

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

Summary

three open reel tape recordings
McMahon, Francis
Madison, Dane County, WI
field recording by J.P. Leary & R. March
5/9/88

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

Archiving

Acc #: 89.13(a-c)

Cat #:

Other:

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

Restrictions: scholarly use allowed,
otherwise contact WI Arts Board

Topics Covered

Ethnic Focus: Irish, German Instrument(s): none played

Brief Description of Contents: Life history. The Madison old time dance scene, including local musicians, bands, halls, and touring performers. Radio and television broadcasts of old time and country music in Madison area. McMahon's own bands, "The Terrible Four" and "The Shamrock Band."

Catalogue Reference "polka" music, "hillbilly" or country music, Wisconsin
Irish, Wisconsin Germans, Madison, Dane County, fiddle/violin

Biographical/Contact Information

Home Address: 844 E. Dayton
 Madison, WI 53703

Birth Date: 1932

Place of Birth: Hollandale, Iowa County, WI

Family Background: mother died when young, Irish, but raised by aunt and German
uncle in Madison.

Technical Data:

Technical data: 3 7" reels, 1 side, Comments: used UW-Madison LSS Dept.
 Ampex 632 tape, 7 1/2 ips, mono 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:

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

Other Notes

This record made by: James P. Leary

Date: February 17, 1989