

Appendix to Guide to the John F. Smith Traditional Music Collection

Overview:

John F. Smith taught in the Berea College Normal School. As part of his Composition and Rhetoric course, Smith asked students to write down the names of banjo and fiddle songs and tunes known to them in their home districts of eastern Kentucky and Tennessee. The results are a large, varied body of material that includes ballads, songs, fiddle and banjo tunes, and games. Several students also included lists of musical instruments present in their home communities and descriptions of music related social events such as house dances and singing schools.

Smith's students came from a part of Kentucky and Tennessee located on the western edge of Appalachia. The area includes Garrard, Lincoln, Casey, Pulaski, Madison, Estill, Wolfe, Owsley, Breathitt, Magoffin, Floyd, Clay Leslie, and Knox counties in Kentucky and Sevier and Marshall Counties in Tennessee. Taken as a whole, their lists offer valuable insights concerning the kind of songs being sung and the repertory of traditional musicians in this region prior to the changes in musical tastes brought about by radio and phonograph records beginning in the 1920s.

Below is a list of persons/students who were known contributors to this collection.

List of Known Contributors/Students:

Aaron, Elizabeth
Abston, Rev. M. V.
Allen, Ward
Back, Richard
Batiste, E.
Bennett, Maynard
Boling, H. F.
Bowman, Brack
Browning, Ortie
Burgett, Ruth
Carnes, Victor
Chase, Stella
Coyle, McKinley
Craft, Caudace
Dalton, Malvin
Daniel, Bessie
Davis, Alga
Davis, Zula
Dixon, Bradley
Draughon, Fitzhugh
Dunca, Ms. John
Eadles, Elizabeth
Elliott, Lou V.
Eplee, Biddie
Evans, John F.
Farmer, Charles
Franklin, Violet

Gabbard, Chester A.
Gibbs, Cecil
Graham, Charles C.
Griffin, Bertha
Harges, Margie
Hawley, Anna
Henderson, [?]
Hibbard, Bessie
Hibbard, Victoria
Hill, Ernest B.
Horton, Anne Lee
Howard, Harvey
Howard, Virdie Rae
Issacs, Lena
Jaggers, M. M
Johnsons, The
Kindred, Retha
Lawson, Robert
Lockhart, [?]
McCall, Henry
McMahan, Ray M.
Martin, Manda
May, Calla
Mills, Ber
Moore, Flossie
Moore, Pearl
Mustard, Vera
Ogg, Lillian R.
Payne, Peter
Phelps, Monte
Powell, Talitha
Rains, James M.
Reams, Robert
Richardson, Nancy Margaret
Robbins, William S.
Scrivner, A.
Sewell, Virgie
Shackelford, Quillie
Smith, Harvey
Smith, John F.
Smithers, Frank
Snyth, Mr.
Spurlock, Vada
Swack, Minnie
Taylor, Myrtle
Teafer, Myrtle
Thompson, Edgar
Thompson, George S.
Thompson, Ruth
Tuttle, Ether
Wagers, Anna Mae
Wallace, Anna
Whitt, Lauda

Williams, Addie
Williams, Elsie F.
Wilson, Doxie