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MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TN**

DAVID C. MORTON COLLECTION

18-029, et. al.

Creator:

Morton, David C., 1945-

Type of Material:

Clippings, photographs, audio cassettes, audio discs, video mini cassettes, video discs.

Physical Description:

190 clippings related to DeFord Bailey

17 manuscript cassette tapes: related to DeFord Bailey, including:

- 6 from fans
- 8 from radio programs or monument markers about him
- 3 with some of Bailey's music

.5 lf manuscript materials relating to James Talley's work on DeFord Bailey

68 manuscript cassette tapes: interviews that David C. Morton did with DeFord Bailey (in person and telephone)

*Includes a handwritten, annotated guide to the cassette tapes

4 manuscript DAT tapes: contain music and conversations recorded by donor in visits with DeFord Bailey in his home in Nashville in the 1970s; includes edited master used in *The Legendary DeFord Bailey* CD produced by Tennessee Folklore Society

2 manuscript CDs: interviews that David C. Morton did with DeFord Bailey (copies of what would be interview tape #13)

10 CDs and 2 DVDs: programs, television specials, etc. relating to DeFord Bailey

128 photographs (various sizes, both black and white and color images), including:

- Photographs of DeFord Bailey
- Photographs of people, relatives, friends, and places related to Bailey
- 1 newspaper clipping related to a group of photographs that correspond to the event

*Most taken by the donor/creator, David C. Morton, or donor/creator's wife, Marilyn K. Morton

Dates:

1963-2022

RESTRICTIONS:

All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Provenance and Acquisition Information:

This collection was donated to the Center by David Morton in May 2019 and November 2020. The materials related to James Talley were donated in September of 2020. The annotated guide to the cassette tapes was donated in March 2021.

Arrangement:

The original arrangement scheme for the collection was maintained during processing of the manuscript audio/visual materials and the photographs. The rest of the collection did not have an arrangement scheme, therefore the archivist organized by format and topic.

Subject/Index Terms:

Bailey, DeFord
Grand ole opry (Radio program)
Morton, David C., 1945-
African American musicians
Harmonica
Smith County (Tenn.)

Agency History/Biographical Sketch: [Written by David C. Morton]

David C. Morton was born in the United Kingdom August 20, 1945. Grew up in Alabama and graduated from Auburn University with a BA in history in 1967. Attended Vanderbilt University 1967-1971 receiving a Masters Degree and passing the comprehensive examination for the PhD in history.

Morton was employed by the Nashville Housing Authority (later renamed Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency) 1971 - 1979. While here he met DeFord Bailey in 1973 when Bailey was living in I W Gernert Homes, a high rise public housing complex in the Edgehill neighborhood of Nashville that was owned and operated by the Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency. From this point until Bailey's death in 1982, he and Morton became and remained very close friends. Bailey called Morton his "manager". Early on in their relationship Morton committed to carry out two requests from the elderly musician: (1) "to mark his grave", and (2) "to tell his story".

The first request was carried out in 1983 when Morton arranged for a tombstone to be placed on Bailey's grave in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashville. The much publicized dedication ceremony was attended and celebrated by the Mayor of Nashville, a host of Bailey's former Opry performers and many younger friends and fans like musician James Talley.

The second request became a life time commitment for Morton. It has involved years of research and interviews with Bailey's Opry colleagues and others who knew him. During Bailey's lifetime, Morton tape recorded much of his music and hours of conversations in his small apartment. Some recordings were also done in weekly

telephone calls after Morton moved from Nashville to Dallas, Texas in 1979 to work with the Dallas Texas Housing Authority.

Bailey asked frequently about the status of his "book" as he called the biography he wanted Morton to write. He did not live to see the final book that was published in 1991, but Morton had read the first draft to the virtually illiterate musician years earlier, and had his full support in this undertaking.

Over the years Morton has assisted many newspaper and magazine writers, authors of books on Country Music, producers of Public Radio and Public Television programs, and others in trying to inform "the world" of the significant role DeFord Bailey played in the history of the Grand Ole Opry and early Country Music. Morton made it possible for the Tennessee Folklore Society to produce a CD of Bailey's music that Morton had recorded.

Morton's goal was specifically to fulfill his promise to Bailey, but in doing so he became committed to seeing the Harmonica Wizard inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. He proudly joined with Bailey's family in Nashville in 2005 when this finally became a reality!

Morton was the Executive Director of the Reno Housing Authority from 1988 until his retirement in 2015.

Scope and Content:

Research materials collected by David C. Morton to use for his publication of book entitled *DeFord Bailey: A Black Star in Early Country Music* (University of Tennessee Press) and other related projects. The manuscript materials consist of photographs, newspaper clippings, and photocopies of articles from books, journals, newspapers, and magazines as well as oral histories and recordings relating to DeFord Bailey. The James Talley material includes letters to various music industry offices in attempt to get DeFord recorded, as well as news clippings and photos about Talley as a singer/songwriter himself. The materials are organized by format and subject.

Collection Contents (Folder/Box List):

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Box 1	Photographs [descriptions in brackets given by processing archivist]
Folder 1	Small prints
	5x7 black/white "Photo of DeFord Bailey admiring a birthday gift from David Morton.
	5x7 color "DeFord Bailey with David Morton and David's son Andrew. Photo taken by Marilyn Morton"
	5x7 black/white "DeFord Bailey with David Morton's parents and maternal grandparents"
	5x7 color "Photographer – Marilyn Morton. DeFord Bailey with Andrew Morton"
	3x5 color "DeFord with Andrew Morton and Mrs. Elnora Moore"
	3x5 color "May 1980 Taken by Marilyn Morton of DFB, David Morton and David's son Andrew"

3x5 color "May 1980 Photographer Marilyn K. Morton DFB and Andrew Morton"

3x5 color "David Morton and son Andrew Morton with DeFord Bailey. Photo by Marilyn K. Morton"

3x5 color "May 1980 Photographer – Marilyn Morton. DeFord Bailey holding Andrew Morton"

4x6 color "DeFord Bailey Jr. and wife along with his sisters Christine and Dezoral – and David Morton"

4x6 color dated 1992 "Dezoral Thomas, DeFord Bailey Jr and Christine Craig"

3x5 color "DeFord Bailey's daughters, son, grandson and great-grandson. Following his funeral"

4x6 color "DeFord Bailey Jr and James Talley along with one of each's sons.

4x6 color [DeFord Jr and David Morton]

4x6 color "Photo of Dezoral Thomas, Christine Craig, DeFord Bailey Jr with the producer of the Nashville Public TV documentary on DeFord Bailey Kathy Conkwright.

3x5 black/white [full body photo of DeFord Bailey in dark suit leaning in ledge railing holding harmonica. Dated Dec 1983]

3x5 black/white [half body photo of DeFord Bailey in dark suit leaning in ledge railing holding harmonica to his mouth. Dated Dec 1983]

3x5 black/white [full body photo of DeFord Bailey in dark suit holding walking cane. Dated Dec 1983]

3x5 black/white [half body photo of DeFord Bailey in dark suit leaning in ledge railing holding harmonica to his mouth from his right side. Dated Dec 1983]

3x5 black/white [DeFord Bailey in dark suit seated holding a banjo.]

5x7 color [DeFord Bailey in dark suit seated holding a banjo from waist up]

3x5 color [DeFord sitting in yellow sweater. Dated Jul 81]

3x5 color [DeFord sitting in yellow sweater with daughter. Dated Jul 81]

3x5 color [DeFord sitting holding harmonica from chest up wearing white hat]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark suit seated holding a guitar.]

3x5 color [DeFord sitting holding harmonica from chest up wearing black hat]

3x5 color [half body photo of DeFord Bailey in dark suit and white hat leaning in ledge railing holding harmonica.]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black suit and white hat, holding harmonica leaning on yellow Cadillac]

3x5 black/white [David Morton leaning over DeFord Bailey seated at table with gift train engine figure]

3x5 black/white [DeFord Bailey in dark suit standing to cut birthday cake]

3x5 black/white [DeFord Bailey in dark suit standing to cut birthday cake from right side]

3x5 black/white [David Morton about to pour drinks for Deford's birthday party]

3x5 black/white [DeFord Bailey in dark suit seated behind birthday cake]

3x5 black/white DeFord Bailey with two of his neighbors at birthday party at Gernert Homes

4x6 color Funeral of DeFord Bailey

4x6 color [Funeral of DeFord Bailey]

4x6 color Funeral of DeFord Bailey

3x5 color pallbearers for DeFord Bailey

3x5 color [dated July 82 DeFord Bailey Funeral; David Morton standing with Herman Crook and another unknown man]

4x6 color [Herman Crook with Bill Monroe at DeFord Bailey's funeral]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black suit seated holding a guitar from waist up; close up]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black suit seated holding a banjo from waist up; close up]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black vest seated holding a banjo from waist up; wide from a lower angle]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black vest seated holding a banjo from waist up; close up from his left]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black suit seated holding a banjo from waist up; close up from his right]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in blue suit and white hat holding cane looking up to the right. Photo is from about knees up]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black suit and hat from chest up close profile from his left]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in black suit and hat seated, holding harmonica from his left]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark vest leaning in ledge railing from right. Dated Sept 1981]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark vest leaning in ledge railing straight on from waist up. Dated Sept 1981]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark suit and white hat leaning in ledge railing. Dated Sept 1981]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark suit jacket holding harmonica at waist standing in front of TV]

4x6 color Silas Tyrone Newsom who once worked as a shoe shine boy for DeFord and petitioned to have this historical marker placed in Edgehill

4x6 color [Group standing in front of DeFord Bailey historical marker – Silas Newsom and the Bailey children with others]

4x6 color [Group standing in front of DeFord Bailey historical marker –Bailey children with others]

4x6 color [Group standing in front of DeFord Bailey historical marker –Bailey children with others]

5x7 black/white photo of DeFord Bailey playing at a housing program held by MDHA – with David Morton holding microphone. Photo by Rayburn Ray for Morton.

5x7 color at installation/dedication of historical marker near where DeFord Bailey was born.

5x7 color [Bailey children at installation/dedication of historical marker]

5x7 color [Bailey Jr extended family at installation/dedication of historical marker]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark suit playing guitar with David Morton in red shirt playing banjo on porch]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark suit playing guitar with David Morton in red shirt with arms crossed on porch]

3x5 color [DeFord Bailey in dark suit playing banjo with David Morton in red shirt playing guitar on porch]

3x5 black/white [DeFord Bailey in dark suit playing guitar with David Morton playing banjo on porch]

5x7 color photo by Marilyn K. Morton [DeFord Bailey in dark suit playing guitar with David Morton in red shirt with arms crossed on porch]
3x5 black/white Relatives of DeFord with him Lebanon, TN 1977
3x5 black/white [Relatives of DeFord with him] Lebanon, TN 1977
3x5 black/white [Relatives of DeFord with him] Lebanon, TN 1977
3x5 color DeFord Bailey worked as a 'house boy' here for a time Jul 82
3x5 color [DeFord Bailey worked as a 'house boy' here for a time Jul 82]
3x5 color David Morton Jones house on Benton Ave [DeFord Bailey worked as a 'house boy' here for a time Jul 82]
3x5 color Train trestle where DeFord Bailey listened to trains passing over Jul 82
3x5 color [Train trestle where DeFord Bailey listened to trains passing over Jul 82]
3x5 color [Train trestle where DeFord Bailey listened to trains passing over Jul 82]
4x6 color photo taken by Wolfram Karas visiting DeFord from Germany with Max Degan and David Morton.

Folder 2 8x10 Prints

8x10 color DeFord Bailey with Bill Monroe
8x10 color DeFord Bailey with Andrew Wilson Morton (young son of David Morton) on lawn of Gernert Homes where Bailey lived. Photo taken by David Morton
8x10 black/white [DeFord Bailey on Opry stage with Roy Acuff] Mar 16 1975 by Jimmy Ellis The Tennessean
8x10 black/white [Roy Acuff with DeFord Bailey and Bashful Brother Oswald on Opry stage] Photo by Michael Shields.
8x10 black/white [Close up photo of DeFord Bailey playing harmonica on Opry stage. Photo by Alan Mayor]
8x10 black/white DeFord Bailey with Mayor Richard Fulton at Gernert Homes where DeFord Bailey lived Sep 26 1975
8x10 black/white DeFord Bailey performing at MDHA Function
8x10 black/white DeFord Bailey performing at a ceremony organized for employees of the Metro Housing & Development Agency. Sept 26 1975
8x10 black/white Kirk McGee, Bill Monroe, Herman Crook, Zeke Clement, Roy Acuff and Uncle Dave Macon's Grandson with other performers behind – all at the dedication of DeFord Bailey monument in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashville June 23, 1983 [Photo by Alan Mayor]
8x10 black/white Herman Crook playing his harmonica with David Morton holding the microphone. Roy Acuff and Kirk McGee are observing. Greenwood Cemetery when DeFord Bailey's monument was dedicated on June 23, 1983
8x10 black/white Roy Acuff with some of DeFord Bailey's family at ceremony dedication monument of DeFord Bailey's grave in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashville on June 23, 1983. Photo by Alan Mayor.
8x10 black/white The Reverend H. L. Parks Jr. praying at dedication of DeFord Bailey's monument in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashville on June 23, 1983 Photo by Alan Mayor. James Talley is seated in photo.
8x10 black/white photo being taken of hats, harmonicas etc. owned by DeFord Bailey and being donated or loaned to the Country Music Hall of Fame photo by Alan Mayor

8x10 black/white David Morton and DeFord Bailey Jr. Photograph by Alan Mayor.
8x10 black/white DeFord Bailey Jr, his wife Dorothy, Christine Bailey Craig, Dezoral Bailey Thomas, and the Reverend H.L. Parks, Jr. Photograph by Alan Mayor.
8x10 black/white DeFord Bailey Jr, his wife Dorothy, Christine Bailey Craig, Dezoral Bailey Thomas all seated at dedication of DeFord Bailey Sr's monument in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashville June 23, 1983. Photo by Alan Mayor.
8x10 black/white James Talley performing at dedication of DeFord Bailey monument in Greenwood Cemetery June 23, 1983 Photo by Alan Mayor
8x10 black/white David Morton (standing), Charles Wilson Morton (David's Father) who transported and set DeFord Bailey's monument, artist Rodney Dobbs who designed the monument, and the owner of the Supreme Granite Service in Elberton, GA who prepared the monument – all at the Country Music Hall of Fame the day the monument was unveiled and dedicated on June 23, 1983. Photo by Alan Mayor.
8x10 black/white DeFord Bailey and David Morton photograph by Clark Thomas
6x10 black/white Presentation on Ryman Auditorium stage 12/30/22 by David Morton to Ketch Secor, Old Crow Medicine Show, of an original 78 recorded by DeFord Bailey in New York City. Also on stage are Mason Via and Carlos DeFord Bailey.

Folder 3 8x12 negative copy prints

Color DeFord Maily playing his banjo o the balcony of J.W. Gennet Homes in Nashville
Photo by Marilyn K. Morton
Black/white DeFord Bailey Jr, his wife Dorothy, Christine Bailey Craig, Dezoral Bailey Thomas, and the Reverend H.L. Parks, Jr. Photograph by Alan Mayor.
Black/white Bill Monroe, Herman Crooks, Zeke Clements and Roy Acuff with Bailey Monument following its unveiling on June 23, 1983 in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashville. Photo by Alan Mayor
Black/white Lewis Bailey, DeFord Bailey's grandfather as he appeared about 1900.
From family photographs belonging to Mrs. Honey Ruchs one of DeFord's first cousins.
Black/white DeFord Bailey as a youth. Photograph given to David Morton by Bailey for biography
Black/white DeFord Bailey as a young radio star. Photograph given to David Morton by Bailey for biography
Black/white DeFord Bailey in the 1930s. Photograph given to David Morton by Bailey for biography
Black/white DeFord Bailey with foot on a Coca-Cola crate. Photograph given to David Morton by Bailey for biography
Black/white copy of poster of Dixie Flyer route and schedule. Print courtesy of CSX Transportation for use in Bailey biography
Sepia DeFord Bailey's three children left to right Dezoral, Christine, and DeFord Jr.
Photograph given to David Morton by Bailey for biography
black/white DeFord Bailey with his banjo in front of a home in Edgehill where he lived at one time.
Color DeFord Bailey with Bill Monroe
Black/white DeFord Bailey in the 1930s. Photograph given to David Morton by Bailey for biography [winter coat, brick wall]

Black/white [press photo of The Pan-American in front of WSM station tower] Print courtesy of CSX Transportation for use in Bailey biography

Black/white [photo of newer L&N train] Print courtesy of CSX Transportation for potential use in Bailey biography

Black/white [photo of older L&N train] Print courtesy of CSX Transportation for potential use in Bailey biography

Black/white Dixie Flyer at Union Station in Nashville. Print courtesy of CSX Transportation for potential use in Bailey biography

Black/white David Morton folding microphone while DeFord Bailey plays his banjo at a function of the Metropolitan Development & Housing Agency in Nashville. Photograph by Raynham Roy

Black/White DeFord Bailey with an adoring fan. Photograph by Archie E. Allen

Black/White DeFord Bailey with a sign placed in his shoeshine shop. Photograph by Archie E. Allen

Black/White DeFord Bailey Jr left with two members of his band. Photograph by John C. Streator Jr Courtesy of DeFord Bailey Jr

Black/White Howard "Howdy" Forrester a member of Roy Acuff's band backstage at the New Opry House in Opryland with DeFord Bailey on Bailey's 75th birthday. WSM Photograph by Les Leverett

Black/White Roy Acuff with DeFord Bailey at the Opry's "old Timers Night: at the Ryman. WSM Photograph by Les Leverette

Black/White DeFord Bailey playing his banjo probably at coffeehouse in late 1960s Photograph given to Morton by Bailey for use in the biography.

Black/White DeFord Bailey with his gourd megaphone. Photograph by David Morton

Black/White "Cousin Wilburn" Bill Westbrook with DeFord Bailey wearing a WSM cap. Photograph given to Morton by Bailey for use in the biography

Black/White cast of WSM Grand Ole Opry with DeFord on the left behind the sign. [Belcourt Theatre Stage] Photograph given to Morton by Bailey for use in the biography

Color DeFord Bailey with his harmonica Photograph by Marilyn K. Morton

Color DeFord Bailey holding the metal megaphone he made with his harmonica placed in it. Photograph by David Morton

Black/White DeFord Bailey sitting outside his apartment in the J.W. Gennet Homes in Nashville. Photograph by Archie E. Allen

Black/White DeFord Bailey sitting outside his apartment playing harmonica. Photograph by Archie E. Allen

Black/White DeFord Bailey standing in his apartment [arm on TV]

Black/White DeFord Bailey playing his banjo

Black/White DeFord Bailey with two signs he had in his shoeshine shop. Photograph by Archie E. Allen

Black/White Minnie Pearl and Roy Acuff react to DeFord Bailey playing at the WSM Grand Ole Opry. Photograph by Les Leverette

Folder 4 Negatives

[negatives of many of the prints and a few that are not printed.]

Envelope 5 Flash drives

[2 flash drives of scans by Florentine Films in research for the Country Music documentary]

Box 2 **Research files**

- Folder 1 DFB Genealogy
- Folder 2 [Shoe Shine Parlor records and photos- Metro Housing]
- Folder 3 DFB Funeral
- Folder 4 Memorial Service
- Folder 5 DFB Tunes
- Folder 6 DFB Quotes
- Folder 7 Newsclippings Early Period
- Folder 8 DFB Misc [mss ch 11, clippings]
- Folder 9 Early Radio Performances
- Folder 10 WNOX Radio Knoxville
- Folder 11 Roy Acuff [obituary Tennesseean]
- Folder 12 Belcourt Theatre [Tennesseean clipping]
- Folder 13 DFB Early Opry
- Folder 14 Opry Tours
- Folder 15 WSM Grand Ole Opry

Box 3 **Research files & Correspondence**

- Folder 1 JEMF Quarterly
- Folder 2 Smith County, TN
- Folder 3 Tennessee Folklore Society [DFB CD release]
- Folder 4 Lost & Found Records
- Folder 5 Loftus Media
- Folder 6 TN Historical Marker
- Folder 7 TN Music Pathways
- Folder 8 Nashville Public TV Documentary
- Folder 9 DFB Biography Book Reviews
- Folder 10 DFB Day
- Folder 11 Carthage «Rendezvous on the Square»
- Folder 12 Dr Samuel Parler [writings on Bailey]
- Folder 13 Railroads
- Folder 14 Thompson's Station
- Folder 15 Correspondence – Filisko, Joe
- Folder 16 Correspondence – Guralnick, Peter
- Folder 17 Correspondence – Kim Field
- Folder 18 Correspondence – Les Leverett
- Folder 19 Correspondence – Mayor, Alan
- Folder 20 Correspondence – Le Reva Myles
- Folder 21 Correspondence – Thomas, Clark
- Folder 22 Correspondence - Wolfe, Charles
- Folder 23 Correspondence Misc

Box 4 **Clippings** [folder titles given by processing archivist]

- Folder 1 DeFord Bailey Historical Marker
- Folder 2 DeFord Bailey Rose Garden
- Folder 3 DeFord Bailey obituaries
- Folder 4 DeFord Bailey TV/Documentaries
- Folder 5 WSM / Grand Ole Opry
- Folder 6 David Morton /Book
- Folder 7 DeFord Bailey Country Music Hall of Fame Induction
- Folder 8 Dwight Lewis articles
- Folder 9 Journal articles / Book chapters
- Folder 10 DeFord Bailey Day
- Folder 11 Harmonica
- Folder 12 Misc. Clippings

For a full list of clippings included, ask the archivist.

Box 5 **James Talley Manuscripts** [folder titles given by processing archivist]

- Folder 1 James Talley's DeFord Bailey Letter Writing Campaign
 [Letters from Talley to various record executives to get Bailey recorded]
- Folder 2 James Talley Clippings
- Folder 3 James Talley Photographs
- Folder 4 James Talley / David Morton Correspondence

Map Drawer

Poster print of DeFord Bailey by L. Patteran-Marx 2017

Box 6 **Manuscript Audio/Video**

Manuscript Video:

- DVD - DeFord Bailey A Legend Lost
- DVD – DeFord Bailey TV News Stories Dedication to Tombstone Marker
- Video Cassette - Dedication ceremony of Historical Monument for DeFord Bailey December 1991
- Video Cassette - DeFord Bailey Family and Friends Ceremony December 1992 (part 1)
- Video Cassette - DeFord Bailey Family and Friends Ceremony December 1992 (part 2)

Manuscript Audio: CDs

- The Legendary DeFord Bailey and His Unforgettable Country Blues By David Morton NAHRO 1999 Conference
- DeFord Bailey taped for Wilson Morton Dec 15, 1973 (Harp, Guitar, Banjo)
- All Things Considered: Pan American Blues
- DeFord Bailey Recordings from the 20s
- DeFord Bailey All Things Considered / Public Radio programs about the dedication of the historical marker for DeFord Bailey
- DeFord Bailey Early Records / Live Recordings / Radio Programs

Manuscript Audio: Cassette Tapes

- DeFord Bailey Tapes from David Morton Reference Tape

DeFord Bailey
DeFord Bailey [Worldwide Communications label]
Cassette Sent from a fan of DeFord's – Larry Caples [song list included]
Public Radio programs about dedication of Historical Marker 12.12.91
NPR's All Things Considered Nov 24, 2000
All Things Considered
FS-7641: NPR program re: Dedication of the Historical Marker honoring DeFord Bailey
12, December 1991.
FS-7642: Lost and Found Sound Stories
Lost John
Harp Attack – Steelman
Ma Rainey / Papa Charlie Jackson
To David Morton from Woody Hagerty – Little Rob
To David Morton from Woody Hagerty

Manuscript Audio: DAT Tapes

DeFord Bailey #1
DeFord Bailey #2
DeFord Bailey #3
Clone of DeFord edited and sequenced, 11-21-97

Box 7 Manuscript Audio Cassettes

FS-7572 DeFord Bailey interview, 19 October 1973 [DFB 1]
FS-7573 DeFord Bailey songs and conversation, 30 October 1973 [DFB 2]
FS-7574 DeFord Bailey songs and conversation, 30 October 1973 [DFB 3]
FS-7575 DeFord Bailey songs and conversation, October 1973 and 25 November 1973
[DFB 4]
FS-7576 DeFord Bailey songs and conversation, 4 November 1973 [DFB 5]
FS-7577 DeFord Bailey songs and conversation, 4 November 1973 [DFB 6]
FS-7578 DeFord Bailey songs and conversation, 11 November 1973 [DFB 7]
FS-7579 DeFord Bailey songs and conversation, 17 November 1973 [DFB 8]
FS-7580 DeFord Bailey guitar and harp, 30 November 1973 and 2 December 1973
[DFB 9]
FS-7581 DeFord Bailey conversation and tunes, 2 December 1973 [DFB 10]
FS-7582 DeFord Bailey conversation, harp, guitar, tunes, 12 December 1973 and 2
January [DFB 12]
FS-7583 DeFord Bailey conversation and a few tunes 2 January 1974 [DFB 13]
FS-7584 DeFord Bailey conversation, guitar January 1974 [DFB 14]
FS-7585 DeFord Bailey conversation, tunes, January 1974 [DFB 15]
FS-7586 DeFord Bailey Informal concert 23 February 1974 [DFB 16]
FS-7587 DeFord Bailey open house, 30 March 1974 [DFB 17]
FS-7588 DeFord Bailey conversation, banjo, guitar, undated [DFB 18]
FS-7589 DeFord Bailey four tunes, October 1974 [DFB 19]
FS-7590 DeFord Bailey conversation, tunes, 4 November 1974 [DFB 20]
FS-7591 DeFord Bailey conversation January 1975 [DFB 21]
FS-7592 DeFord Bailey conversation 17 October 1976 [DFB 22]
FS-7593 DeFord Bailey conversation [DFB 23]
FS-7594 DeFord Bailey conversation [DFB 24]

- FS-7595 DeFord Bailey opry appearances 1982 [DFB 25]
- FS-7596 DeFord Bailey guitar tunes, January 1975 [DFB 26]
- FS-7597 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey May 1979 [DFB T1]
- FS-7598 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey June 1979 [DFB T2]
- FS-7599 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey July 1979 [DFB T3]
- FS-7600 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey July-August 1979 [DFB T4]
- FS-7601 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey August 1979 [DFB T5]
- FS-7602 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey September 1979 [DFB T6]
- FS-7603 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey September/October 1979 [DFB T7]
- FS-7604 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey October 1979 [DFB T8]
- FS-7605 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey October 1979 [DFB T9]
- FS-7606 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey November 1979 [DFB T10]

Box 8 Manuscript Audio Cassettes

- FS-7607 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey November 1979 [DFB T11]
- FS-7608 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey November-December 1979 [DFB T12]
- FS-7609 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey December 1979 [DFB T13]
- FS-7610 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey January 1980 [DFB T14]
- FS-7611 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey January 1980 [DFB T15]
- FS-7612 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey February 1980 [DFB T16]
- FS-7613 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey February 1980 [DFB T17]
- FS-7614 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey March 1980 [DFB T18]
- FS-7615 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey March 1980 [DFB T19]
- FS-7616 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey March-April 1980 [DFB T20]
- FS-7617 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey April 1980 [DFB T21]
- FS-7618 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey April 1980 [DFB T22]
- FS-7619 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey May 1980 [DFB T23]
- FS-7620 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey May 1980 [DFB T24]
- FS-7621 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey July 1980 [DFB T25]
- FS-7622 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey July 1980 [DFB T26]
- FS-7623 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey August-September 1980 [DFB T27]
- FS-7624 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey September-October 1980 [DFB T28]
- FS-7625 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey October-November 1980 [DFB T29]
- FS-7626 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey December 1980 [DFB T30]
- FS-7627 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey undated [DFB T31]
- FS-7628 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey undated [DFB T32]
- FS-7629 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey undated [DFB T33]
- FS-7630 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey undated [DFB T34]
- FS-7631 Telephone interview with DeFord Bailey undated [DFB T35]
- FS-7632 Interview with Jud Collins (WSM announcer, executive), 16 Oct 1973 Nashville
- FS-7633 Interview with Herman Crook (Grand Ole Opry musician) Dec 1973 Nashville
- FS-7634 Interview with Alcyone Bate Beasley (Grand Ole Opry musician) December 1973 Nashville
- FS-7635 Interview with Beecher Kirby and Roy Acuff (Grand Ole Opry musicians), 1973 Nashville, TN
- FS-7636 Interview with Sam McGee (Grand Ole Opry musician), 5 April 1973, Franklin, TN
- FS-7637 Interview with Howard Redmond and Willis Patton, 3 November 1973 Thompson's Station, TN

FS-7638 Interview with Kirk McGee (Grand Ole Opry musician) 1973 Franklin, TN
FS-7639 Interview with G. Miller Watkins (9WDAD employee) undated, Nashville Tape 1
FS-7640 Interview with G. Miller Watkins (9WDAD employee) undated, Nashville Tape 2

Commercial LPs [Stored with rest of CPM commercial LPs]

Bill Monroe Sings Bluegrass, Body and Soul MCA Records MCA-708
Various Artists Smoky Mountain Ballads RCA Victor LVP-507
Various Artist Nashville The Early String Bands Volume 2 County 542
Various Artists We are the World Columbia 40043

Commercial CDs: [Stored with rest of CPM commercial CDs]

Old Crow Medicine Show Paint This Town (2022) [includes song "DeFord Rides Again"]
James Talley Bandits, Ballads and Blues Cimarron Records CIM1015
James Talley Nashville City Blues Cimarron Records CIM1010
James Talley Got No Bread, No Milk, No Money, but We Sure got a Love of Love
Cimarron Records CIM1001
James Talley and Cavalliere Ketchum Road to Torreon Bear Family Records BCD
15633

Location:

All manuscript materials are located in the special collections storage area filed by accession number. Manuscript audio is stored in the audio sections of the archive, commercial audio has been cataloged and stored by format. The annotated guide to the cassette tapes is housed in audio/video log books in the Audio Manager's office.

Related Materials:

The Charles K. Wolfe Audio Collection (05-023) contains interviews and recordings relating to DeFord Bailey and the Grand Ole Opry. The Alan L. Mayor Collection (17-005) contains photographs of DeFord Bailey. The CPM also houses other items relating to the Grand Ole Opry and DeFord Bailey and maybe searched in the catalog.

The Southern Folklife Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Nashville Public Library also houses a collection donated by David C. Morton relating to DeFord Bailey.

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