

**The early country music collection, 1920-1940**  
**An inventory of holdings at the American Music Research Center**

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**American Music Research Center, University of Colorado at Boulder**

## Descriptive summary

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<b>Title</b>	Early eountry music collection
<b>Date(s)</b>	1920-1940
<b>Identification</b>	COU-AMRC-33
<b>Creator(s)</b>	Buzzard, Joe, collector
<b>Repository</b>	The American Music Research Center University of Colorado at Boulder 288 UCB Boulder, CO 80309
<b>Location</b>	Housed in the American Music Research Center
<b>Physical Description</b>	5 Linear feet 5 boxes

## Scope and Contents

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Recordings, transcriptions, and research materials collected by Joe Buzzard at the request of William Kearns, professor emeritus of music, University of Colorado, Boulder. Includes reel-to-reel tapes recorded by Buzzard from 700 hillbilly and cowboy records from the 1920s and 1930s, primarily in the Blue Ridge Mountains, northern Georgia, western North Carolina, and southwestern Virginia; duplicates of originals on Digital Audio Tape (DAT); transcriptions of recorded songs; and research materials.

## Administrative Information

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### Arrangement

Tapes are arranged by original tape number; Transcriptions are arranged by performer

### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Usage Restrictions

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### Custodial history

Donated by William Kearns

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Early country music collection, University of Colorado, Boulder

## Index Terms

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Access points related to this collection:

**Personal names**

Buzzard, Joe, collector

**Corporate names**

American Music Research Center

**Subject headings**

Country music

Country musicians

Old-time music

## Detailed Description

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### Recordings

Box	Reel	
1	1	<b>Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on History of Country and Folk Music</b> Robertson, (Eck) A. C. Gilliland, Henry
1	2	<b>Robertson, (Eck) A. C. and Family</b> Fiddlin' Powers and Family
1	3	<b>Fiddlin' Powers and Family</b> Carson, Fiddlin' John Peer, Ralph S. – Talk on John Carson Recording
1	4	<b>Carson, Fiddlin' John, and His Virginia Reelers</b>
1	5	<b>Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on Early Atlanta Recording Artists</b> Tanner, Gid Puckett, Riley
1	6	<b>Puckett, Riley</b> McMichen, Clayton Stokes, Lowe, and His North Georgians Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on the Skillet Lickers Band and other artists
1	7	<b>Tanner, Gid, and His Skillet Lickers</b> Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on Skillet Lickers Recordings
1	8	<b>Tanner, Gid, and His Skillet Lickers</b> Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on Atlanta Recording Artists
1	9	<b>Bumgarner, Samantha, and Eve Davis</b> Chitwood, Bill, and Bud Landress Chitwood, Bill, and the Georgia Yellow Hammers
1	10	<b>Chitwood, Bill, and the Georgia Mountaineers (on Okeh label)</b> Chitwood, Bill, and the Georgia Yellow Hammers (on Victor label) Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on Where Recordings Were Made and Artists Johnson, Earl
1	11	<b>Johnson, Earl, and His Dixie Entertainers</b> Harris, J. D. Walburn, George, and Emmett Hethcox
1	12	<b>Walburn, George, and Emmett Hethcox</b> Walburn, George, Footscorchers Smith, R. B., and S. J. Allgood Helton, Ernest Gray, A. A. Stanley, Roba, and William Patterson Noles, Flora Hendley, Fisher
1	13	<b>Norris Land</b> Hillbillies (on Vocalion label) Hopkins, Al, and His Buckle Busters (on Brunswick label)
1	14	<b>Hopkins, Al, and His Buckle Busters (on Brunswick label)</b>

- Hill Billies (on Vocalion label)  
 Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on Recordings by Ernest V. Stoneman  
 Stoneman, Ernest V., Talk with Eugene W. Earle, Mar. 27, 1964
- 1 15 **Stoneman, Ernest V. – Talk on His First Recordings, Making Edison Recordings, and First Victor Recordings**  
 Stoneman, Ernest V.
- 1 16 **Stoneman, Ernest V.**  
 Stoneman, Ernest V. – Talk about Recording for Edison & Vernon Dalhart
- 1 17 **Stoneman, Ernest V. – Talk about Artists he found and recorded with him**  
 Stoneman, Ernest V.
- 1 18 **Stoneman, Ernest V.**  
 Dunford, Uncle Eck
- 1 19 **Dunford, Uncle Eck, and Ernest V. & Hattie Stoneman**
- 1 20 **Stoneman, Ernest V.**  
 Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on Stoneman and Kelly Harrell Recordings  
 Harrell, Kelly
- 1 21 **Harrell, Kelly (also with Virginia String Band)**
- 1 22 **Harrell, Kelly**  
 Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk with Henry Whitter  
 Whitter, Henry
- 1 23 **Whitter, Henry**
- 1 24 **Grayson, G. B., and Henry Whitter**  
 Lunsford, Bascom Lamar
- 1 25 **Macon, Uncle Dave**
- 1 26 **Macon, Uncle Dave**
- 1 27 **Macon, Uncle Dave**  
 Macon, Uncle Dave, and His Fruit Jar Drinkers
- 1 28 **Macon, Uncle Dave**  
 Macon, Uncle Dave, and the Dixie Sacred Singers
- 1 29 **Macon, Uncle Dave**
- 1 30 **Macon, Uncle Dave**
- 1 31 **McGee, Sam and Kirk**
- 1 32 **Stephens, “Uncle Bunt”**  
 Bate, Dr. Humphrey, and His Possum Hunters  
 Reedy, Jack, and His Walker Mountain String Band
- 1 33 **Crook Brothers String Band**  
 Dykes Magic City Trio  
 Carolina Night Hawks
- 1 34 **Vance’s Tennessee Breakdown**  
 Tennessee Ramblers  
 Caplinger, Warren, Cumberland Mountain Entertainers  
 Wisconsin String Orchestra  
 Bull Mountain Moonshiners
- 1 35 **Blue Ridge Highballers**  
 Tenneva Ramblers
- 1 36 **Grant Brothers and Their Music**

- West Virginia Coon Hunters  
 Ward, Crockett, and His Boys  
 Cedar Crest Singers  
 Dixie Crackers  
 McFayden, Alphus
- 1 37 **Jarrell, Ben**  
 Woltz, DaCosta  
 Jarrell, Ben, and DaCosta Woltz (Taylor's Kentucky Boys)  
 Underwood, Marion  
 Jenkins, Frank  
 Woltz, DaCosta, Southern Broadcasters  
 Prescott, Charlie  
 Bellson, Albert
- 1 38 **Shelton, B. F.**  
 Boggs, Dock  
 Kazee, Buell
- 2 1 Tape 1 (DAT song titles #1 – 28); Tape 2 (DAT song titles #29 – 55)  
 2 2 Tape 3 (DAT song titles #56 – 82); Tape 4 (DAT song titles #83 – 102)  
 2 3 Tape 5 (DAT song titles #103 – 127); Tape 6 (DAT song titles #128 – 155)  
 2 4 Tape 7 (DAT song titles #156 – 183); Tape 8 (DAT song titles #184 – 211)  
 2 5 Tape 9 (DAT song titles #212 – 240); Tape 10 (DAT song titles #241 – 267)  
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 2 8 Tape 15 (DAT song titles #373 – 401); Tape 16 (DAT song titles #402 – 428)  
 2 9 Tape 17 (DAT song titles #429 – 455); Tape 18 (DAT song titles #456 – 482)  
 2 10 Tape 19 (DAT song titles #483 – 512); Tape 20 (DAT song titles #513 – 542)  
 2 11 Tape 21 (DAT song titles #543 – 567); Tape 22 (DAT song titles #568 – 597)  
 2 12 Tape 23 (DAT song titles #598 – 628); Tape 24 (DAT song titles #629 – 658)  
 2 13 Tape 25 (DAT song titles #659 – 682)  
 2 39 **Kazee, Buell**  
 Hail, Ewen
- 2 40 **Bussard, Joe, Jr. – Talk on Western Recording Artists (2 copies)**  
 Sprague, Carl T.
- 2 41 **Maxwell, Billie (2 copies)**  
 Wheeler, Frank, and Monroe Lamb  
 Miles, Arthur  
 Allen, Jules
- 2 42 **Allen, Jules (2 copies)**  
 Powder River Jack and Kitty Lee  
 White, John  
 Crain, Edward L.  
 Lewis, "Al"
- 2 43 **Maynard, Ken (2 copies)**  
 Girls of the Golden West ( Mildred and Dorothy Good)
- 2 44 **Girls of the Golden West (Mildred and Dorothy Good) (2 copies)**  
 Patterson, Patt, and Louis Dexter  
 Ritter, Tex

- 2 45 Ritter, Tex (2 copies)  
     Vest, Billy  
     Owens, Tex  
     Blevins, Rubye  
     Wright, Rowdy  
     Smith, Joe  
     Carlisle, Cliff and Bill
- 2 46 Carlisle, Cliff and Bill (2 copies)  
     Kirby, Fred  
     Tew, Norwood  
     Foley, Red
- 2 47 Autry, Gene (2 copies)
- 2 48 Autry, Gene (2 copies)  
     Twilight Trail Boys  
     DeZurik Sisters  
     Prairie Serenaders  
     Hurdt, Walter, and His Singing Cowboys  
     Britt, Elton
- 2 49 Missing (was Carter Family)
- 2 50 Carlisle, Cliff, and Wilbur Ball  
     Interview of Carlisle and Ball by Ray and Ina Patterson
- 2 51 Dixon Brothers (Howard and Dorsey)
- 2 52 Glosson, Lonnie, the Ozark Mountain Boy (with Ray and Ina Patterson)
- 2 53 Mainers Mountaineers  
     Interview with Wade and Julia Mainer
- 2 54 Patterson, Ray and Ina  
     Zigler, Nancy – Interview with Ray and Ina Patterson
- 2 55 Zigler, Nancy – Talk on Women and Country Music
- 2 56 Robertson, Eck – Performing “Sally Gooden”, Victor 1922, frequently called  
     the 1st hillbilly recording
- 2 57 Perkins, Melody (Bedell) – Announcements of titles and performers for DAT  
     tapes for Early Country Music Collection.

## Transcriptions

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| 3   | 2      | Autry, Gene<br>(See also: Cassettes 47, 48)                            |
| 3   | 3      | Bate, (Dr.) Humphrey and His Possum Hunters<br>(See also: Cassette 32) |
| 3   | 4      | Blevins, Rubye<br>(See also: Cassette 45)                              |
| 3   | 5      | Boggs, Dock<br>(See also: Cassette 38)                                 |

- 3 6 **Britt, Elton**  
(See also: Cassette 48)
- 3 7 **Bull Mountain Moonshiners**  
(See also: Cassette 34)
- 3 8 **Bumgarner, Samantha, and Eve Davis**  
(See also: Cassette 9)
- 3 9 **Caplinger, Warren, Cumberland Mountain Entertainers**  
(See also: Cassette 34)
- 3 10 **Carlisle, Cliff and Bill**  
(See also: Cassette 45)
- 3 11 **Carolina Night Hawks**  
(See also: Cassette 33)
- 3 12 **Carson, Fiddlin' John**  
(See also: Cassettes 3, 4)
- 3 13 **Cedar Crest Singers**  
(See also: Cassette 36)
- 3 14 **Chitwood, Bill and Bud Landress**  
(See also: Cassette 9)
- 3 15 **Chitwood, Bill and His Georgia Mountaineers**  
(See also: Cassettes 9, 10)
- 3 16 **Chitwood, Bill, and the Georgia Yellow Hammers**  
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- 3 17 **Crain, Edwin L.**  
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- 3 18 **Crook Brothers String Band**  
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- 3 19 **Davis, Eve (see also Bumgarner, Samantha)**  
(See also: Cassette 9)
- 3 20 **DeZurick Sisters**  
(See also: Cassette 48)
- 3 21 **Dixie Crackers**  
(See also: Cassette 36)
- 3 22 **Dunford, Uncle Eck**  
(See also: Cassettes 18, 19)
- 3 23 **Dykes Magic City Trio**  
(See also: Cassette 33)
- 3 24 **Fiddlin' Powers Family**  
(See also: Cassette 2, 3)
- 3 25 **Foley, Red**  
(See also: Cassette 46)
- 3 26 **Girls of the Golden West**  
(See also: Cassettes 43, 44)
- 3 27 **Grant Brothers and Their Music**  
(See also: Cassette 35)
- 3 28 **Gray, A. A.**  
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- 3 29 Grayson, G. B., and Henry Whitter  
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- 3 30 Hail, Ewan  
(See also: Cassette 39)
- 3 31 Harrell, Kelly, and Virginia String Band  
(See also: Cassettes 20, 21)
- 3 32 Helton, Ernest  
(See also: Cassette 12)
- 3 33 Hendley, Fisher  
(See also: Cassette 12)
- 3 34 Hillbillies  
(See also: Cassettes 13,14)
- 3 35 Hopkins, Al, and His Buckle Busters  
(See also: Cassette 13)
- 3 36 Hurdt, Walter, and His Singing Cowboys  
(See also: Cassette 48)
- 3 37 Jarrell, Ben, and Marion Underwood  
(See also: Cassette 37)
- 3 38 Jarrell, Ben; Marion Underwood; Frank Jenkins; DaCosta Woltz  
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- 3 39 Jenkins, Frank, Pilot Mountaineers  
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- 3 40 Johnson, Earl, and His Dixie Entertainers  
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- 3 41 Kazee, Buell  
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- 3 42 Kirby, Fred  
(See also: Cassette 46)
- 3 43 Lewis, A. L.  
(See also: Cassette 42)
- 3 44 Lunsford, Bascom Lamar and Blackwell  
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- 4 1 McFayden, Alphas  
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- 4 2 McGee, Sam and Kirk (see also Macon, Uncle Dave)  
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- 4 3 McMichen, Clayton  
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- 4 4 Macon, Uncle Dave  
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- 4 6 Macon, Uncle Dave, and Dixie Sacred Singers  
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- 4 7 Macon, Uncle Dave, and His Fruit Jar Drinkers  
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- 4 8 **Macon, Uncle Dave, and Sam and Kirk McGee**  
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- 4 9 **Macon, Uncle Dave, and Sid Harkreader**  
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- 4 10 **Maxwell, Billie**  
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- 4 11 **Maynard, Ken**  
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- 4 12 **Miles, Arthur**  
(See also: Cassette 41)
- 4 13 **Noles, Flora**  
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- 4 14 **Norris, Land**  
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- 4 15 **Owens, Tex**  
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- 4 16 **Patterson, Patt, and Louis Dexter**  
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- 4 17 **Powder River Jack and Kitty Lee**  
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- 4 18 **Prairie Serenaders**  
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- 4 19 **Prescott, Charlie**  
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- 4 20 **Puckett, Riley (see also Tanner, Gid)**  
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- 4 21 **Reedy, Jack, and His Walker Mountain String Band**  
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- 4 22 **Ritter, Tex**  
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- 4 23 **Robertson, Eck**  
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- 4 24 **Robertson, Eck, and Henry Gilliland**  
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- 4 25 **Shelton, B. F.**  
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- 4 26 **Smith, Joe**  
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- 4 27 **Smith, R. B., and S. J. Allgood**  
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- 4 28 **Sprague, Carl T.**  
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- 4 29 **Stanley, Roba, and William Patterson**  
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- 4 30 **Stephens, "Uncle Bunt"**  
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- 4 31 Stokes, Low, and His North Georgians  
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- 4 33 Stoneman, Ernest V.,and His Blue Ridge Cornshuckers  
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- 4 34 Stoneman, Ernest V.,and His Dixie Mountaineers  
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- 4 35 Stoneman, Ernest V.,and Emmett Lundy  
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- 4 36 Stoneman, Ernest V.,and Sweet Brothers (see also Winfield, Justin)(See also:  
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- 4 37 Stoneman, Ernest V., Trio  
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- 4 38 Tanner, Gid, and Riley Puckett  
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- 4 39 Tanner, Gid, and Skillet Lickers  
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- 4 40 Ten, Norwood  
(See also: Cassette 46)
- 4 41 Tennessee Ramblers  
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- 4 42 Tenneva Ramblers  
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- 4 43 Twilight Trail Boys  
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- 4 44 Vance's Tennessee Breakdowners  
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- 4 46 Walburn, George, and Emmett Hethcox  
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- 4 47 Walburn, George, Footscorchers  
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- 4 48 Ward, Crockett, and His Boys  
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- 4 49 West Virginia Coon Hunters  
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- 4 50 Wheeler, Frank, and Monroe Lamb  
(See also: Cassette 41)
- 4 51 White, John  
(See also: Cassette 42)
- 4 52 Whitter, Henry, and Virginia Breakdowners (see also Grayson
- 4 53 Winfield, Justin (w/Sweet Brothers & E.V. Stoneman)  
(See also: Cassette 19)
- 4 54 Wise String Orchestra

4      55      (See also: Cassette 34)  
**Wright, Rowdy**  
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### **Research materials**

Box	Folder	
5	1	Reference Materials
5	2	Studies – “Early Country Music Collection” (Dissertation) by Melody Perkins
5	3	Studies – “Hillbilly Music as a Tool” by William Kearns
5	4	Studies – “Patterson, Ray and Ina” (Transcription of interview) by Nancy Zigler
5	5	Studies – “Survey of the AMRC Hillbilly Record Collection” by Melody Perkins
5	6	Studies – “Top 500 Country Music Songs” by Charles Faber