

al, Clarence, Erwin

(Gasmjello)
Bjornjeld

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intro

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from Columbus ND (NW ND) immigrant community.
learned a lot of tunes. fathers gen came. mostly ^{about 1900} from
dad from Sundel in W. Norway, mom from Töten, ^E Nr.
dad, 2 bro, sis & mom left in 1893 (dad died 1883) a
bro had been here 2 yrs, sent \$, others came.
mom came 1908. had relatives & friends from same pt of
Nr in Columbus.

66 4 bro, 2 sis. Oliver, super acc player, died a yr ago
74 al: Oliver picked up acc from Gust Erikson

... 5 now chromatic, and what kind of
music? Old time - at the time

96 Al talks about dad's cylinder records. talks about
~~Sten~~ KLPM, Minot, ND org from ~~MB~~ MPLS. like Torstein
Skarning & Norwegian Hildebe. introduces most folk tunes,
other modern music, Oliver who would figure them out on
accordion. played from S of Norway, halls, dances,
barn dances, parties, acc. contests.

165 ~~pass~~ Erwin - nothing was complete unless we played music

175 a on influence of C. music

178 Erwin - about cordons. listening to C.M.

189 about They had a system

Erwin ... that's how they learned a lot of their
Clarence ... from that

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22x we'd listen to Jimmy Rodgers.

238 was this a family band? No, just that too formal

247 ~~top~~ boy hopped freight (al talking), worked here & here (late '30s). joined the service. Then al went into cabinet making. in 1950's g

259 Al: about his 1950's playing ~~o~~ accordians.

267 hardly played (al) from 30s ~~to~~ to 50's.

272 wound up in MPLS. talked about Art Bjornjedd. play in 60s & 70s. In mid 70s, started playing for nursing homes.

285 1984 - Even quit playing for the most part because of arthritis.

296 al - meaning of music in retirement.

308 homemade records - from Clarence's basement 1950's - 60's. all w/ one mic. why to do it fun "a good hobby"

321 about being an engineer making a home recording

332 15 minutes per record - until they stopped the machine figured out how ~~the~~ to stop the recorder.

346 N.D. - family reunion one ago. - play Dec. in '86 - played concerts in MPLS.

362 ambition in music?

372 ~~is~~ names of the players

380 talking about mahogany apples carved on the ~~top~~ table

423 about how in Arkansas they don't understand Nor. music (al talking)