5155.
BIBLIOGRAPHY: FORD-35

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THE WILD WAGONER (FROLIC TUNE) BY J.W. DAY (JILSON SETTERS) VIOLIN SOLO WITH GUITAR. FECORDED IN EARLY 1928. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 21353A(42485)

THE USE OF THE GUITAR BECAME WIDESPREAD IN THIS COUNTRY ABOUT 1900; PROBABLY THE RESULT OF CULTURAL EXCHANGE DURING THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR. IT IS NOTICEABLE IN THIS RECORDING (AND MOST PERFORMANCES OF VIOLIN AND GUITAR) THAT MORE EXTREME VARIATIONS IN THE ACCENTING AND RHYTHM OF THE ORIGINAL THEME OCCUR THAN TAKE PLACE IN VIOLIN-BANJO COMBINATIONS OR UNACCOMPANIED VIOLIN PERFORMANCES. "WAGONER" CAN BE LOCATED IN ANY STANDARD VOLUME OF AMERICAN COUNTRY DANCE TUNES. THE BIOGRAPHY OF JILSON SETTERS, A BLIND KENTUCKIAN WHO, HIS SIGHT RESTORED, WENT TO ENGLAND AND PLAYED FOR GEORGE THE FIFTH, IS FOUND IN "THE SINGIN' FIDDLER OF LOST HOPE HOLLOW" BY JEAN THOMAS (DUTTON, 1938).

DISCOGRAPHY: GEORGIA WAGNER, FIDDLIN JOHN CARSON, OKEH 45040, WAGGONER, UNCLE "AM" STUART, VOCALION 14840, BIBLIOGRAPHY: FORD-28



WAGONER

A COMMISSION OF COMMISSION OF

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WAKE UP JACOB BY PRINCE ALBERT HUNT'S TEXAS RAMBLERS VIOLIN WITH TWO GUITARS. RECORDED IN DALLAS TEXAS, 1929. ORIGINAL 1980E OKEH 45375(402730)

AN EVEN MORE ELABORATE COMPLEX OF ACCENT VARIATIONS OCCUR IN THIS TEXAS VIOLIN-GUITAR PERFORMANCE THAN TOOK PLACE WITH SIMILAR INSTRUMENTATION IN NO. 29. RELATIVE FREEDOM WITH THE MELODY TOOK PLACE EARLIER IN TEXAS AND LOUISIANA THAN IN THE MORE NORTHERN STATES, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF A GREATER DIVERSIFICATION OF CULTURES ALONG THE GULF COAST. A SMALL LOCAL AREA OF A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR STYLE (OF WHICH THE RECORDINGS BY "UNGLE JIMMY" THOMPSON (COLUMBIA 1928) ARE EXCELLENT EXAMPLES) DEVELOPED QUITE EARLY IN TENNESSEE. THE WELL KNOWN TUNE GIVEN HERE IS SOMETIMES KNOWN AS "VILD HORSE", PARTICULARLY IN NORTH CAROLINA, KENTUCKY AND OTHER CENTRAL EASTERN BIATES.

DISCOGRAPHY: WILD HORSE. NORTH CAROLINA RAMBLERS. COLUMBIA 15279D. THE WILD HORSE OF STONEY POINT. JILSON SETTERS. VICTOR 40025.
BIBLIOGRAPHY: FORD-35

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LA DANSEUSE - FOX TROT (THE DANCER) BY DELMA LACHNEY AND BLIND UNCLE GASPARD VIOLIN WITH GUITAR, RECORDED IN 1929, ORIGINAL 188UE VOCALION 5303

THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF THIS ARCADIAN VIOLIN-GUITAR COMBINATION IS IMMEDIATELY NOTICEABLE, FOR NOT ONLY IS THE MELODY ITSELF OF A TYPE RATHER FOREIGN TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PATTERN, BUT THE STEADY AND REGULAR UNISON RHYTHM (AS OPPOSED TO THE SLIGHTLY CONTRAPUNTAL RELATIONSHIPS ON NOS. 29 AND 30) IS VERY TYPICAL OF LOUISIANA. TAYLOR GRIGG'S LOUISIANA MELODY MAKERS (VICTOR 1928-1930) WERE A CONTEMPORARY STRING GROUP WITH A HIGHLY PERFECTED RHYTHM OF THIS SORT, AND VERY PURE EXAMPLES CAN BE FOUND AMONG RECORDINGS MADE IN NEW ORLEANS WITHIN THE LAST TEN YEARS. THE DISTINCTIVE REGIONAL PLAYING OF THE TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA STRING BANDS (LIGHT CRUST DOUGH BOYS - BOB WILLS, BILL BOYD, JIMMY REVARD, ETC.) DURING THE DEPRESSION AND UNTIL WORLD WAR II, DEVELOPED AS AN OFF-SHOOT FROM LOUISIANA ABOUT 1920, POSSIBLY WHEN OIL WORKERS FROM THERE WENT TO TEXAS.

GEORGIA STOMP (JIM BAXTER) BY ANDREW AND JIM BAXTER VIOLIN AND GUITAR WITH TALKING. RECORDED IN EARLY 1929, BAIGINAL 1880E VICTOR V-38002B

THIS PERFORMANCE IS STRUCTURALLY INTERMEDIATE BETWEEN THE EARLY RURAL DANCE STYLE AND THE SYNCOPATED URBAN STYLE THAT WAS PERFECTED ABOUT 1880, TOWARD THE END OF THE RECORDING THE LOUISIANA REGIONAL MELODY USUALLY CALLED "MAMMA'S BABY BOY", "PORK CHOPS RAG", "GATEMOUTH" OR "GET IT RIGHT", IS INTERPOLATED.

DISCOGRAPHY: SEE ALSO ST. LOUIS TICKLE. HUMPHRIES BOTHERS. OKEH 45464 FOR A SIMILAR COMPOSITION.



Eck Robertson and Family

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BRILLIANCY MEDLEY
(A.C. ROBERTSON)
BY ECK ROBERTSON AND FAMILY
KIOLIN WITH TWO GUITARS, BANJO.
RECORDED IN 1930.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 40298A

"ECK" ROBERTSON WAS ONE OF THE PIONEER RURAL RE-CORDING ARTISTS, WITH UNACCOMPANIED SOLOS ISSUED BY VICTOR THIRTY YEARS AGO. HIS PLAYING IN THE PRESENT RECORDING IS QUITE ARCHAIC IN ITS STUDIED AND EXALTANT FORMALITY, BUT THE MEDLEY OF TRADITION-AL TUNES 18 MORE SUITED TO THE POPULAR DANCE STEPS OF THE 1920'S THAN FOR THE SQUARE DANCE.

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INDIAN WAR WHOOP (COUNTRY DANCE) (F. MING)
BY FLOYD MING AND HIS PEP-STEPPERS VIOLIN WITH TWO GUITARS, AUTOHARP, STAMPING AND YOOGLE SOUNDS.
RECORDED IN 1928.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 21294A(41896)

THE EFFECT OF PRE-COLUMBIAN AMERICA ON CONTEMPO-RARY MUSIC HAS BEEN CHIEFLY TO ACT AS A CATALYST BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN MUSICAL ELEMENTS. IT 18 DOUBTFUL IF THIS RECORDING BEARS MUCH REAL RE-LATION TO "INDIAN MUSIC; IT IS, RATHER, ROMANTICISM AKIN TO THAT OF "WESTERN" MOVIES. THE PEP-STEPPERS DRUMMING OF FEET IS A TYPE OF PERFORMANCE SELDOM HEARD OUTSIDE OF RELIGIOUS MUSIC. 35

OLD COUNTRY STOMP (THOMAS) BY HENRY THOMAS "RAGTIME TEXAS" VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR AND WHISTLE. RECORDED IN CHICAGO ILL. 1923. ORIGINAL ISSUE VOCALION 1230

TAKE PARTNERS, PROMENADE. GOING BACK TO BALTIMORE.
MISTREATED WITH KNIFE AND FORK, GOOD BYE, FARE YOU
WELL, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, CALL THE LAW. COME GO WITH ME
TRADITIONAL TUNE, WITH SQUARE DANCE CALLS IN THE FIRST
PART OF THE RECORDING REPLACED LATER BY FOLK-LYRIG
WORD CLUSTERS (SEE NOTE FOR NO.7 OF THIS SET). COMPOSING A VERSE BY REPEATING THE SAME PHRASE SEVERAL TIMES,
PRECEDED THE STILL POPULAR TECHNIQUE OF SINGING ONE
LINE TWICE, FOLLOWED BY A DIFFERENT PHRASE OF THE
SAME LENGTH AND RHYME AS THE FIRST TWO. THIS LATER DEVICE WAS POPULARIZED AROUND 1900.

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OLD DOG BLUE (JIM JACKSON) BY JIM JACKSON VCCAL SCLO WITH GUITAR. SECONDED IN EARLY 1923. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 213878(41827)

GOING BACK WHERE COME FROM. WIFE DIED, LEFT BOUNTY, BLUE - TRUE. TREED POSSUM (IN/ON LOG, LIMB, NOAH'S ARK) HERE, RING, HERE. WHO HERE SINCE I GONE? GIRL WITH RED DRESS

DANCE TUNE WITH ORIGINAL WORDS REPLACED BY NARRATIVE LYRICS, VESTIGES OF THE EARLIER SONG CAN BE HEARD IN THE LINES BEGINNING "WHO"S BEEN HERE SINCE ! BEEN GONE".

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Hubson-201; Lomax-V-36; Lomax-IV-111; PERROW-VOL. 26-128; RANDOLPH-II-36; WHITE-207

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SAUT CRAPAUD - Fox Trot (JUMP, FROG)
BY COLUMBUS FRUGE
VOCAL SOLO WITH ACCORDION, (CAJUN DIALECT)
RECORDED IN LATE 1020.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 22184A

POSSIBLY THE MOST WIDELY KNOWN OF ANY ARCADIAN DANCE TUNE. FOR FULL NOTES SEE WHITFIELD'S "LOUISIANA FRENCH FOLK SONGS".

BIBLIOGRAPHY: WHITFIELD-101

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A R C A D I A N O N E S T E P By JOSEPH FALCON VOCAL SOLO WITH ACCORDION, GUITAR, TRIANGLE. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 40513F(WI 10557)

THE ACCORDION, ONE OF THE MOST BASIC ARCADIAN INSTRU-MENTS, IS SELDOM HEARD IN THE STATES NORTH OF LOUISIANA. THE CHARACTERISTIC RAPID RUNS IN THE MELODY ARE ALSO HEARD IN THE VOCAL OF NO. 39 OF THIS SET.

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HOME SWEET HOME
BY BREAUX FRERES (CLIFFORD, OPHY, AMEDEE)
VOCAL SOLO WITH VIOLIN, ACCORDION, GUITAR.
PEOPREP 18, 1932.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VOCALION 0296;B(SAI173)

A WELL KNOWN POPULAR SONG IS HERE PLAYED IN WALTZ TIME, A DANCE OF MUCH GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE FRENCH SPEAKING THAN TO THE ENGLISH SPEAKING RURAL POPULATION. THE FREEDOM WITH WHICH THE MELODY IS TREATED, PARTICULARLY IN INCORPORATING LONG DOWNWARD RUNS, 18 ALSO VERY TYPICAL OF LOUISIANA.

NEWPORT BLUES (BOB COLEMAN) BY CINCINNATI JUG BAND HARMONICA, JUG, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1929.
ORIGINAL 198UE PARAMOUNT 12743A(21100-2)

BLOWING ACROSS A SMALL OPENING IN A CLOSED VESSEL TO PRODUCE MUSICAL SOUND IS WIDELY USED IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, THE WEST INDIES, AND AFRICA. THE MELODIC LINE PLAYED ON THE JUG IN THIS RECORDING SEEMS TO REPRESENT AN EARLIER AND MORE INLAND STYLE THAN THE EVENLY SPACED BASS CHORDS HEARD ON RECORDINGS MADE IN MEMPHIS. (SEE NOS. 59. 66. 72. AND 81 OF THIS SET)

MOUNSHINERS DANCE (PART I)
(CLOUTIER)
BY FRANK CLOUTIER AND VICTORIA CAFE ORCHESTRA
(OLD TIME DANGE ORCHESTRA 1-28)
BANJO, PIANO, CLARINET, TUBA, HARMONICA,
TRUMPET, DRUMB, WITH TALKING.
RECORDED IN 1927.
ORIGINAL ISSUE GENNETT 6305A

ONE OF THE MUSICAL ANCESTORS OF SPIKE JONES. THE JAZZ WHEN YOU WORE A TULIP" IS AS SURPRISING AS THE INCORPORATION, EARLIER IN THE DANCE, OF THE HYMN TUNE "AT THE CROSS".

DISCOGRAPHY: OVER THE WAVES. JIMMY WILSONS CATFISH STRING BAND. OKEH 45029.



Rev. Gates

MUST BE BORN AGAIN (GATES) BY REV. J.M. GATES VOCAL GROUP UNACCOMPANIED. RECORDED IN LATE 1927.
ORIGINAL 1880E VICTOR 35789A(END OF RECORD ONLY)

OH DEATH WHERE IS THY STING BY REV. J.M. GATES VOCAL GROUP UNACCOMPANIED RECORDED IN LATE 1927.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 857898 (END OF RECORD ONLY

"LINING HYMNS", IN WHICH THE LEADER CHANTS A PHRASE, OFTEN FROM THE BIBLE, AND THE CHOIR RESPONDS WITH THE SAME LINE, BINGING ONE SYLLABLE TO EACH NOTE OF CER-TAIN VERY SLOW TUNES, ARE BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF THE EARLIEST MODES OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS SINGING IN THIS COUNTRY. EXAMPLES OF MUSIC, AND A DESCRIPTION WRITTEN BY A SOUTHERNER, CAN BE-FOUND IN GEORGE PULLEN JACK-SON'S WHITE AND NEGRO SPIRITUALS.

ROCKY ROAD BY ALABAMA SACRED HARP SINGERS VOCAL GROUP WITH REED ORGAN RECURDED IN BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA, 1928. ORIGINAL 198UE COLUMBIA 15274D(#146091)

FATHER, MOTHER, ALMOST DONE TRAVELING MIGHTY ROCKY ROAD; GO WHERE JESUS IS.
ANOTHER METHOD OF CHORAL SINGING USED VERY EARLY IN

THIS COUNTRY. THE POSITION ON THE SCALE OF EACH NOTE IN THE MELODY IS FIRST SUNG, FOLLOWED BY THE WORDS FROM SONG BOOKS (IN THIS CASE THE SACRED HARP) HAY-ING THE NOTES PRINTED IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT SHAPES TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION EASIER. EVEN AT THE PRESENT TIME SOME OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY SUNG TUNES ARE ONES WRITTEN DURING AND BEFORE THE REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: JACKSON-11-170; PERKINS-247;

WHITE-112

PRESENT JOYS BY ALABAMA SACRED HARP SINGERS VOCAL GROUP WITH REED ORGAN RECORDED IN BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA, 1928. ORIGINAL IBOUE COLUMBIA 15274D(W146092)

PRAISE LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, PRESENT JOYS PASSING FAST. HEAVEN AT LAST

KNOWN AS A FUGUING TUNE!

GROUPS LED BY MEMBERS OF THE DENSON FAMILY SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, HAVE RECORDED MOST OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF "SHAPE NOTE" SONGS THAT HAVE BEEN COMMERCIALLY ISSUED. IN ADDITION TO NOS. 44 AND 45 OF THIS SET, THEY RECORDED FOUR SIDES FOR COLUMBIA IN 1928, FOUR FOR BRUNSWICK IN 1930, AND TWELVE SIDES FOR BLUEBIRD IN 1934. OTHER GOOD GROUPS ARE DANIELS-DEASON SACRED HARP (COLUMBIA 1928), c. BUTTS SACRED HARP (OKEH 1928), FA SOL LA SINGERS (COLUMBIA 1931), MIDDLE GEORGIA SINGING CON-VENTION (OKEH 1931), ROSWELL SACRED HARP (BLUEBIRD 939).) ALBUM NO. | OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AAFS SERIES CONTAINS A LARGE AND VARIED COLLECTION MADE IN 1942. THE TYPE OF PERFORMANCE ON THIS RECORD IS USUALLY

THIS SONG OF LOVE BY MIDDLE GEORGIA SINGING CONVENTION No. I NACAL GROUP UNACCOMPANIED. ORIGINAL 138UE OKEH 8903(#404656)

HOME TO HEAVEN. LAND WHERE NO NIGHT. SINS FORGIVEN. WALKING ON HIGHER WAY. LIGHT OF HEAVEN SURROUNDS. SONG OF LOVE IN HEART. BELLS RINGING, HOSANNAS SINGING.

> THE WORDS OF THIS SONG PROBABLY DATE FROM THE 1920's, BUT THE PRECISE METHOD OF PERFORMANCE QUITE LIKELY PRE-CEDED THE 'LOOSER' STYLE HEARD IN NOS. 44 AND 45 OF THIS BET.

JUDGEMENT BY REV. SISTER MARY NELSON VOCAL TRIO UNACCOMPANIED: RECORDED IN CHICAGO, ILL. 1927. ORIGINAL ISSUE VOCALION BI109(86)

JUDGEMENT MORNING, GOD, JESUS, COMING UNAWARES, CLOUD BEARS HORSES, GET MORNING GARMENTS, STAFF IN HAND.
GAMBLER, LIAR, DRUNKARD, ADULTEROUS, HYPOCRITE, PRETEND US, WASTE TIME. JUDGE YOUNG AND OLD. BETTER GET READY FOR JUDGEMENT.

UNACCOMPANIED RELIGIOUS VERSE-SONG WITH CHORUS FOLLOWED BY LINES SELECTED FROM THE GENERAL STOCK OF RELIGIOUS PHRASES. EXAMPLES OF SIMILAR TRADITIONAL LINES AND COMPOSITIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHNSON (11), LOMAX, ODUM AND JOHNSON, AND WHITE.

HE GOT BETTER THINGS
FOR YOU
(T. ROBERTS)
BY MEMPHIS SANCTIFIED SINGERS
VOGAL DUET WITH GUITAR.
RECORDED IN MEMPHIS TEMM., OCT. 3, 19
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 385598

HALF AIN'T NEVER BEEN TOLD. JESUS CHRIST SAVIOR; GOT HOLY CHOST AND FIRE. CORNELIUS HUMBLE, NOT SUFFICIENT, GOD SENT ANGEL. SAINT MARY, VIRGIN, BIRTHED SON OF GOD. GOD MADE HER NEW; NOW WAITING IN GLORY.

RELIGIOUS SONG SIMILAR TO, BUT WITH VERSE PHRASES OF LATER TYPE THAN, THOSE HEARD ON NO. 47 OF THIS SET. THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED VOCAL VIBRATO ON THIS RECORDING IS TYPICAL OF MEMPHIS.

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SINCE I LAID MY
BURDEN DOWN
BY ELDERS MCINTORSH AND EDWARDS (ASSISTED
BY SISTERS JOHNSON AND TAYLOR) SANCTIFIED
SINCERS
VOCAL QUARTET WITH GUITARS, TAMBORINE
AND CLAPPING.
RECORDED IN 1929.
ORIGINAL 189UE OKEH 8698 (\$402160)

GLORY, HALLELUJAH, SINCE I LAID MY BURDEN DOWN. SICKNESS, TROUBLE WILL BE OVER WHEN I LAY MY BURDEN. DOWN.

AT LEAST ONE OF THE VOCALISTS HERE SEEMS TO BE THE SAME AS ON NO. 48 OF THIS SET; PROBABLY MARY JOHNSON, "ELDER" MCINTORSH IS MOST LIKELY LONNIE MCINTORSH WHO RECORDED FOR VICTOR IN 1928, THE SONG IS OF A POPULAR TYPE, HAVING FOUR SHORT LINES IN EACH VERSE WITH NOS. I AND 3 THE SAME IN ANY ONE VERSE, BUT CHANGING BETWEEN VERSES.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ODUM-11-200

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JOHN THE BAPTIST
BY REV. MOSES MASON
[SINGING SERMON] VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR.
RECORDED IN EARLY 1928.
ORIGINAL ISSUE PARAMOUNT 12702A(20290-2)

JOHN SAW NUMBER IN AIR. VOICE CRYING IN WILDERNESS; HOLY. JESUS BAPTIZED . HOW LONG MY LORD? JESUS FASTS, TEMPTERS COME. "GET THEE BEHIND ME"

> CHANTED, NON-RHYMING, INTERLUDES BETWEEN THE VOCAL SECTIONS ARE, AS IN THE PRESENT PERFORMANCE, ALMOST ALWAYS USED WITH THIS SONG. (SEE BIBLIOGRAPHY)

DISCOGRAPHY: JOHN SAID HE SAW A NUMBER. ARIZONA DRANES. OKEN 8355.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: LOMAX-IV-16; PERKINS-241

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DRY BONES
BY BASCOM LAMAR LUNSFORD
"THE MINSTREL OF THE APPALACHIANS"
VOCAL SOLO WITH 5-STRING BANJO.
RECORDED IN 1929.
ORIGINAL ISSUE BRUNSWICK 314(140)

ENOCH, 365, TO HEAVEN ALIVE. PAUL PRAYED; PRISON WALLS, DOWN. MOSES SAW BURNING BUSH; LORD SPOKE. BONES WALK, DEAF HEAR, DUMB TALK. EVE, UNDER SYCAMORE TREE SAYS "SATAN TEMPTING ME." LIGHT, FROM HEAVEN (SHINING ALL AROUND) COME DOWN

THE BANJO IN RELIGIOUS MUSIC IS LATER THAN IN ITS USE WITH DANCE TUNES: AND HERE, AS IN MANY SIMILAR BONGS, THE MELODY IS PROBABLY OF SECULAR ORIGIN. **52**

JOHN THE REVELATOR
BY BLIND WILLIE JOHNSON
VOCAL DUET WITH TWO GUITARS.
RECORDED IN 1930.
ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 14530D(#150316)

WHO'S WRITING? JOHN REVELATOR. WHAT'S JOHN WRITING? ABOUT REVELATIONS. DAUGHTER OF ZION - JUDEA'S LION. MOSES TO MOSES. GOD REDEEM. BOUGHT US WITH BLOOD. MOSES SAW BUSH; BOOK OF SEVEN SEALS

NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON WILLIE JOHNSON, ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL OF ALL RELIGIOUS SINGERS. MOST OF THE THIRTY-OR-SO SIDES HE RECORDED FOR COLUMBIA WERE MADE IN NEW ORLEANS, SO THAT CITY MAY HAVE BEEN HIS HOME. THE RECORDING BIVEN HERE, WITH ALTERNATE LINES IN THE CHORUS BY A DIFFERENT SINGER, IS TYPICAL OF HIS "MIDDLE PERIOD" RECORDINGS. MANY OF THE TUNES HE FIRST RECORDED IN THE 1920"S WERE LATER RECORDED DURING THE 1930"S BY THE CARTER FAMILY, BLUE SKY BOYS, GARLISLE BROTHERS AND SIMILAR GROUPS.



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LITTLE MOSES
(A.P. CARTER)
BY THE CARTER FAMILY
VOCAL TRIO WITH AUTOHARP, GUITAR.
RECORDED IN 1984.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 236418

PHARO'S DAUGHTER OPENED ARK, SENT FOR NURSE. INFANT SAD, THEN GLAD, CARRIED TO MOTHER; BY SEA RED, LIFTED ROD, JEWS CROSS, HOST LOST. ON MOUNTAIN HIGH, LABORS CEASE, DEPART IN PEACE

ACCORDING TO SARA CARTER, SHE AND HER FORMER HUSBAND, ALONZO PLEASANT, AND COUSIN MAYBELLE, MADE OVER 300 SIDES FOR VARIOUS COMPANIES. THEIR 1927 RECORDS MADE BY VICTOR IN MACES SPRINGS, VIRGINIA, ARE AMONG THE VERY FIRST ELECTRICAL RECORDINGS. USING AUTOHARP CHORDS, PLAYED BY SARA, (WHO USUALLY LEADS THE SINGING) AND A GUITAR MELODIC LINE (MAYBELLE), THEIR INSTANTLY RECOGNIZABLE RHYTHM HAS INFLUENCED EVERY FOLK MUSICIAN FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: BELDEN-449; RANDOLPH-IV-97; - ALBO G.P. JACKSON, SPIRITUAL FOLKSONGS OF EARLY AMERICA P 55-56





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SHINE ON ME (E. PHIPPS) BY ERNEST PHIPPS AND HIS HOLINESS SINGERS VOCAL GROUP WITH VIOLIN, PIANO, MANDOLIN, GUITARS AND CLAPPING. RECORDED IN 1930. ORIGINAL ISSUE BLUEBIRD 5540A

MUST JESUS BEAR CROSS, WORLD GO FREE? CROSS FOR EVERYONE, YOU, ME. MUST I BE CARRIED TO SKY? LET LIGHT
FROM LIGHTHOUSE SHINE ON ME.
THIS VERY WELL KNOWN SONG CAN BE FOUND IN PRACTICALLY
ANY HYMNAL, USUALLY UNDER THE TITLE "MAITLAND. C.M." BY GEORGE N. ALLEN. RECENTLY IT IS ALMOST ALWAYS PER-FORMED AS HERE, WITH THE TEMPO MUCH FASTER AFTER SEVERAL SLOW VERSES; A DEVICE FIRST RECORDED BY WILLIE JOHNSON. (SEE DISCOGRAPHY BELOW)

DISCOGRAPHY: LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE ON ME. BLIND WILLIE JOHNSON. COLUMBIA 14490. BHINE ON ME. CARLISLE QUARTET. BLUEBIRD 6855.



Rev. F. W. McGee

FIFTY MILES OF ELBOW BY REV. F. W. MCGEE VOCAL GROUP WITH PIANO, TRUMPET, GUITAR AND CLAPPING. RECORDED IN 1931. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 23680B

WHEN GATES WIDE ON OTHER SIDE ROOM FOR YOU, ME. FOUR SQUARE CITY, JASPER WALLS, LIMITS 1200 MILES. ON RIGHT HAND, ON LEFT HAND SO MILES ELBOW ROOM

THE HIGHLY RHYTHMIC RELIGIOUS STYLE, HEARD ON NOS. 54, 55, AND 56 OF THIS SET, WITH WIND INSTRUMENTS AND HAND CLAPPING, HAD EXISTED LONG BEFORE 1930 WHEN TECHNICALLY IMPROVED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MADE RECORDING POSSIBLE. SOMETHING SIMILAR IS HEARD AS EARLY AS 1925 ON THE OKEH RELEASES BY CARTER BROTHERS - SMITH, BUT THESE ARE EXCEPTIONS. THE ECHO-LIKE RELATION OF THE VOICES IN THE DUET SECTION OF THIS PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE OF THE SECTION OF THIS PERFORMANCE OF THE SET. DISCOGRAPHY: FIFTY MILES OF ELBON ROOM. THE CARTER FAMILY. BLUEBIRD 9026.

I'M IN THE BATTLE
FIELD FOR MY LORD
(RICE)
BY REV. D.C. RICE AND HIS SANCTIFIED
CONGREGATION VOCAL GROUP WITH PIANO, TRUMPET, TROMBONE, STRING BASS, DRUMS AND TRIANGLE. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE VOCALION 1262

WAS IN LOWLAND, HEARD VOICE OF JESUS, LEFT FRIENDS AND KINDRED. ON ROCKY WAY. SOON SUN WILL SHINE IN SOUL; SAVIOR HEAL WONDED SPIRIT. ON BATTLEFIELD; PROMÍSE WILL SERVE LORD TILL DIE

THE PERSONALIZED NARRATIVE WITH A CHORUS BETWEEN EACH SOLO VERSE IS A STRUCTURE MUCH EARLIER THAN THE ORDERED, ALMOST BALLAD-LIKE TYPE OF WORDS HERE FITTED TO THAT PATTERN. THE FULLNESS OF THE ORCHESTRA AND THE ADVANCED STYLE OF THE SINGING SHOULD BE NOTED. FOR A SONG OF SOMEWHAT SIMILAR STRUCTURE, SEE NO. 48 OF THIS SET.

THE COO COO BIRD BY CLARENCE ASHLEY VOCAL BOLD WITH 5-STRING BANJO. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 15489D(#149251)

BUILD CABIN ON MOUNTAIN, SEE WILLIE GO BY. COO-COO PRETTY BIRD; WARBLES, FLYS, HOLLERS COO-COO FOURTH JULY. PLAYED CARDS ENGLAND, SPAIN; BET BEAT YOU NEXT GAME. JACK O'DIAMONDS KNOWN FROM OLD, ROB POCKET OF SILVER, GOLD

> THIS SONG IS OF THE FOLK-LYRIC TYPE DESCRIBED IN THE NOTES FOR NO. 7 OF THIS SET. THE FIRST VERSE IS ALSO HEARD ON "WAY DOWN THE OLD PLANK ROAD" BY DAVE MACON (NO. 78, THIS SET). BRITISH VERSIONS, OF THE CUCKOO CAN BE FOUND IN BUTTERWORTH'S FOLK SONGS FROM SUSSEX. P. 12, AND SHARP'S FOLK SONGS FROM SOMERSET, NO. 72. FOR FURTHER REFERENCES SEE KETTRIDGE'S NOTES IN THE JOURNAL OF AMERICAN FOLKLORE, 1911, PP.349-352.

DISCOGRAPHY THE GUCKOO, SHE'S A FINE BIRD, KELLY HARRELL. VICTOR 40047.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: MORRIS-365; RANDOLPH-1-237; SHARP-11-177; THOMAS-1-153; THOMAS-111-32; BEE ALSO

EAST VIRGINIA BY BUELL KAZEE VOCAL SOLO WITH 5-STRING BANDO RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE BRUNSWICK 1548(35)

LEFT EAST VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA ROAM, COURTED YOUNG LADY, HER NAME I NOT KNOW. HAIR BROWN CURLY CHEEKS ROSY RED, ON BREST-RIBBON; WISH I WAS DEAD. PAPPA SAYS MARRY, MAMMA SAID NOT, I'LL TELL WHAT DO; DARK NIGHT, RAMBLE, RUN AWAY. RATHER IN HOLLER WHERE SUN REFUSED SHINE, AS YOU BE MAN'S WOMAN, NEVER MINE

NOW USUALLY CALLED "THE EAST VIRGINIA BLUES", THIS SONG IS A FREQUENTLY RECORDED AMERICAN FOLK COMPOSI-TION. BUELL KAZEE FROM BURTONS FORK, KENTUCKY, A STATE FAMOUS FOR ITS 5-STRING BANJO PLAYERS, GIVES AN INTER-ESTING DESCRIPTION OF HIS HOME-MADE INSTRUMENT ON BRURSWICK 338-"A MOUNTAIN BOY MAKES HIS FIRST RECORDS".

BIBLIOGRAPHY: LOMAX-IV-58; SHARP-11-233

DISCOGRAPHY: 1 AM A MAN OF CONSTANT SCROW. EMERY ARTHUR. VOCALION 85208. EAST VIRGINIA BLUES. CARTER FAMILY. BLUEBIRD 5650. DARK HOLLER BLUES. CLARENCE ASHLEY. COLUMBIA 15763. OH. MOLLY DEAR GO ASK YOUR MOTHER. KELLY HARRELL. VICTOR 20280. DARLING THINK WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, MORRIS BROTHERS, BLUEBIRD 7967.



MINGLEWOOD BLUES
(NOAH LEWIS)
VOCAL SOLO WITH HARMONICA, BANJO,
JUG, GUITAR.
RECORDED IN MEMPHIS TENN., JAN 30, 1928.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 21267A(4:603)

NEVER LET ONE WOMAN RULE MIND, KEEP YOU WORRIED, TROUBLED ALL TIME. MARRIED WOMAN SEES ME SOMETIMES. GOT LETTER YOU OUGHT TO READ, YOU COMING SEE ME KNOCK ME ON HEAD

IN THIS SELECTION, AS ON MANY OTHER EARLY RECORDINGS MADE IN MEMPHIS, SINGING CAN BE HEARD HAVING AN EVEN "BUZZING" VIBRATO AND RELATIVELY SMALL INTERVALS BETWEEN THE NOTES, AS CONTRASTED TO THE LARGER INTERVALS AND SMOOTHER VOCAL TONE CENTERED IN TEXAS. THE VOCALIST ON THIS RECORD IS ASHLEY THOMPSON.
THE MEMBERS OF CANNON'S JUG STOMPERS ARE USUALLY NOAH LEWIS (HARMONICA), GUS CANNON (JUG AND BANJO), AND ASHLEY THOMPSON (GUITAR).

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I NOKE UP ONE MORNING IN MAY BY DIDIER HERBERT VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 40517F(111390)

THE ALMOST CONVERSATIONAL PERFORMANCE IN THIS SONG OF UNHAPPY LOVE IS MORE RESTRAINED IN RANGE THAN MOST ARCADIAN SINGING. ITS EVEN, POWERFUL RHYTHM, AND CLEAR VOICE HOWEVER ARE, AS IN THE NEXT SELECTION, VERY TYPICAL OF LOUISIANA.

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JAMES ALLEY BLUES
(A. BROWN)
BY RICHARD (RABBIT) BROWN
VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR.
RECORDED IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., MARCH 5,1927.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 20578A

TIMES AIN'T LIKE USED TO BE, TELLING TRUTH, TAKE FROM ME. SEEN BETTER DAYS, PUT UP WITH THESE, BETTER TIME GIRLS IN NEW ORLEANS. I BORN COUNTRY; SHE THINKS EASY LOSE, HITCH TO HER WAGON, DRIVE ME LIKE MULE. I BOUGHT GOLD RING, PAID RENT, SHE TRIED MAKE ME WASH CLOTHES. IF YOU DON'T WANT, TELL SO, I NOT MAN GOT NO WHERE GO. I GIVE SUGAR FOR SUGAR, SALT FOR SALT, IF CAN'T GET ALONG; YOUR FAULT. YOU WON'T LOVE, TREAT ME MEAN, YOU'RE MY DAILY THOUGHT NIGHTLY DREAM. SOMETIMES YOU TOO SWEET TO DIE, OTHER TIMES OUGHT BE BURIED ALIVE

RICHARD BROWN, ONE OF THE EARLIEST MUSICIANS TO LEARN THE TWELVE BAR 'BLUES' CHORD PATTERN, WAS THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT NEW ORLEANS FOLK SINGER TO RECORD. THREE TEH-INCH SIDES "JAMES-ALLEY-BLUES", "I'M NOT JEALOUS" (VICTOR 20578), "NEVER LET THE SAME BEE STING YOU TWICE" (VICTOR 21475) AND TWO TWELVE-INCH ONES, (VICTOR 35840) "MYSTERY OF THE DUNBAR CHILD", "SINKING OF THE TITANIC", WERE CUT IN A NEW ORLEANS GARAGE THE SAME DAY THAT TUBA PLAYER JOE HOWARD, ANOTHER ALUMNUS OF THE SUDDY BOLDEN BAND, RECORDED WITH LOUIS DUMAINE. BROWN WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS DRAMATIC GUITAR PLAYING WHICH, ON RECORDINGS, CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT OF WILLIE JOHNSON.

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S U G A R B A B Y
BY "DOCK" BOGGS

VOCAL BOLO AND 5-STRING BANJO,
WITH GUITAR BY HUB MAHAFFY.
RECORDED IN 1928.
ORIGINAL 188UE BRUNSWICK 1188(O1)

GOT NO SUGAR BABY NOW. ALL I CAN DO; SLEEP WITH YOU, CAN'T GET ALONG THIS WAY; I'LL SING TO YOUR MAMMA PAY DAY. GOT NO USE FOR RED ROCKING CHAIR: NO SUGAR BABY. WHO WILL [I WILL] ROCK CRADLE, SING SONG WHEN I AM [YOU ARE] GONE. IN SHADE, GIVE EVERY DIME MADE, WHAT MORE COULD POOR BOY DO. SAID ALL CAN SAY, DONE ALL CAN DO, CAN'T MAKE LIVING WITH YOU IN LUNGORD'S VERSION OF THE SONG PERFORMED HERE BY

IN LUNBORD S VERSION OF THE SONG PERFORMED HERE BY DOCK BOGGS, RED APPLE JUICE IS ADDED TO THE RED ROCK-ING CHAIR AS SOMETHING THE SINGER CAN DO WITHOUT.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: LUNSFORD-50

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I WISHIWAS A MOLE
IN THE GROUND
BY BASCOM LAMAR LUNSFORD
"THE MINSTREL OF THE APPALACHIANS"
VOCAL SOLO WITH 5-STRING BANJO
RECORDED IN 1928,
ORIGINAL ISSUE BRUNSWICK 2198(132)

WISH WAS MOLE IN GROUND, WOULD ROOT MOUNTAIN DOWN.
KIMPY WANTS 9 DOLLAR SHAWL; WHEN COME AROUND HILL
WITH 40 DOLLAR BILL "BABY WHERE BEEN SO LONG", BEEN
IN BEND WITH ROUGH, ROWDY MEN. DON'T LIKE RAILROAD
MAN; KILL WHEN CAN, DRINK BLOOD LIKE WINE
THE NARRATOR'S WISH TO BE A MOLE IN THE GROUND AND

THE NARRATOR'S WISH TO BE A MOLE IN THE GROUND AND A LIZZARD IN THE SPRING ARE QUITE SURREALISTIC IN THEIR SYMBOLISM. "THE BEND" ("PEN" IN SOME OTHER VERSIONS) PROBABLY REFERS TO THE BIG BEND PENITENTIARY, IN AN EARLIER RECORDING OF THIS SONG (OKEM, 1925) THE BANJO IS EVEN MORE REMARKABLE IN ITS HALTING RHYTHMS, AND THE SINGER DECIDES HE WOULD "RATHER BE A LIZZARD..... LUNSORD, A LAWYER OF ASHVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, WRITES THAT THIS SONG IS A-"TYPICAL PRODUCT OF THE PIGEON RIVER VALLEY."

DISCOGRAPHY: DARLING WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN SO LONG.
TENEVA RAMBLERS. VICTOR 21645. SAMMIE, WHERE HAVE
YOU BEEN SO LONG. DOCK BOGGS. BRUNSWICK 131. 1 WISH
1 WAS A MOLE IN THE GROUND. BASCOM LAMAR LUNSFORD.
OKEH 40155. SEE ALBO AAFS 102.
BIBLIOGRAPHY: BOTKIN-900; GORDON-79; JOHNSON-11172; LOMAX-11-152; LUNSFORD-10; PERROW-VOL. 28-132;
SANDBURG-220-326

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THE MOUNTAINEER'S
COURTSHIP
BY MR. AND MRS. ERNEST V. STONEMAN
VOCAL DUET WITH HARMONICA, GUITAR.
RECORDED IN 1926.
ORIGINAL ISSUE OKEN 45125(#810808)

WHEN YOU COMING TO SEE ME? NEXT SUNDAY IF WEATHER IS GOOD. HOW LONG YOU COURT ME? ALL NIGHT. WHEN YOU THINK WE MARRY? IN WEEK. WHAT YOU GOING TO WEDDING IN? LOG SLED. WHY NOT BRING BUGGY? OX WON'T WORK TO BUGGY. WHO YOU BRING? CHILDREN. DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD CHILDREN. GOT SIX CHILDREN. TELL AUNT SALLY GOOSE IS DEAD. ONE SHE'D SAVING FOR FEATHER BED

AD. ONE SHE'D SAVING FOR FEATHER BED
STRUCTURALLY THIS DUET IS SIMILAR TO THE QUAKERS
WOOING", "THE DEAF WOMAN'S COURTSHIP", AND SEVERAL
OTHERS, BUT THE SPECIFIC COMPOSITION DOESN'T SEEM
TO APPEAR IN ANY STANDARD WORK. THE "GO TELL AUNT
SALLY" VERSES AT THE END OF THE RECORD ARE FROM
ONE OF THE MOST WIDELY KNOWN AMERICAN. SONGS, AND ALL
OF THE REFERENCES GIVEN BELOW REFER TO IT, AND NOT
TO "THE MOUNTAINEERS COURTSHIP".

DISCOGRAPHY: THE OLD GREY GOOSE, CAROLINA TAR HEELS.

VICTOR 40177.
BIBLIOGRAPHY: GARDINER-466; GORDON-85; JACKSON-1-173;
LOMAX-11-305; LOMAX-V-16; PERROW-VOL.26-130; RANDOLPH-11347; SCARBOROUGH-1-8-195; SHARP-345 OWENS-262



Stoneman's Mountaineers

No Six If while strolling in the pardens thucking flowers to wet with due sell sur should you be offered to walked with you My fittee was a famiel machant that before he went to be he welver . We total me to be here of hustwer . In to all you had to one. If while walking in the parolen I thought ask you to be reine and thousand till you that I loved you would you then they heart decline was no his, ho ho.

THE SPANISH MERCHANTS DAUGHTER (E. STONEMAN)
BY STONEMAN FAMILY VOCAL DUET BY HATTIE AND ERNEST STONEMAN WITH HARMONICA, VIOLIN, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1930.
ORIGINAL 188UE VICTOR V-40206

FATHER, SPANISH MERCHANT, BEFORE WENT TO SEA, MADE ME PROMISE SAY "NO SIR" TO ALL YOU SAY. YOUR FATHER AGAINST ME, SHOULD HE NOT RETURN, AND YOU HAVE NO MOTHER WOULD YOU THEN SAY NO? "NO SIR". SHOULD FATHER NOT RETURN I HAVE BROTHER CARE FOR ME. IN GARDEN PLUCKING ROSES WOULD YOU BE OFFENDED IF I WALKED, TALKED WITH YOU? "NO SIR". I KNOW WORLD IS CRUEL, BUT WILL ALWAYS SAY "NO SIR" TILL FROM FATHER I HEAR. IN GARDEN BY YOUR SIDE WOULD YOU REFUSE TO BE BRIDE?

NO SIR, NO, NO
MEMBERS OF THE STONEMAN FAMILY SOMETIMES WITH KAHLE
BREWER, M. MOONEY, AND "ECK" DUNFORD, MADE MORE THAN
SOLK SONG RECORDINGS FOR THE OKEH, FIFTY IMPORTANT FOLK SONG RECORDINGS FOR THE OKEH, GENETT, AND VICTOR COMPANIES BETWEEN 1925 AND 1930. THE DUETS GIVEN HERE AND IN NO. 64 OF THIS SET, AND THE DUETS GIVEN HERE AND IN NO. 64 OF THIS SET, AND THE DUNFORD RECORD (NO. 9 OF THIS SET), ARE GOOD EXAMPLES OF THE WORK OF THESE ARTISTS, ALL OF WHOM ARE PROBABLY FROM THE VICINITY OF GALUX, VIRGINIA. "THE SPANISH MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER" SEEMS TO BE MODELED ON AN EARLIER SONG "OH NO JOHN".

BIBLIOGRAPHY: EDDY-146; POUND-43; RANDOLPH-III-104;

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BOB LEE JUNIOR BLUES (CLAYTON SHADE)
BY MEMPHIS JUG BAND VOCAL SOLO WITH KAZOO, BANJO-MANDOLIN. JUG, GUITAR.
RECORDED IN MEMPHIS TENN. 1927. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 21356A(40324)

CAN'T SLEEP DREAMING, CAN'T WAKE CRYING, MAN I LOVE TROUBLE ALL TIME. I'LL FOLLOW WHERE HE GOES. "CON-DUCTOR LET ME RIDE BLINDS". "THIS GARBAGE TRAIN AIN'T MINE". HATE TRAIN THAT CARRIED MAN AWAY; SAME TRAIN BRING HIM BACK SOMEDAY

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE VOCAL TYPE FREQUENTLY ASSOCIA-TED WITH MEMPHIS (SEE NOTES FOR NO. 59 OF THIS SET).
THE ACCOMPANIMENT IS SIMILAR TO THE URBAN DANCE STYLE, AND TOWARD THE END OF THE RECORD A RHUMBA ARRANGEMENT OF THE WELL KNOWN "CARELESS LOVE" IS INTRODUCED. GOOD VOCAL VERSIONS OF THIS LAST SONG HAVE BEEN MADE BY LULU JACKSON (VOCALION 1193) AND EVA PARKER (VICTOR 38020).

GLE GIRL, MARRIED SINGLE GIRL (A.P. CARTER) BY THE CARTER FAMILY VOCAL SOLO (BY SARA CARTER) WITH AUTOHARP, GUITAR.
RECORDED IN MAGES SPRINGS VIRGINIA, 1927 ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 20937A

SINGLE GIRL: DRESSED FINE, GOES TO STORE BUYS, GOING WHERE PLEASE. MARRIED GIRL: WEARS ANY KIND, ROCKS CRADLE CRYS, BABY ON KNEES

MADE AT THE CARTER FAMILY'S FIRST RECORDING SESSION, THIS COMPOSITION IS NOT EASILY LOCATED IN ANY STAND-ARD PRINTED COLLECTION, ALTHOUGH IT IS OF A TYPE FRE-QUENTLY REPRESENTED BY SUCH SONGS AS "MREN I WAS SINGLE", "LORD, I WISH I WAS A SINGLE GIRL AGAIN", "THE SPORTING BACHELOR" ETC.

E VIEUX SOULARD T SA FEMME (THE OLD DRUNKARD AND HIS WIFE)
BY CLEMO BREAUX AND JOSEPH FALCON VOCAL SOLO AND TALKING WITH ACCORDION, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1928. ORIGINAL IBBUE COLUMBIA 14301D(146908)

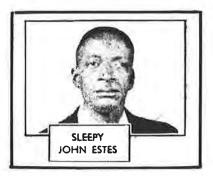
PIONEER LOUISIANA FRENCH RECORDING ARTISTS, AND POSSIB-LY THE MOST FAMOUS OF ALL ARCADIAN MUSICIANS, MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH FALCON HAD MADE MORE THAN 150 BIDES FOR COLUMBIA, VICTOR, AND DECCA BEFORE MRS. FALCON (CLEMO BREAUX) DIED A FEW YEARS AGO. THE COMBINATION OF SPEAK-ING AND SINGING IN THE SELECTION GIVEN HERE IS UNUSUAL. OTHER PERFORMANCES BY THE FALCONS CAN BE HEARD ON NOS. 38 AND 77 OF THIS BET.



RABBIT FOOT BLUES
(L. JEFFERSON)
BY BLIND LEMON JEFFERSON
VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR.
RECORDED IN 1927.
ORIGINAL ISSUE PARAMOUNT 12454A(3089-1,497)

BLUES JUMPED RABBIT, RAN MILE, RABBIT CRIED LIKE CHILD. YOU HUNGRY, COME LUNCH WITH ME, WANT TO STOP WOMEN WORRYING ME, UNEEDA BISCUITS, HALF PINT GIN; GIN FINE BISCUITS THIN. TELL ABOUT MEATLESS, WHEATLESS DAYS, THIS NOT HOME DON'T THINK I STAY, CRIED FOR FLOUR, MEAT GONE; FEED ME CORN BREAD, I CAN'T STICK AROUND. GOT KNAPSACK, SUBMARINE, GET KAISER, BE' 17. HITCH ME TO BUGGY DRIVE LIKE MULE, GOING HOME, AIN'T FOOLED

THE FIRST AUTHENTIC RECORDINGS OF TEXAS FOLK SONGS WERE MADE BY THIS ARTIST IN THE RUG DEPARTMENT OF A DALLAS STORE IN 1924. HIS INJECTION OF SHORT INDEPENDENT MELODIC GUITAR PHRASES AT THE END OF EACH VOCAL LINE, TYPICAL OF TEXAS PLAYING, IS SELDOM SO BEAUTIFULLY DEVELOPED AS IN JEFFERSON'S WORK, MENTION OF THE IST WORLD WAR WAS UNUSUAL BY THE DATE THIS RECORD WAS MADE.



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EXPRESSMAN BLUES (JAMES RACHEL)
BY JOHN ESTES
VOCAL SOLO WITH PLANO, MANDOLIN, GUIT

VOCAL SOLD WITH PLAND, MANDOLIN, GUITAR. RECORDED MAY 17, 1930, 4 P.M. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 233188

EXPRESSMAN, YOU'VE GONE WRONG MOVED GIRL WHEN I WAS FROM HOME. WOMAN MAKES MAN DO THINGS KNOWS WRONG, THAT'S WHY I SING LONESOME SONG. IF YOU NEVER HEAR ME MORE, REMEMBER MORNING I WALKED ON YOUR PORCH. GOING TO SING THIS, NO MORE, MANDOLIN UNDER ARM, GO

ABOUT 1930 THE BANJO SEEMS TO HAVE DECLINED IN FAVOR AMONG FOLK MUSICIANS FOR IT IS SELDOM RECORDED AFTER THAT DATE, BALANCING THE SHARP TONED BANJO AGAINST A SOFTER, MORE EXTENDED GUITAR NOTE, WHICH HAD BEEN VERY POPULAR FORMERLY, WAS OFTEN REPLACED BY A MANDOLIN AND GUITAR COMBINATION. THE REMARKABLE VOCAL GIVEN HERE WITH ACCOMPANIMENT OF PIANO (AS THE SOFT TONE) AND MANDOLIN, IS ONE OF THE FIRST RECORDINGS IN WHICH THE LATTER INSTRUMENT IS FEATURED.

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POOR BOY BLUES (WILLARD THOMAS) BY RAMBLIFF THOMAS VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR, RECORDED 1729, ORIGINAL ISSUE PARAMOUNT 12722A(21020-4)

POOR BOY LONG WAYS FROM HOME. WAS IN LOUISIANA DOING AS PLEASE, NOW IN TEXAS; WORK OR LEAVE. IF YOUR HOME'S LOUISIANA WHAT DOING HERE? MY HOME AIN'T TEXAS, SURE DON'T CARE. IF BOAT DON'T LAND, STAY ON WATER LONG AS ANY MAN. BOAT CAME ROCKING LIKE DRUNKEN MAN; HOME IS ON WATER, DON'T LIKE LAND

THIS AND THE NEXT FOUR SELECTIONS ARE PROBABLY FACETS OF A SINGLE FOLK-LYRIC COMPLEX (SEE NOTE FOR NO. 7 OF THIS SET). IN THESE SONGS, MOST OF THE VERSES ARE SELECTED FROM A GENERAL STOCK OF ABOUT 800 FREQUENTLY HEARD COUPLETS DEALING WITH PRISON. ALTHOUGH THERE IS LITTLE DUPLICATION AMONG THE FIVE SONGS GIVEN HERE, IN OTHER PERFORMANCES VARIOUS INTERMEDIATE FORMS CAN BE HEARD. THE "BANJO JOE" RECORD LISTED BELOW HAS MANY PHRASES OF THE VERSION OF "POOR BOY" IN THIS SET, BUT ALSO INCORPORATES ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED WITH THE PHRASE "BUCKET'S GOT A HOLE IN IT".

DISCOGRAPHY: POOR BOY LONG WAYS FROM HOME. BANJO JOE. PARAMOUNT 12571. BIBLIOGRAPHY: ODUM-1-169

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FEATHER BED
(GUS CANNON)
BY CANNON'S JUG STOMPERS
VOCAL SOLO WITH HARMONICA, BANJO,
UUG, GUITAR.
RECORDED MEMPHIS TENN., AUG. 2, 1823.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR V-385158

REMEMBER, BEFORE WAR, SLEEP ON STRAW, NOW FEATHER BED. WENT UPTOWN, DEACON'S HOUSE, THOUGHT HEARD MY BABY CRY. WENT DOWNTOWN, DIDN'T MEAN HARM, POLICE GRAB ARM, (BEGAN TO KICK, THROW ME IN AIR) DOING BEST FIND BOY STOLE VEST. WENT COURTSQUARE FIND BOY STOLE COAT. (JUDGE) STAND, LAWBOOKS IN HAND, PULL OUT WRIT, SOMEBODY BEEN STEALING FIRST DEGREE. BRITT AND BROWN, GOING ACROSS STREET GOING TO TOWN. OVER THE ROAD I'M BOUND TO GO

THE MELODY USED IN THIS RECORDING IS USUALLY CALLED THE MELODY USED IN THIS RECORDING IS USUALLY CALLED "LOST JOHN" AND TRADITIONALLY FEATURES THE HARMONICA; HERE PLAYED BY NOAM LEWIS. THE CHORUS "OVER THE ROAD I'M BOUND" IS SELDOM HEARD OTHER THAN IN SONGS DEAL-ING WITH PRISON.

DISCOGRAPHY: LOST JOHN, HENRY WHITTER, OKEH 40391.

OVER THE ROAD I'M BOUND TO GO, UNGLE DAVE MACON.

BRUNSWICK 329.





COUNTRY BLUES BY "DOCK" BOGGS VOCAL BOLO WITH BANJO RECORDED IN 1923. ORIGINAL ISSUE BRUNSWICK 1314(96)

COME PEOPLE WHILL I'VE MONEY. TOMORROW MIGHT (NOT)
HAVE DOLLAR OR FRIEND. WHEN HAD MONEY, FRIENDS AROUND,
POCKET BOOK EMPTY, NOT FOUND. LAST SAW MY WOMAN HAD
WINEGLASS IN HAND, DRINKING DOWN TROUBLE. DADDY TAUGHT
PLENTY, MAMMA MORE, SAID QUIT RONDY WAYS (OR) TROUBLE
AT DOOR. WROTE WOMAN I'M IN JAIL, SHE WROTE ANSWER,
"COMING FOR BAIL". 40 DOLLARS WON'T PAY FINE, WHISKY
HAS MY BODY, WOMEN MY MIND. BREAD WHEN HUNGRY,
WHISKY WHEN DRY, PRETTY WOMEN AROUND, HEAVEN WHEN DIE.
IF LISTENED TO MAMMA WOULDN'T BE HERE; DRINKING, SHOOT—
ING, GAMBLING, AT HOME NOT STAY. DIG HOLE IN MEADOW
(GROUND) SEE THIS ROUNDER DOWN. WHEN I DEAD, BURIED,
FACE TO SUN, COME MOURN, THINK WAY YOU DONE
THE YERBES IN THIS SONG BEGINNING "LAST TIME I'SM

THE VERSES IN THIS SONG BEGINNING "LAST TIME I SAW, MY LITTLE WOMAN" AND "GO DIG A HOLE IN THE MEADOW" ARE ALMOST ALWAYS CONNECTED WITH "DARLING CORA" OF WHICH THIS MAY BE A PERSONALIZED VERSION. THE SECTIONS BE-GINNING "GIVE. ME CORN BREAD WHEN I'M HUNGRY" AND "WHEN I'M DEAD AND BURIED" (SEE NOS. 2 AND 6 OF THIS SET) ARE AMONG THE MOST FEQUENTLY USED VERSES.

DISCOGRAPHY: DARLING CORA. BUELL KAZEE. BRUNDWICK 154. DARLING CORA. B.F. SHELTON. VICTOR 35838.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: THOMAS-11-122







NINETY - NINE YEAR BLUES (J. DANIELS) BY JULIUS DANIELS VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1927. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 20658B

BRING PISTOL, BALL, KILL EVERYBODY THAT DRAG POOR BOY. MONDAY ARRESTED, TUESDAY TRIED, JUDGE FOUND ME GUILTY, HUNG HEAD CRIED. WHAT FINE? PICK, SHOVEL, COAL MINE. AIN'T BEEN HERE BEFORE, GIVE 99 YEARS, COME BACK NO

PHRASES AND CONSTRUCTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THIS SONG CAN BE FOUND IN LOMAX II, III, AND IV, ODUM AND JOHNSON I AND II, AND WHITE, MORE RECENT RECORDINGS (1934-1938) DEALING WITH THE SAME IMAGES ARE BLUES" BY JACK DUPREE. (OKEN 05823). "LONGROW (1954-1958) DEALING WITH THE BAME IMAGES AND ANDLA BLUES" BY JACK DUPREE, (OKEN 05823), "LONESOME DAY BLUES" BY JESSE JAMES (DECCA 72:3), "LAST FAIR DEAL GONE DOWN" BY ROBERT JOHNSON (VOCALION 03445): AND "PARCHMAN FARM BLUES" (OKEN 05683) BY BUKKA WHITE. THE GUS CANNON RECORD LISTED BELOW HAS SOME LINES IN COMMON WITH THE SONG JULIUS DANIELS BINGS HERE.

DISCOGRAPHY: VIOLA LEE BLUES. CANNONS JUG STOMPERS. VIOTOR 38523.

PRISON CELL BLUES BY BLIND LEMON JEFFERSON VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1928.

ORIGINAL ISSUE PARAMOUNT 12622B(20388-2)

TIRED OF SLEEPING IN LONESOME CELL, WOULDN'T BEEN HERE IF NOT FOR NELL. AWAKE AT NIGHT, CAN'T EAT BITE, USED TO BE RIDER, WON'T TREAT ME RIGHT. RED EYED "CAPTAIN" SQUABBLING FORE' MAD DOG SARGENT WON'T KNOCK OFF! ASKED GOVERNOR KNOCK OFF TIME WAY I'M TREATED LOSE MIND. WROTE GOVERNOR, TURN ME LOOSE, NO ANSWER, NO USE. HATE TURN OVER FIND RIDER GONE, HOW I'M ON

THE CLEAR FONE AND LONG RUNS, SO TYPICAL OF TEXAS AND LOUISIANA VOCAL STYLE, ARE HEARD VERY WELL HERE. THE DEVICE USED IN THIS SONG OF REVERSING THE LINE ORDER OF THE FIRST VERSE TO PRODUCE THE FINAL VERSE IS STILL FREQUENTLY EMPLOYED.

SEE THAT MY GRAVE IS KEPT CLEAN BY BLIND LEMON JEFFERSON VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR RECORDED IN 1928.

ORIGINAL ISSUE PARAMOUNT 126088 (20374-1)

FAVOR I ASK YOU, SEE MY GRAVE KEPT GREEN. LONG LANE, NO END, BEAR AWAY WITH SILVER CHAIN. TWO WHITE HORSES IN LINE, TAKE ME TO BURYING GROUND. HEART STOPPED, HANDS COLD. YOU HEARD COFFIN SOUND? POOR BOY IN GROUND, DIG GRAVE WITH SILVER SPADE, LEAD DOWN WITH GOLDEN CHAIN. YOU HEARD CHURCH BELL? POOR BOY'S DEAD AND GONE

IN WALTER AND BYRD'S WASN'T IT BAD ABOUT LEMON (PARAMOUNT 12945), AFTER MENTIONING THAT JEFFERSON WAS BORN IN TEXAS AND DIED "ON THE STREETS OF CHICAGO", THEY SING THAT THE LAST TUNE HE RECORDED WAS "SEE THAT MY GRAVE IS KEPT GREEN". THE MASTER NUMBERS OF THIS RECORD ALSO SEEM TO INDICATE IT WAS MADE AT HIS LAST SESSION. ON THE OTHER SIDE (OF PARAMOUND 12945) REV. EMBET DICKENSON PARALLELS THE LIFE OF JEFFERSON WITH THAT OF CHRIST. "SEE THAT MY GRAVE IS KEPT GREEN" IS OFTEN KNOWN AS "TWO WHITE HORSES IN A LINE" AND ALMOST ALWAYS, AS HERE, IMITATES THE TONE OF A CHURCH BELL AT ONE POINT.

DISCOGRAPHY: TWO WHITE HORSES IN A LINE, THE TWO POOR BOYS, RONEO 5081. BEE A.A.F.S. 17

BIBLIOGRAPHY: GDUM-129; BANDBURG-472

C'EST SITRISTE SANS LUI (IT IS SO BLUE WITHOUT HIM) BY CLEMO BREAUX WITH JOE FALCON AND OPHY BREAUX VOCAL SOLO WITH ACCORDION, GUITAR. RECORDED IN 1929. ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 40508F(WI10551)

FOR A FULL DISCUSSION OF ARCADIAN MUSIC SEE WHIT-FIELD'S LOUISIANA FRENCH FOLK SONGS. FURTHER INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE FOUND IN THE NOTES FOR NOS. 31, 38, 39, 60 AND 68 OF THIS SET.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: WHITFIELD-9



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W. A Y D O W N THE OLD PLANK R O A D BY UNCLE DAVE MACON VOCAL SOLO AND BANJO WITH GUITAR BY SAM MCGEE. RECORDED IN 1926. ORIGINAL ISSUE VOCALION B15321(53)

RATHER IN RICHMOND WITH HAIL AND RAIN, THAN GEORGIA WEARING BALL AND CHAIN. WENT MOBILE, GET GRAVEL TRAIN, NEXT I KNEW: BALL AND CHAIN. WHAT MAKES TREAT SO, WEAR BALL, CHAIN, ANKLE SORE. NASHVILLE PRETTY, MEMPHIS BELUTY, SEE PRETTY GIRLS - CHATTANOOGA. [FARE YOU WELL I'M GONE]. BUILD SCAFFOLD ON MOUNTAIN, SEE GIRL RIDING BY. WIFE DIED FRIDAY, SATURDAY-BURIED, SUNDAY, MY COURTING DAY, MONDAY-MARRIED. [KILL YOURSELF]. 18 POUNDS MEAT A WEEK, WHISKY TO SELL, CAN YOUNG MAN STAY HOME, GIRLS LOOK SO WELL. WON'T GET DRUNK NO MORE ON PLANK ROAD

DAVE MACON "THE DIXIE DEW DROP" WAS BORN AT SMART STATION, TENNESSEE, OCTOBER 7TH, 1870. HE LEARNED HIS TRADE IN NASHVILLE, WHERE HIS PARENTS OPERATED THE MACON HOTEL, A THEATRICAL BOARDING HOUSE, AND BECAME A PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINER ABOUT 1888. MANY OF THE SONGS HE LEARNED BEFORE 1900 FROM WORKERS ON THE LEVEE AND ALONG THE MISSISIPPI WERE RECORDED AMONG THE HUNDRED OR SO TITLES HE CUT BETWEEN 1923 AND 1938, AND ARE UNIQUE AMONG COMMERCIAL RECORDINGS. HIS DESCRIPTIONS OF LIFE ON THE CHAIN GANG HERE AND ON NO. 79 OF THIS SET ARE TWO OF THE MOST CHARACTERISTIC OF A NUMBER OF SONGS OF THIS TYPE HE RECORDED. THE VERSES ABOUT THE SCRIPTION (SEE NO. 57 OF THIS SET) AND THE WIFE'S DEATH ARE WIDELY KNOWN FOLK-LYRIC ELEMENTS. (SEE NOTES FOR NO. 7 OF THIS SET)

FOLK-LYRIC ELEMENTS, (SEE NOTES FOR NO. 7 OF THIS SET, DISCOGRAPHY: MY WIFE DIED SATURDAY NIGHT, DR. HUMPHREY; BATE. BRUNSWICK 271.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: SHARP-11-277

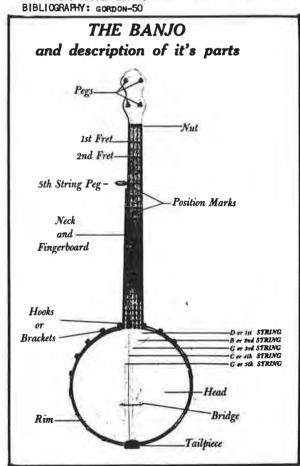
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BUDD.Y WONITYOUROLL
DOWN THE LINE
(MACON)
BY UNCLE DAVE MACON
VOCAL SOLO AND BANJO WITH BANJO-GUITAR
BY SAM MCGEE.
HECOBED IN 1750.
ORIGINAL 188UE BRUNSWICK 292

IN TENNESSEE, LEASE COME, WORK IN COAL MINE AGAINST FREE LABOR, MADE 'EM RISE AND SHINE. MONDAY MORNING MARCH THEM TO LONE ROCK LOOKING IN THAT MINE (HOLE), 'CAPTAIN' SAY "BETTER GET POLE". BEANS HALFDONE, BREAD NOT SO WELL, MEAT BURNT UP, COFFEE BLACK AS HECK, BUT TASTES GOOD. BOSS, HARD MAN; IF DON'T GET DONE, CARRY YOU TO STOCKADE, ON THE FLOOR YOU FALL, NEXT TIME HAVE POLE. BUDDY ROLL DOWN LINE, YONDER COMES MY DARLING, COMING DOWN LINE.

THIS RECORDING, ALONG WITH NOS. 78, 80, 81 AND 82 OF THIS SET ARE OF A TYPE OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "WORK SONGS" BECAUSE THEY ARE STRUCTURALLY ADAPTED TO RESPONSIVE CHANTING BY GANG WORKERS (SEE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS A.A.F.S. ALBUMS NOS. 3 AND 8). THE PERFORMANCES IN THE PRESENT SET HAVE BEEN GIVEN ACCOMPANIMENTS AND SOMEWHAT "REFINED", BUT THE CHARACTERISTIC LEADER AND CHORUS PATTERN SURVIVES. THE WORDS IN THIS VERSION OF "ROLL DOWN THE LINE" ARE MORE REGIONALIZED THAN MOST.

DISCOGRAPHY: HEY BUDDY, WON'T YOU ROLL DOWN THE LINE.
ALLEN BROTHERS. VOCALION 02818. ROLL ON BOYS. CAROLINA
TAR HEELS, VICTOR 40024.



SPIKE DRIVER BLUES
BY MISSISSIPPI JOHN HURT
VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR
ORIGINAL ISSUE OKEH 8692 (#401488)

TAKE HAMMER, CARRY TO CAPTAIN, TELL I'M GONE. HAMMER KILLED JOHN HENRY, WON'T KILL ME. LONG FROM EAST COLORADO TO HOME; JOHN HENRY LEFT HAMMER LAYING SIDE ROAD. JOHN HENRY STEEL DRIVING BOY, BUT WENT DOWN. THAT'S WHERE (WHY) I'M GONE

SONGS ABOUT JOHN HENRY ARE OF TWO GENERAL TYPES;
THE BALLAD (SEE NO. 19 OF THIS SET) AND THE HAMMER
SONG. THE VERBES OF THE LATTER ARE USUALLY COMPOUNDED
WITH THE PHRASE, "ROLL ON BUDDY", BUT NOT IN THE INTHOSPECTIVE VERSION GIVEN HERE. FOR VERSIONS OF THIS
AND SIMILAR SONGS SEE JOHNSON'S JOHN HENRY (BIBLIOGRAPHY
JOHNSON, 1).

DISCOGRAPHY: NINE POUND HAMMER, GRAYSON AND WHITTER, VICTOR 40:05. NINE POUND HAMMER IS TOO HEAVY, MONROE BROTHERS, BLUEBIRD 6422, THE NINE POUND HAMMER, AL HOPKINS, BRUNSWICK 177,

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K. C. M O A N
(TEWEE BLACKMAN)
BY MEMPHIS JUG BAND
VOCAL TRIO WITH HARMONICA, KAZOO,
BANJO, JUG, GUITAR.
RECORDID IN 1702.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR V-38558A

THOUGHT I HEARD K.C. BLOW LIKE MY WOMEN ON BOARD.
WHEN BACK ON K.C. ROAD, GOING TO LOVE BABY LIKE NEVER

QUARTET ARRANGEMENT OF A WELL KNOWN WORK SONG. THE TRAIN IS A CONSTANTLY RECURRING SYMBOL IN COMPOSITIONS OF THIS CATEGORY.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: ODUM-1-220; WHITE-273

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TRAIN ON THE ISLAND (J.P. NESTOR) BY J.P. NESTOR VOCAL SOLO WITH VIOLIN AND BANJO. SECRED IN 12%. ORIGINAL ISSUE VICTOR 21070A

TRAIN ON ISLAND, SINCE (THOUGHT) HEARD IT SQUEAL(BLOW), GO TELL TRUE LOVE CAN'T ROLL WHEEL, HAPPY DO FEEL [THINKING (LONG AS) I CAN GO]

THE SOUND OF A TRAIN IS HERE INTERPRETED ON BANJO AND VIOLIN. (SEE NOTES FOR NOS. 28 AND 29 OF THIS SET) WITH A MEAGER VOCAL ADAPTED FROM A WORK SONG. THE ARTISTS ARE PROBABLY BOTH FROM VIRGINIA.

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THE LONE STAR TRAIL

[TALKIE HIT FROM UNIVERSAL PICTURE

"THE WAGON MASTER"

BY KEN MAYNARD (THE AMERICAN BOYS
FAVORITE COMBOY)

VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR.

RECORDED IN 1330.

ORIGINAL ISSUE COLUMBIA 23100(W149832)

I AM COWBOY IN TEXAS THAIN, TRADE IS CINCHING SADDLES, PULLING BRIDLE REINS, LASSO WITH SKILL, EASE. LOVE ROLLING PRAIRIE; IF FIND LONGHORNS WILL JOURNEY ALL LIFE. IF HAD STEAK MARRIED I'D BE. ON TRAIL, DUSTY RISE, 50 MILES FROM WATER, GRASS DRY, BOSS MAD. WHEN LAKES FULL WATER, GRASS WAVING FINE, BOSS SHEDS FROWN. BEDDED DOWN FOR NIGHT, HORSE SHAKES SADDLE, HERD - FRIGHT, STAMPEDE. CLOUD IN WEST, FIRE ON HORNS, BOSS RIDES AROUND, PAY IN GOLD, I'LL FOLLOW LONG HORNS UNTIL TOO OLD

THIS PASSIGNATE DESCRIPTION OF LIFE IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW RECORDINGS OF AUTHENTIC "COMBOY" SINGING.

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FISHING BLUES (THOMAS)
BY HENRY THOMAS ("RAGTIME TEXAS")
VOCAL SOLO WITH GUITAR, AND WHISTLE.
RECORDED IN 1029.
ORIGINAL ISSUE VOCALION 1249

WENT ON HILL 12 O'CLOCK; GOT POLE. WENT TO HARDWARE; GOT HOOK, PUT LINE ON HOOK. LOOK DOWN RIVER, ONE O'CLOCK, SPIED CATFISH, GOT HUNGRY, GOING TO CATCH CATFISH. PUT ON SKILLET, LID, COOK SHORTNING BREAD. YOU BEEN FISHING ALL TIME, I'M GOING FISHING TOO. BET LIFE, LOVING WIFE, CATCH MORE THAN YOU. ANY FISH BITE, I'M GOING FISHING TOO

THE VERSES IN THIS SONG ARE SELDOM HEARD EXCEPT FOR THE SHORTNING BREAD COUPLET, WHICH IS WIDELY KNOWN. REFERENCES TO FISHING, OTHER THAN AS SEXUAL SYMBOLISM, ARE RARE IN AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC.

ALL OF THE REFERENCES GIVEN BELOW REFER TO THE "SHORTNING BREAD" VERSES AND NOT TO THE "FISHING" ONES.

DISCOGRAPHY: SHORTNIN' BREAD. DYKES MAGIC CITY TRIO.
BRUNSWICK 125. SHORTNIN' BREAD. EARL JOHNSON, OKEH 45112,
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FOR AN ALLIED COMPOSITION.

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R. R. Marrett

DO AS THY WILT SHALL BE THE WHOLE OF THE LAW."

ALEISTER CROWLEY

"THE IN-BREATHING BECOMES THOUGHT, AND THE OUT-BREATHING BECOMES THE WILL MANIFES-TATION OF THOUGHT."

RUDOLPH STEINER



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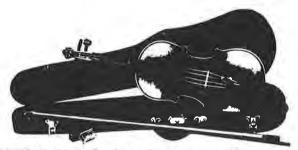
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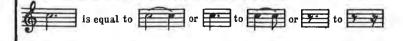
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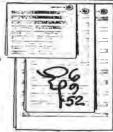
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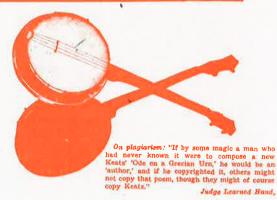
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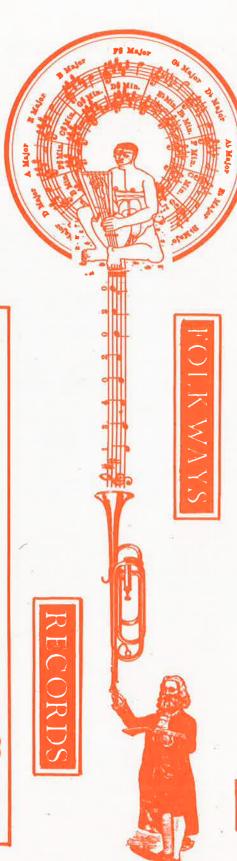
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