

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

Summary

one open reel tape recording  
Dombrowski, Norm  
Stevens Point, Portage County, WI  
field recording by James P. Leary  
4/26/88

Archiving

Acc #: 89:3

Cat #:

Other:

Recording made at: Dombrowski 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: Polish

Instrument(s): none played

Brief Description of Contents: Brief life history of Dombrowski, evolution of his Polish style polka band, the Happy Notes. Polish bands in Stevens Point area. Personal aesthetics regarding his own drumming and singing. Old time Polish weddings.

Catalogue Reference "polka" music, Wisconsin Poles, folk music, Stevens Point, Portage County

Biographical/Contact Information

Home Address: 304 N. Point Drive  
Stevens Point, WI 54481  
715/344-8156

Birth Date: 1937

Place of Birth: Town of Stockton, Portage County

Family Background: Polish-American

Technical Data:

Technical data: 7" reels, 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: no

Release: yes

Other material: Seven recordings by the Happy Notes, all on Gold Records, including "Polack From Polonia" b/w "I'm Looking Under," 45 rpm GR-115; Polka Varieties LP GS-1002; Party Songs LP & 8-track GS-1003; Waltzes and Polkas That Turn You On LP & 8-track GS-1004; and Dance & Sing in 76 LP GS-1005. cf: material used in Down Home Dairyland radio program(s): "Ethnic Country Music" and "Stevens Point."

Other Notes

This record made by: James P. Leary

Date: 2/14/89