

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

Summary

parts of two open reel recordings  
Johnson, Walter and Ailie  
Oulu, Bayfield County, WI  
field recording by James P. Leary  
5/23/88

Recording made at: Wm. Kangas home, Oulu  
Project: Down Home Dairyland radio pgms  
Sponsor: WI Arts Board

Archiving

Acc #: 89.17(a-b)

Cat #:

Other:

Location: UW-Madison, Mills Music  
Library, WI Music Collection

Restrictions: scholarly use allowed,  
otherwise contact WI Arts Board

Topics Covered

Ethnic Focus: Finnish

Instrument(s): none played

Brief Description of Contents: Brief life histories of Walter and Ailie, their start playing Finnish-American dance music, influences on Ailie's accordion playing and Walter's singing, touring; Walter's performance of old time jokes in Finnish.

Catalogue Reference "polka" music, Wisconsin Finns, folk music, joke telling, Oulu, Bayfield County, drums, piano accordion.

Biographical/Contact Information

Home Address: Box 140

Brule, Wisconsin 54820

Birth Date: Walter, 1914; Ailie, ca. 1918.

Place of Birth: Oulu, Wisconsin

Family Background: Finnish, farmers and loggers

Technical Data:

Technical data: 2 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: B&W, contact sheet & Release: yes log 3, #'s 29-30.

Other material: Walter and Ailie Johnson, Walt Johnson Sings/Oulun Poika Laulaa CMS Records LP CMS 4801.

cf: material used in Down Home Dairyland radio program: Finnish.

Other Notes Rodney Lahti and Bill Kangas appear on the same tapes as the Johnsons. Walter speaks on 89.17(a), #'s 2-11, 15, 19-21; and 89.17(b) #'s 37, 39, 46-49, 51, 56-58.

This record made by: James P. Leary

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