

FOLKLORE OF THE UPPER MIDWEST - Sound Archives
Down Home Dairyland Collection

Summary

one open reel tape recording
Calkins, Ray
Chetek, WI
field recording by James P. Leary
5/25/88

Archiving

Acc #: 89.19

Cat #:

Other:

Recording made at: Calkins home
Project: Down Home Dairyland radio pgms
Sponsor: WI Arts Board

Location: UW-Madison, Mills Music
Library, WI Music Collection
Restrictions: scholarly use allowed,
otherwise contact WI Arts Board

Topics Covered

Ethnic Focus: none

Instrument(s): tenor guitar, "Viking cello" (a
lumber camp salmodikon made from a pitchfork)

Brief Description of Contents: Brief life history, his and his father's logging
experience, learning to play stringed instruments, music in the lumber camps,
formation of the Wisconsin Lumberjacks band, performances on Viking cello and
tenor guitar.

Catalogue Reference lumber camp dance music, Wisconsin lumberjacks, Barron
County, Price County, fiddle, mandolin, Viking cello (salmodikon)

Biographical/Contact Information

Home Address: 405 Water Strett
Chetek, WI

Birth Date: 1894

Place of Birth: rural Barron County, east of Chetek

Family Background: logging family

Technical Data:

Technical data: 1 7" reel, 1 side,
Ampex 632 tape, 7 1/2 ips, mono

Comments: used UW-Madison LSS Dept.
Nagra 4-L recorder

Copies Made: cassette copy for Mills Music Library

cassette copies for project co-producers J.P. Leary & R. March

Reference Aids

Field Notes: no Index: yes Transcriptions: no Photos: B&W, contact sheet &
Release: yes log 3, #s 36-37.

Other material: "Lumberjack Musician Notes Colorful Past," clipping from The
Evening Telegram, Superior, WI, 2/21/87.

cf: material used in Down Home Dairyland radio program: Ethnic-Country.

Other Notes Programs from the National Folk Festival, in which Calkins'
Wisconsin Lumberjacks band played, may be found in the Helene Stratman Thomas
papers in the Mills Music Library.

This record made by: James P. Leary

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