

Jun-ichi Yamada Collection of Bluegrass Recordings

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Collection Summary

Collection Number: AFC 2008/024

Title: Jun-ichi Yamada collection of bluegrass recordings

Inclusive Dates: 1958-1976

Bulk Dates: 1972-1976

Location: Archive of Folk Culture, American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Extent (original): 290 items

Extent (original): approx. 150 manuscripts

Extent (original): 137 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.

Extent (original): 1 photographic print : color ; 3.25 in. x 4.75 in.

Extent (original): 2 artifacts

Creator: Yamada, Jun-ichi, collector.

Languages: English and Japanese

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Various performers including J. D. Crowe, Jim Eanes, Billy Edwards, Bill Emerson, Lester Flatt, Jimmy Gaudreau, Bill Harrell, Tex Logan, Jimmy Martin, Del McCoury, Jesse McReynolds, Jim McReynolds, Bill Monroe, Ricky Skaggs, Red Smiley, Carl Story, Don Stover, Fiddling "Tater" Tate, Cliff Waldron, Doc Watson, Chubby Wise, and Mac Wiseman. Some of the performing groups include Blue Grass Boys, Blue Ridge Boys, Blue Sky Boys, Clinch Mountain Boys, Country Gentlemen, Country Grass, Country Store, Dixie Bluegrass Boys, Dixie Gentlemen, Dixie Pals, II Generation, Lilly Brothers, McCormick Brothers, New Grass Revival, New Shades of Grass, New South, Osborne Brothers, Rice Brothers, Seldom Scene, Shenandoah Cut-Ups, and Sunny Mountain Boys were on the programs for these festivals.

Biographical Note

From 1972 to 1976, Jun-ichi Yamada—a Japanese material scientist and bluegrass enthusiast—recorded various bluegrass concerts and festivals in the eastern United States, ranging as far south as Georgia and as far north as Pennsylvania. It is unknown whether Yamada's time in the U.S. was continuous or periodic. While in the U.S. he stayed with Walter Saunders, an author who contributed articles to *Bluegrass Unlimited* and wrote liner-notes for bluegrass recordings. He also visited with Marion Kuykendall, the wife of Peter V. ("Pete") Kuykendall—a bluegrass musician, historian, and editor and general manager of *Bluegrass Unlimited*.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Adcock, Eddie
Adcock, Martha
Allen, Red, 1930-1993
Baker, Billy
Baker, Kenny, 1926-2011
Bartenstein, Fred, 1950-
Blackwell, Curtis
Clifton, Bill
Collins, Randall
Duffey, John
Eanes, Jim
Edwards, Billy (Banjoist)
Emerson, Bill
Flatt, Lester
Gaudreau, Jimmy
Green, Joe
Harrell, Bill
Keith, Bill, 1939-2015
Logan, Tex
Magaha, Mack
Martin, Benny
Martin, Jimmy
McCoury, Del, 1939-
McReynolds, Jesse
McReynolds, Jim
Monroe, Bill, 1911-1996
Monroe, James, 1953-
Moore, Charlie
Morgan, Tom (Bassist)
Rawlings, Bill (Vocalist)
Reno, Ronnie
Rice, Tony, 1951-2020
Richardson, Larry (Banjoist)
Rowan, Peter, 1942-
Sizemore, Herschel
Skaggs, Ricky
Smiley, Red, 1925-1972
Sparks, Larry
Stanley, Ralph

Story, Carl
Stover, Don, 1928-1996
Stuart, Joe
Tate, Fiddling "Tater"
Trischka, Tony, 1949-
Val, Joe, 1926-1985
Vernon, Bill, 1937-1996
Wakefield, Frank
Waldron, Cliff
Warren, Paul (Fiddler)
Watson, Doc
White, Roland
Whitley, Keith
Wise, Chubby
Wiseman, Mac
Wood, Al, 1937-
Yamada, Jun-ichi
Yarbrough, Rual

Subjects

Bluegrass festivals--Georgia.
Bluegrass festivals--Indiana.
Bluegrass festivals--Maryland.
Bluegrass festivals--North Carolina.
Bluegrass festivals--Pennsylvania.
Bluegrass festivals--United States.
Bluegrass festivals--Virginia.
Bluegrass music--1951-1960.
Bluegrass music--1961-1970.
Bluegrass music--1971-1980.
Bluegrass music.
Bluegrass musicians--United States.

Form/Genre

Manuscripts.
Photographs.
Sound recordings.

Arrangement

Organized into the following series: 1. Manuscripts; 2. Sound Recordings; 3. Graphic Materials; 4 Artifacts. Manuscript materials consist of incomplete performer and song title lists that were included in their respective 7 in. reel-to-reel boxes. Sound recordings have retained the original order in which they were received. With one exception (noted in the container list section), the original order grouped recordings together thematically (i.e., by festival, venue, etc.), but not chronologically. Most of the graphic materials were originally located with a sound recording (in a 7 in. reel-to-reel box).

Acquisition

Donated by Hideo Nagai; 2008.

Processing History

The collection was processed by Adam Crandell, Megan Halsband, and Marcia K. Segal.

Copyright Status

Duplication of collection materials may be governed by copyright and other restrictions.

Access and Restrictions

Collection is open for research; access to collection materials may be restricted. To request materials, please contact the Folklife Reading Room at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/folklife.contact>

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Description of Series

Container

Series

Series 1: Manuscripts

Series 2: Sound Recordings

NB: All recordings are original with the exception of SR121-137, which are duplications of recordings not made by Yamada.

Series 3: Graphic Materials

Series 4: Artifacts

Container List

Container	Contents
Series I: Manuscripts	
BOX-FOLDER 1/1	Finding aid and spreadsheet of information captured from reel-to-reel boxes. Spreadsheet is organized by sound recording and includes performer and song title list (when available), all hand-written text on each box and reel, media information (brand, physical description, and present condition), and miscellaneous notes.
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	Administrative materials. Includes the preliminary collection report, shipping labels, customs, and copies of email correspondence between Tōru Mitsui and Michael Taft.
BOX-FOLDER 1/3	Packing lists (printouts of scanned images). Print-outs of scanned images from the 7 in. reel-to-reel boxes in the collection.
BOX-FOLDER 1/4	Photocopies of housings for audio recordings.
BOX-FOLDER 1/5	Manuscript materials accompanying audio recordings. Includes manuscript materials that document track listings and other information for SR001-SR010, SR017, SR021-SR022, SR033, SR037, SR039, SR045, SR063-SR064, and SR091
BOX-FOLDER 1/6	Flyer for Bill Monroe's 6th Annual Bluegrass Festival in Beanblossom, Indiana, at Brown County Jamboree Park from June 11-18, 1972 , with a list of performers. Includes notices about a barbecue bean day, various contests, and that the camping site has electricity.
BOX-FOLDER 1/7	Flyer for the Fourth Annual Georgia State Bluegrass Festival, July 22 thru July 30, 1972 , in Lavonia, Georgia, Shoal Creek Country Music Park, with a list of performers.
BOX-FOLDER 1/8	Flyer for the Fall Indian Springs Bluegrass Festival, Indian Springs Campground in Hagerstown, Maryland, Sept. 14-16, 1973 , with a list and pictures of performers.
BOX-FOLDER 1/9	Flyer in Japanese (which appears to be advertising home security services).
BOX-FOLDER 1/10	Kentucky Fried Chicken cardboard advertisements featuring cherry blossom trees. Two copies.
Series 2: Sound Recordings	
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ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR001-009	Carlton Haney and John Miller's Berryville Bluegrass Festival (Watermelon Park, Berryville, Virginia), July 7-9, 1972 9 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in. SR043 is a recording of this same festival, and chronologically it comes after SR009.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR010-016	Carlton Haney and John Miller's Berryville Bluegrass Festival (Watermelon Park, Berryville, Virginia), July 5-8, 1973 7 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR017-022	Carlton Haney and John Miller's Berryville Bluegrass Festival, Watermelon Park, Berryville, Virginia), July 4-7, 1974 6 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR023-027	Carlton Haney and John Miller's Berryville Bluegrass Festival (Watermelon Park, Berryville, Virginia), July 1-4, 1976 5 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.

Series 2: Sound Recordings

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ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR028-035	Carlton Haney's Pennsylvania Bluegrass Festival (Crazy Horse Campground, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania), August 18-20, 1972 8 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR036-041	Carlton Haney's Pennsylvania Bluegrass Festival (Crazy Horse Campground, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania), August 16-18, 1974 6 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR042	Titled "No Where," Indian Springs, Maryland, 1972 1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR043	Carlton Haney and John Miller's Berryville Bluegrass Festival (Watermelon Park, Berryville, Virginia), August 1-2, 1972 1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in. Continuation of the same festival recorded on SR001-009, and chronologically it comes after SR009.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR044	Unidentified 1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR045	J. D. Crowe & the New South at Holiday Inn (Lexington, Kentucky), October 24, 1974 1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR046-051	New Grass Festival (Camp Springs, North Carolina), 1974 6 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR052	Bluegrass Music Festival (Camp Springs, North Carolina), September 1-3, 1972 1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR053-054	Bluegrass Music Festival (Camp Springs, North Carolina), September 2-5, 1976 2 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR055-057	Bluegrass Music Festival (Camp Springs, North Carolina), 1974 3 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR058	The Blue Sky Boys, unidentified location and date. 1 sound tape reel : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR059-061	The Wise Country Shrine Club Bluegrass Festival (Wise, Virginia), July 3-4, 1975 3 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR062-070	Carter Stanley Memorial Bluegrass Festival (McClure, Virginia), May 26-28, 1972 9 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR071-075	J. D. Crowe at the Red Slipper Lounge, 1974 5 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR076-078	Culpeper Bluegrass Festival (Culpeper, Virginia), June 10-11, 1972 3 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR079-083	Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Festival (Beanblossom, Indiana), June 11-18, 1972 5 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.

Series 2: Sound Recordings

Container	Contents
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR084-092	Old Time Family Bluegrass Festival (Callaway, Maryland), August 24-26, 1973 9 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR093-099	Georgia State Bluegrass Festival (Lavonia, Georgia), July 22-30, 1972 7 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR107-116	Indian Springs Bluegrass Festival (Hagerstown, Maryland), September 14-16, 1973 10 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR117-118	The Country Store at Williams' Restaurant in Virginia, 1974 2 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR119-120	The Country Store at Red Fox Inn, 1974 2 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR121-129	Various performers in Camp Springs, (North Carolina), Shade Gap (Pennsylvania), Beanblossom (Indiana), Fairfield (Pennsylvania), and at the University of Illinois, 1958-1969 9 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in. Dubbed from an earlier recording not made by Yamada.
ITEM-ID AFC 2008/024: SR130-137	Don Reno & Red Smiley (and others) at Camp Springs (North Carolina), Berryville (Virginia), and Shade Gap (Pennsylvania), 1969-1970 8 sound tape reels : analog ; 7 in. Dubbed from an earlier recording not made by Yamada.

Series 3: Graphic Materials

BOX-FOLDER 1/11	One 3.25 in. x 4.75 in. color photographic print of an unidentified Asian roofline in the foreground with a skyscraper in the background.
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Series 4: Artifacts

BOX 1	Two plastic audio tape containers, one each for SR118 and 120, with Japanese handwriting and stamp marks. Loose in box.
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