

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

Archiving

Acc #: 89.13(a-c)

Cat #:

Other:

Recording made at: McMahon 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: 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