

[Bruce Bollerud Collection – Chronology]

Approximate year

Mother's family all played music

- 1944 Began to play bandoneon, 10 years old
- 1946 Began to play house parties, taverns, amateur contests with fiddlers Herman Erickson and John Homme
- 1949 Played with Dick Peterson and cousin Norm Johnsrud
- 1950 Age 16, played with Gilbert Prestebrotten, Herb Swingen, Wes Moe, Charlie Sigg, Ron Doran and Bob Wenger
- 1953 Played with Emil Simpson
- 1954 Played with Verne Meisner
- 1955 Played with Roger Bright
- 1956 Joined Air Force
- [1953-1956] Played with Wes Moe, Herb Swingen, Freddy Elmer, Capt. John Smith and Donnie Ward, at the Green County Fair
- 1958 Discharged from Air Force  
Played with Dick Sherwood (Peterson) at Glen & Ann's; later on TV, Ch. 27
- 1960 Played with "Johnson Bros." at Glenn & Ann's  
Also Wild Bill Timmons
- 1960-1961 Cliff Johnson (Buzendine) leaves  
Chas. Mears joins  
Smilin' Jim McClosky joins  
Chuck Johnson (Johnston) leaves  
George Gilbertson joins  
Chas. Mears leaves  
Jim McClosky leaves  
Eddie Rivers joins  
Eddie Rivers leaves  
Goose Island Ramblers start  
Wendy Whitford joins (1961?)
- 1961-1972 Goose Island Ramblers play at Glen & Ann's
- 1966 Sept. 27, sign a recording contract w/ Cuca Records
- 1972 Glen Heilmen dies

- 1972 Marshall Shapiro buys Glen & Ann's; we play awhile and then Marshall lets us go.  
Marshall hires blues musicians
- 1973-1978 Goose Island Ramblers play at Johnny's Packer Inn  
Band retired
- 1990 Reunion at Legion Post at Lien Rd.
- 1990-1999 Played concerts with Ramblers  
Lou & Peter Berryman & Ramblers, 1994  
Wolf Trap, 1994  
Ramblers at Barrymore, Sept 24, 1999  
Ramblers at Folklore, Oct. 1999