



**THE CENTER FOR POPULAR MUSIC, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY,
MURFREESBORO, TN**

GLEN THOMPSON COLLECTION OF COUNTRY MUSIC

22-034

Creator:

Thompson, Glen Sterling (1945-2020)

Type of Material:

Manuscript Textual Materials, Correspondence, songbooks, sheet music, periodicals

Physical Description:

8.25 liner feet of manuscript material in 22 boxes.

Languages:

English

Dates:

1930-2006

Repository:

Center for Popular Music, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132,
(615) 898-2449.

Access/Restrictions:

The collection is open for research use. 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.

Preferred Citation:

(Box Number, Folder Number/Name), Glen Thompson Collection of Country Music 22-034, Center for Popular Music, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Provenance and Acquisition Information:

Glen Thompson collected these items over his lifetime as a passion relation to his interest in country music, radio barn dance shows, and as part of various fan clubs, including serving as President of the Grand Ole Opry Fan Club. Some items belonged to Glen's father, Sterling Thompson.

This collection was donated to the Center by creator's widow, Louise Thompson, in January 2023 by mail.

Subject/Index Terms:

WLS Radio (Chicago)
WSM Radio (Nashville)
Grand Ole Opry (radio program)
Barn Dance Radio programs
Fan Clubs
Roy Acuff
Bill Anderson
Bill Monroe
Hank Williams
Country Music

Agency History/Biographical Sketch:

Glen was born November 28, 1945, in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Glen attended St. Mark's School and graduated from St. Joseph High School, Kenosha, in 1964. Glen went on to study at St. Francis de Sales Preparatory Seminary in Milwaukee and The Saint Paul Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Glen returned to Kenosha in 1972 and worked for the City of Kenosha for 28 years, serving as Superintendent of the Waste Department for 20 years, starting in 1981. In 2001, Glen retired to Gallatin, Tennessee and in 2017, moved to the Twin Cities, Minnesota to be close to children and grandchildren.

Glen was a guitarist and singer-songwriter, specializing in old country music, "the whinier and sadder, the better." Glen's willingness to share their love for the Opry and for country music was renowned by all who met Glen. Glen started traveling to Nashville as a youngster with their parents and performed on the "Junior Grand Ole Opry" TV program in 1955, at the age of 9, along with several other radio and television programs. Glen continued to attend the Opry several times a year for decades. In 1987, Glen became the President of the newly-formed Grand Ole Opry Fan Club, and continued in this role for 23 years. Glen purchased his front row Opry tickets three years in advance for as long as he could, and in 1980, secured tickets for the 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2025. Glen hosted a monthly gathering known as "Country 101" in his home for 13 years to honor country stars, their music, and their history.

At age 75 Glen died peacefully on December 29, 2020 at Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of country music related materials, primary radio barn dances collected by Glen Thompson and his father, Sterling Thompson. The manuscript papers consist of handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, articles photocopied from books, journals, newspapers, magazines, correspondence, photographs and webpage printouts. Also included in the collection are books, serials, and sound recordings

related to the subjects of country music, and barn dances. There are sound recordings, video recordings, artifacts, original sheet music, and songbooks in the collection.

Arrangement:

Original arrangement was kept in the processing of this collection, except for a few misplaced or added items which were integrated into existing groupings. The collection was donated in labeled magazine holders. This order and organization were retained in rehousing processes. The collection created obvious series.

Series 1: Radio Barn Dances

Series 2: Country Music Artists

Subseries A: Extensive Collections by Artists

Subseries B: Collections by Artists and Topics

Series 3: Artifacts

Collection Contents (Folder/Box List):

Box # Folder # Description

Series 1 Radio Barn Dances

Box 1: WLS Barn Dance

Folder 1	Press photograph of Lulu Belle and Scotty Press photograph of Tootsie and Uncle Ezra Press Photograph of WLS National Barn Dance Cast, October 1944 (2 copies) [printed signatures of cast on back] National Barn Dance Crew – Stage of 8 th St Theatre (ad for songbooks as from the back cover of a songbook) Photocopy of clipping from Chiago Tribune June 30, 1983 about reunion show that includes photo of cast at top
Folder 2	Jolly Joe's Pet Pals Radio Club member booklet [undated] Tony's Scrap Book by Anthony Wons 1927 Henry's Household Hints booklet 1939 Henry Hornbuckle Behind the Scenes at WLS 1932 booklet Souvenir Program WLS National Barn Dance {2 different undated] Happy-Go-Lucky Almanac 1946 Edition
Folder 3	Lulu Belle and Skyland Scotty Mountain Songs-Western-Cowboy Songs 1937 songbook [poor condition] Lulu Belle & Scotty Hayloft Jamboree Song Book 1944 songbook Lulu Belle & Skyland Scotty's Home Folk Songs 1937 songbook
Folder 4	Alka-Seltzer Songbook - 27 Songs 1937 100 WLS Barn Dance Favorites compiled by John Lair 1935 songbook 100 WLS Barn dance Favorites 1935 [poor condition] Prairie Ramblers and Patsy Montana's Collection of Songs 1936 songbook [missing back cover]

Prairie Ramblers: Barn Dance Favorites 1941 songbook [signed by Randy Archer, not band member]

- Folder 5 Berry, Chad. *The Hayloft Gang: The Story of the National Barn Dance*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2008.
On The Air .. ,with John Lair (Compiled & annotated by Ann Lair Henderson) 1998
Hillbilly & Western HOEDOWN 30th Anniversary WLS
vol 1 no 8 April 1954
Prairie Farmer Vol 176 No 2 Feb 2004 includes story on WLS barn dance

Box 2: WLS Family Album

(annual) Issues 1930 -1957

Box 3: WLS Stand By 1935-1936

(Weekly Issues) March 2, 1935 – December 28, 1935
February 8, 1936; February 22, 1936 – February 29, 1936; April 11, 1936; May 16, 1936; June 13, 1936 – July 4, 1936; July 18, 1936; August 1, 1936; October 31, 1936; December 5, 1936 – December 26, 1936

Box 4: WLS Stand By 1937-1945

(Weekly Issues) January 2, 1937 – December 25, 1937; January 15, 1938 – March 12, 1938; April 12, 1949

Box 5: Grand Ole Opry

- Folder 1 Memorial service programs and clippings of various Grand Ole Opry stars
- Folder 2 Various programs from Grand Ole Opry [some are photocopies]
Promotional 9x7 postcard of early Opry cast George D Hay in Center
Nashville Grand Ole Opry 1957 Baseball team photograph [IDs at bottom]
- Folder 3 Grand Ole Opry WSM Picture-History book [undated post-1974]
Inside WSM Issue 20 4th quarter 2000 Special 75th Anniversary Issue
Echoes of the Grand Ole Opry 1985 book 60th anniversary celebration
Gaylord Entertainment Company 1997 annual report
Song Favorites oi WSM Grand Ole Opry 1942 songbook
Songs Featured on Grand Ole Opry 1968 songbook
Inside the Acuff House Family Reunion: The Opry Family Album [undated]
- Folder 4 Grand Ole Opry Family Album 90th Anniversary 2015 book
- Folder 5 Clippings relating to anniversary years of Grand Ole Opry
- Folder 6 photo album of 8x10 stills from 1944 Grand Ole Opry Movie

Box 6: Renfro Valley

- Folder 1 John Lair Correspondence with Sterling Thompson & Glen Thompson (3 letters)
 "Old Time Square Dancing in Kentucky" post card
 Renfro Valley brochure 1999
 Renfro Valley Keepsake 25th anniversary 1962 souvenir book
 Renfro Valley 1999 fall/winter souvenir program celebrating 60 years
 Renfro Valley Keepsake 194 souvenir book [with envelope]
- Folder 2 So This Is .. Renfro Valley - A Brief History by Ralph W. Griffin 1940 booklet
 Renfro Valley Then and Now by John Lair 1992 reissue booklet
 The Aunt Polly House by John Lair 1982 booklet
 Stamper, Pete. *It All Happened in Renfro Valley*. Lexington: The University Press of Kentucky, 1999.
- Folder 3 Renfro Valley Bugle Vol 17 #4 - #12
- Folder 4 Renfro Valley Bugle Vol 18 #13 ; Vol 20 #7; Vol 38 #11; Vol 42 #9; Vol 42 #10; Vol 42 #12
- Folder 5 Renfro Valley Bugle Vol 43 #1; Vol 43 #3; Vol 43 #5; Vol 43 #6; Vol 43 #8; Vol 51 #7; Vol 53 #6; Vol 53 #7

Box 7: Other Barn Dances

- Folder 1 Louisiana Hayride Years: Making Musical History in Country's Golden Age Sloan, Bill 1999 book
 Louisiana Hayride "The Glory Years" Vol 1 1948-55 Robert Genty book
 Louisiana Hayride "The Glory Years" Vol 2 1956-60 Robert Genty book
 Souvenir history-picture book Rebel Park Marthasville, LA 1977
- Folder 2 Spears-Stewart, Reta. *Remembering the Ozark Jubilee*. Springfield, Mo.: Stewart, Dillbeck & White Productions, 1993.
- Folder 3 KSTP Sunset Valley Barn Dance Deluxe Edition Favorite Songs Book IV TV-Edition 1957 songbook
 KSTP Sunset Valley Barn Dance Deluxe Edition Favorite Songs 1943 songbook
 David Stone in Sunset Valley (Letters of admiration from stars) 1983 book
- Folder 4 WWVA World's Original Radio Jamboree Famous Songs 1942 songbook
 The World's Original WWVA Jamboree History – Picture book 1969
 50 Years of Broadcasting at WWVA 1976 souvenir book

Series 2 Country Music Artists

Subseries A: Extensive Collections by Artists

Box 8: "Roy Acuff Scrapbook"

- Folder 1 Death / memorials [clippings, programs]
- Folder 2 Postage Stamp 2003
- Folder 3 Transcripts – interviews with and about Acuff
- Folder 4 Discography & Programs
- Folder 5 Photographs
- Folder 6 Promotional Materials
- Folder 7 Acuff related correspondence
- Folder 8 Clippings – Death
- Folder 9 Clippings
- Folder 10 Clippings
- Folder 11 Clippings

Box 9: Roy Acuff Magazines

- The New Age Magazine Oct 1986 Vol 94 no 10 Roy Acuff cover story
- Coronet Sept 1948 vo 24 no 5 article on Acuff
- Ong and Picture Barn DNCE Magazine Sept 1947 No 2 Acuff on cover
- Newsweek Aug 11, 1952 Acuff cover story
- Hoedown July 1966 photocopy Acuff cover story
- Country Music People Sept 1971 Acuff cover story
- The Tennessee Magazine Sept 1988 Acuff cover story
- Country Music Nov/Dec 1989
- Country Music Mar/Apr 1993
- People Magazine Dec 7, 1992
- Country Music Greats April 1999 Acuff cover story
- Nashville Post Dec 2002
- Pure County 2010 Acuff cover story

Box 10: Roy Acuff songbooks and sheet music

- Folder 1 Roy Acuff Folio of Original Songs 4x6 fold out undated
Roy Acuff Dunbar Cave Park promo photos/songs 4x6 fold out undated
Hobby Exhibit promo photo/songs 4x6 fold out undated
Roy Acuff WSM Grand Ole Opry Song Favorites Undated songbook
- Folder 2 Roy Acuff Souvenir Album (Green cover) undated
Roy Acuff Songbook 50 songs Grand Ole Opry Edition undated
The Smoky Mountain Boys picture album undated (signed by Curly Rhodes)
Acuff Rose The First 35 Years 1977 color copy supplement of Billboard
Roy Acuff and his Smokey Mountain Boys Discography 1966
Roay Acuff and his Smokey Mountain Songs 1943 songbook
- Folder 3 Roy Acuff Song Folio No. 102 undated songbook

Roy Acuff's Simplified Popular Guitar Album (color copy) tab book
Songs for Home Folls Acuff, Kitty Wells, Johnnie & Jack songbook
Songs by Roy Acuff 1983 Acuff-Rose Publisher book

- Folder 4 Short--Changed In Love 1947 sheet music with Acuff on cover
That Glory Bound Train 1944 sheet music with Acuff on cover
The Wreck on the Highway 1946 sheet music with Acuff on cover
Turn Your Radio On 1938 sheet music with Acuff on cover
Waltz of the Wind 1947 sheet music with Acuff on cover includes tabs
Streamline Cannon Ball 1952 sheet music with Tennessee Ernie Ford on
cover

Box 11: Bill Anderson

- Folder 1 Bill Anderson Clippings
Folder 2 Bill Anderson Publications
Folder 3 Bill Anderson Fan Club Newsletters (quarterly)
June 1971, January 1972, Yearbook 1987, Summer 1988-
Yearbook 1991
Folder 4 Bill Anderson Fan Club Newsletters (quarterly)
Spring 1992 – Yearbook 1995
Folder 5 Bill Anderson Fan Club Newsletters (quarterly)
Spring 1996 – Fall 1999

Box 12: Bill Anderson

- Folder 1 Bill Anderson Fan Club Newsletters (quarterly)
Spring 2000 – Fall 2003
Folder 2 Bill Anderson Fan Club Newsletters (quarterly)
Spring 2004 – Fall 2005
Folder 3 Bill Anderson Fan Club Newsletters (quarterly)
Spring 2006 – Fall 2007

Box 13: Bill Monroe

- Folder 1 Grand Ole Opry program Bill Monroe celebration
WSM Inside Issue 4 1996 Monroe spotlight
Acoustic Musician Oct 1994 vol 1 no 7 Monroe cover story
Country Music May 1976 vol 4 no 8 Monroe cover story
Frets May 1979 Vol 1 No 3 Monroe cover story
Frets Sept 1986 Vol 8 No 9 Monroe cover story

Folder 2 Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Special Journal No 2 1968
Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Special Journal No 3 1969
Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Newsletter No 6 1968
(includes thank you note and 8x10 promo of Monroe from fan club
president)
Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Newsletter No 7 Oct 1968
Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Newsletter No 8 April 1969

Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Newsletter No 9 July 1969
Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Newsletter No 10 Nov 1969
Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Newsletter Dec 1970
Bill Monroe International Fan Club Bluegrass Newsletter No 12 Apr 1971

Folder 3 Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Country Songs 1950 songbook
Bill Monroe's Grand Ole Opry WSM Folio No.1 1947 songbook

Box 14: Hank Williams

- Folder 1 1993 postage stamp release ephemera
Various copies of death certificate
- Folder 2 Hank Williams Discography by Ed Guy June 1999
"In Depth" discography by Jay Caress 1st ed 1979
Hank Williams & Drifting Cowboys Mother's Best Shows list of songs
- Folder 3 Letter and auction list of house items from Lyrica Williams
- Folder 4 Souvenir program Hank Williams Memorial Sept 1952 Montgomery, AL
Hank Williams Memorial Show 1969 souvenir book/program (unknow
location)
Hank Williams Memorial Program Dec 31, 1989 Oak Hill, WV
Photocopy of Hank Williams Memorial Concert certificate of appreciation
to Grant Turner June 1993
Hank Williams Legacy Show 1994 program signed by Jett Williams and
band
Hand Fan in shape of cowboy hat Hank Williams Music Festival
Georgiana, AL
20th Annual Hank Williams Festival souvenir program 1999 Georgiana, AL
- Folder 5 Clippings, brochures, and Police Dept patch "Boyhood home and Museum
of Hank Williams"
Various newspaper clippings and photocopies relating to Williams
Country Music March 1984 issue with Williams cover story
Pathfinder June 4, 1952 issue with Williams cover story
Yesterday's Memories June 2000 issue with Williams cover story [signed
to Glen from Don Helms (author)]
- Folder 6 Glen Thompson Membership Certificate International Society & Fan Club
Hank Williams International Society and Fan Club Newsletter
Vol 5 #2 1997; Vol 6 #1-12 1998 – Vol 15 #1 2007
- Folder 7 Hank Williams Tells How to Write Folk & Western Music to Sell 1951 book
Life Story of Our Hank Williams "The Drifting Cowboy" 1953 book
Hank Williams Family Photo Album No 1 undated picture book
Hank Williams From Life to Legend By Jerry Rivers 1967 book (2 copies)

Photocopy of The Hank Williams Story By Buther County Historical
Society

- Folder 8 Hank Williams Country Hit Parade 1948 songbook
Hank Williams Country Music Folio 1948 song book [autographed by
Williams]
Hank Williams Favorite Songs 1953 songbook [signed by Teddy Wilburn,
Doyle Wilburn, Billy Byrd]
- Folder 9 Hank Williams The Complete Works 1989 songbook
Like Father. Like Son 1989 songbook
The Complete Hank Williams Catalog 1977 Acuff -Rose publisher book
- Folder 10 Home on the Range 1951 Songbook of Williams songs with Mark Fisher
on cover
Pan American 1948 sheet music with Hawkshaw Hawkins on cover
The Alabama Waltz 1950 sheet music with Bill Monroe on cover
I Can't Help It 1951 sheet music with Williams on cover
Your Cheatin' Heart 1952 sheet music with Williams on cover

Subseries B: Collections by Artists and Topics

Box 15: A-B Artists and Topics

- Folder 1 Rex Allen Arizona Cowboy Song Favorites No.1 1954 songbook
[missing back cover]
The Arkansas Wood-Chopper WLS Edition 1931 songbook
Arkansas Woodchopper Square Dance Calls 1940 songbook
- Folder 2 Presenting Eddy Arnold souvenir book MGM Records
Eddy Arnold Folio of Songs You Love 1944 songbook
Eddy Arnold Radio Favorites Songs Book A-1 1946 songbook
Eddy Arnold's Favorite Songs Number 2 1950 songbook
Eddy Arnold's Favorite Sones Number 3 1953 songbook
Just A Little Lovin' 1949 sheet music with Arnold on cover
One Kiss Too Many 1949 sheet music with Arnold on cover
Any Time 1948 sheet music with Arnold and Eddy Fisher on cover
- Folder 3 Bob Atcher's Home Folks Favorites 1943
- Folder 4 Gene Autry's Sensational Collection 30 Big Hits 1932 songbook
Gene Autry's Sensational Collection 16 Big Hits 1934 songbook
Songs Gene Autry Sings 1942 songbook
Gene Autry's Collection of Juke Box, Radio, Movie Hits 1945 songbook
Gene Autry's Hit Kit 1946 songbook
You're The Only Star 1938 sheet music with Gene Audry and Enoch Light
on cover

- Folder 5 28 Featured Songs By the Bailes Brothers Folio No. 1 1945 songbook
8x10 signed photograph by Homer Bailes with letter to Glen Thompson
Ernest R. Ball Song Album 1958 songbook
Souvenir Edition Historic Bardstown & My Old Kentucky Home souvenir
book
- Folder 6 Bluegrass Songbook Over 500 Songs 1980 words and chords book
Bluegrass Mandolin - An Instruction Book 1975 songbook
Bluegrass Banjo 1974 instruction songbook
- Folder 7 Johnny Bond's Songs of the Red River Valley 1944 songbook
Boxcar Willie King of the Road 1982 songbook
The Three Bells 1945 sheet music with The Browns on cover
Smiley Burnette Cowboy and Western Songs 1935 songbook
Clipping about Smiley Burnette

Box 16: C-D Artist and Topics

- Folder 1 Martha Carson's Spiritual Song Folio No 1 1954 songbook
- Folder 2 24th Carter Family Memorial Festival & Craft Show 1998 program
Carter Family Coloring Book 1982
Carter sisters and Mother Maybelle Sona Folio No 1 1949 songbook
Wabash Cannon Ball 1939 sheet music with Bill Boyd on cover [song by
A.P. Carter]
The Original Carter Family with Bio by Johnny Cash 1979 songbook
- Folder 3 Wilf Carter Montana Slim Deluxe Edition 1939 songbook
New Cowboy Songs by Wilf Carter No 4 1939 songbook
Wilf Carter's New Cowboy Songs No 5 1944 songbook
- Folder 4 Johnny Cash Show Souvenir Picture & Song Book 1966
Johnny Cash Song and Picture Folio No.1 1959
Gallatin TN Newspaper and clippings of obituaries for Johnny Cash and
June Carter Cash
- Folder 5 Grand Ole Opry WSM The Boy from Alabam Lew Childre songbook/
souvenir book [undated]
Original Sonas by Zeke Clements, The Dixie Yodeler 1942 songbook
- Folder 6 Country Music Scrapbook 16th Edition 1967 souvenir book
Country Music Souvenir Scrapbook (Blue cover unknown date)
Country Music Souvenir Scrapbook (Orange cover unknown date)
Nashville Hot Country Singles 1971 songbook
American Heritage "Country Music: Its Rise – and Fall" November 1994
Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum Souvenir book 1981

Country Sheet Music Hits 2004 songbook

- Folder 7 1997 Legends of Country Music 1996 Calendar
The Best of Country Music undated [1970s] picture book
Music City's Home of the Stars 1974 picture book
Fate, Lukes & Fame in Country Music by Dennis Goodwin #1-3 1996
 (three booklets)
Museums of Broadcast Communications Presents Country Music on the
 Air 1994 exhibit booklet
Meet the Radio Folks Keystone Barn Dance Programs sponsor booklet
 [brief about major barn dance shows around country]
- Folder 8 Cousin Jody Photo Album souvenir book [unknown date]
Four Books in the Bible sheet music with Cowboy Copas on cover
Clipping from CMSA on Cowboy Copas by Rich Kienzle
Songs Cowboy Copas Sings 1949 songbook
Cowboy Songs Vol. 12 No. 65 1961 issue
Log Cabin Songs by Johnny Crockett Volume 1 1930 songbook
Log Cabin Songs by Johnny Crockett Volume 2 1930 songbook
Now is the Hour 1946 sheet music with Bing Crosby on cover
- Folder 9 Vernon Dalhart, Carson Robison's Album of Songs 1928 [poor condition]
- Folder 10 It Makes No Difference Now - Four Star Folio 1939 songbook [Jimmie
Davis]
Nobody's Darlin' But Mine 1945 sheet music with Jimmie Davis on cover
You Are My Sunshine 1940 sheet music with Jimmie Davis on cover
 [signed]
Jimmie Davis Song Folio 1942 songbook
Songs of Jimmie Davis 1938 songbook [missing back cover]
- Folder 11 Folk Song Folio by Delmore Bros & Wayne Raney songbook [undated]
Pistol Packin' Mama 1943 sheet music with Al Dexter on cover
Little Jimmy Dickens Song Folio No.1 1951 songbook
Little Jimmy Dickens Song Folio No.2 1951 songbook

Box 17 F-M Artist and Topics

- Folder 1 Red Foley's Sacred Album No 1 1948 gospel songbook [shape note]
Red Foley's Songs of Inspiration 1953 songbook
Red Foley's Songs of the Hills and Plains 1946 songbook
Red Foley's Homespun Hits 1949 songbook
Red Foley's Cowboy Songs-Mountain Ballads 1940 songbook
Old Shep 1940 sheet music by Red Foley with dog on cover
- Folder 2 Lefty Frizzell's Country Hit Songs 1951 songbook
Lefty Frizzell's Country Hit Songs No. 2 1953 songbook

- Songs by Don Gibson 1963 Acuff-Rose publishing book
Wabash Cannon Ball 1939 sheet music Rex Griffin on cover
- Folder 3 George Hamilton IV 50th Anniversary scrapbook 2006 souvenir book
 Rose and a Baby Ruth 1958 sheet music
 Clippings, press releases relating to Hamilton
- Folder 4 Blue Grass Ray The Hamlins Korn Kracker 1930 songbook
 Doc Hopkins and Karl and Harty of the Cumberland Ridgerunners
 Mountain Ballads and Home Songs 1936 songbook
 Paul Howard's Cotton Pickin' Songs 1946 songbook
- Folder 5 Andrew Jackson's Hermitage 1979 souvenir book
 Rachel Jackson biography by Nelie Treaner Stokes
 Pamphlet about The Hermitage house tour 1979
 Souvenir Sonos Johnnie & Jack 1954 lyric songbook
 [back signed by Del Wood, Kitty Wells Jack Anglin]
 Johnnie and Jack(The Tennessee Mountain Boys) 1952 songbook
 Grandpa Jones Harmonies of the Hill Country 1947 songbook
- Folder 6 Favorite Mountain Ballads and Old -Time Songs 1929 songbook [missing
 covers] by Bradley Kincaid
 Bradley Kincaid Favorite Mountain Ballads & Old Time 1930 songbook
 Bradley Kincaid Favorite Mountain Ballads & Old Time 1938 songbook
- Folder 7 Pee Wee King's s Music Box Folio 1947 songbook
- Folder 8 The Lewis Family A Special Celebration 2000 program/souvenir book
 Lonzo and Oscar Grand Ole Opry Picture Program undated souvenir book
 Lonzo & Oscar's Folio of Mountain Ballads & Comedy Songs 1948
 songbook
 Lonzo & Oscar Grand Ole Opry Folio No. 2 [undated, signed on back by
 Oscar]
 Lonzo & Oscar Souvenir Pictures and Songs updated [back signed by
 Buddy Emmons, Judy Lynn, Joel Price, Jimmy Dickens, Lonzo & Oscar
 Sullivan, Jack Logan, Johnny Johnson]
- Folder 9 Songs of the Louvin Brothers Grand Ole Opry Tribute 2003 program
 The Louvin Brothers from Beginning to end.. 1986 book by Howard Miller
 Mac and Bob Book of Songs Old and New 1931 songbook
 Mac and Bob's WLS Book of Songs (Old & New) 1931 songbook
- Folder 10 Down Yonder 1948 sheet music with Teddy Matin on cover
 Kathy Mattea A Collection of Hits 1991 songbook

Folder 11 Program for Bluegrass Spectacular Memorial Concert Kieth & Jim McReynolds 2003
Print out of interview with Jesse McReynolds from Mandolin Café
Brochure for Jesse McReynolds
May- June 2009 issue Living Well McReynolds on cover
The Nashville Musician Vol MMVI No 2 April-June 2006 with review of McReynolds show at Station Inn

Folder 12 Singing the Blues 1954 sheet music with Guy Mitchell on cover
I'll Sail My Ship Alone 1950 sheet music with Moon Mullican on cover

Box 18: N-S Artist and Topics

Folder 1 Tennessee Waltz sheet music with Patti Page on cover
Minnie Pearl Grand Ole Opry tribute 2002 souvenir program
Walter Peterson Mountain Ballads and olde time songs 1927 songbook

Folder 2 Webb Pierce The Wondering Boy Folio No. 1 1953 songbook
Webb Pierce The Wondering Boy Folio No. 2 1954 songbook

Folder 3 songs of the pioneers 1970 songbook
songs of the pioneers book no 2 1973 songbook

Folder 4 Gonna Find Me a Bluebird 1957 sheet music Marvin Rainwater on cover
Jim Reeves Song Folio No. 1 1958 songbook
Tex Ritter Mountain Ballads Cowboy Songs 1941 songbook signed by Tex Ritter, Slim Andrews
Marty Robbins Songbook 1959

Folder 5 Carson J. Robison's Mountain Ballads & Old Time Songs 1930 songbook
The Carson Robison Collection of 25 songs 1936 songbook

Folder 6 1954 Jimmie Rodgers Memorial songbook [missing front and back covers]
Jimmie Rodgers Album of Songs Supreme Edition 1943 songbook
Jimmie Rodgers Album of Songs Deluxe Edition 1934 edition
Legendary Jimmie Rodgers Memorial Folio Vol 1 1967 songbook
Legendary Jimmie Rodgers Memorial Folio Vol 2 1967 songbook

Folder 7 Ryman Auditorium - Collection of 12 Prints postcard set
Christmas card from Bud Wendell with Ryman on front
Ryman Auditorium 1995 picture history book

Folder 8 Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs Folk Music with an Overdrive 1962 songbook
(signed by Earl Scruggs to Glen)
Asher Sizemore and Little Jimmie's Fireside Treasures 1936 songbook
Asher Sizemore and Little Jimmie Old Fashioned Hymns & Min Ballads
1933 songbook

- Jimmie Skinner's Songs from the Heart 1954 songbook
- Folder 9 Souvenir Songs Carl Smith WSM Grand Ole Opry undated songbook
Carl Smith Folio No. 1 1954 songbook
- Folder 10 Hank Snow Twenty-Eighth Anniversary Album 1960 souvenir song and
picture book
Hank Snow typed/signed letter to Glen Thompson, business card and
returned check
Cowboy Songs by Hank The Yodeling Ranger 1942 songbook
Hank Snow Folio No. 2 1953 songbook
Hank Snow Folio No. 3 1953 songbook
Hank Snow Folio No. 4 1956 songbook
Hank Snow The Singing Ranger 1949 songbook
- Folder 11 Stanley Brothers International Fan Club Memorial Issue Vol 2 No 2
Mike Lattimore Presents The 'Stringbean" Banjo Method undated
instructional book
Best of Sylvia 1984 songbook

Box 19: T-Z Artist and Topics

- Folder 1 Sixteen Tons 1947 sheet music with Tennessee Ernie Ford on cover
Humpty Dumpty Heart 1947 sheet music with Hank Thompson on cover
Charlie's Angel 1979 sheet music Mel Tillis on cover
- Folder 2 Ernest Tubb Folio of Recorded Hits No.1 1947 songbook
Ernest Tubb Folio of Recorded Hits No.2 1950 songbook
Ernest Tubb Folio of Recorded Hits No.3 1953 songbook
Ernest Tubb Folio of Recorded Hits No.4 1956 songbook
Ernest Tubb Favorites Radio Songbook No. 2 1941
Ernest Tubb Favorites Radio Songbook No. 3 1943
Ernest Tubb Fav Deluxe Radio Songbook No. 4 undated
- Folder 3 Ernest Tubb Favorites Radio Songbook No. 5 1946
Ernest Tubb Song Folio of Sensational Successes No 1 1941
Ernest Tubb Song Folio of Sensational Successes No 2 1942
Ernest Tubb Song Folio of Sensational Successes No 3 1943
Ernest Tubb Song Folio of Sensational Successes No 4 1948
Ernest Tubb Song Folio No.5 1963 Songbook
Ernest Tubb Songbook 1986
Ernest Tubb's Opry House Songs 1945 songbook
- Folder 4 Old Cabin Songs BY The Vagabonds 1932 songbook
- Folder 5 Porter& Dolly 1981 songbook

- Porter and Friends Stars of the Porter Wagoner Show picture souvenir book undated
Porter Wagoner Fan Club International Journal Spring 1988 issue
Porter Wagoner Fan Club Journal 1983 issue
Porter Wagoner Show Vol 2 undated souvenir book
The Porter Wagoner Show Hits the Road! undated souvenir book
The Porter Wagoner Show Vol 3 (orange cover) undated souvenir
The Porter Wagoner Television Show (Blue cover) undated souvenir
Welcome to the Porter Wagoner Show (Yellow cover) undated souvenir
- Folder 6 Jimmy Wakely Western Song Parade 1949 songbook
Christmas Polka 1949 sheet music with Jimmy Wakely on cover
Hang Your Head in Shame 1944 sheet music with Jimmy Wakely on cover
Songs Jimmy Wakely Sings 1949 songbook
- Folder 7 Set list from Billy Walker's last show in Foley, Alabama (signed)
Kitty Wells' Family Souvenir Album (signed by Kitty Wells, Johnny Wright, Bobby Wright, Eddie Stubbs) undated
Kitty Wells*Johnny Wright, Bobby Wright international fan club papers, membership card
- Folder 8 presenting ... Miss Dottie West Country Sunshine press folder with three copies of Country Sunshine sheet music
- Folder 9 The Wilburn Bros Folio #3 undated souvenir book
Tex Williams and his Western Caravan Song Folio 1947
Faron Youna The Youna Sheriff & His Country Deputies No 1 1956 songbook

Series 3 Artifacts

Box 20: WLS Jigsaw Puzzle

Box 21: Artifacts

Photocopy of WLS Autograph Book
Bill Anderson Sponge promotional dollar bill
Music Lovers' Encyclopedia 1931 [Dottie West 1981 signed inside, front has sticker for Bankruptcy Auction for Dottie West]
Enlarged 11x14 matted image of Roay Acuff postal stamp 1993

Box 22: Manuscript Audio Visual Materials (all have track lists)

CD 1 WLS National Bard Dance #364 September 21, 1940
CD 2 WLS National Bard Dance Wisc. State Fair August 22, 1942
CD 3 WLS National Bard Dance December 12, 1942
CD 4 WLS National Bard Dance 10th Ann. #521 October 2, 1943
CD 5 WLS National Bard Dance 20th Anniversary April 15, 1944
CD 6 WLS National Bard Dance September 22, 1945
CD 7 Ozark Jubilee TV Show March 26, 1955

- CD 8 Ozark Jubilee TV Show undated
- CD 9 WSM Christmas 1958 – Martha White Biscuit Time Dec 23, 1958 / Opry Jamboree Dec 25, 1958
- CD 10 WSM Opry Jamboree Dec 26, 1958 / Bill Monroe Opry Performance undated 1967
- CD 11 WWVA Wheeling Jamboree Dec 20, 1958 / WWVA Wheeling Jamboree Homecoming Reunion May 20, 1975
- CD 12 An Old Time Country Christmas TV Show Christmas 1967
- CD 13 Renfro Valley Gathering WHIS, Louisville KY Oct 31, 1948 / Renfro Valley Country Store undated 1950
- CD 14 National Barn Dance at Wisc State Fair Aug 22, 1945 / WLS AM 890 National Barn Dance Finale #1 April 30, 1960
- CD 15 WLS AM 890 National Barn Dance Finale #2 April 30, 1960
- CD 16 WLS AM 890 National Barn Dance Finale #3 April 30, 1960
- KSTP Sunset Valley Barn Dance 3 CDs
- Glen Thompson Country 101 Show [2 DVDs] Featuring Rick Paliert, Hobo History & Music

Map Drawer:

- Bandana of Whispering Bill Anderson with Grand Ole Opry logos
- Poster Roy Acuff Memorial Day Concert
- 14"x22" National Barn Dance Movie "Now on the Screen" [framed]
- 'O My Darling Clementine' Movie Poster

Materials Cataloged Separately:

- Commercial Audio-visual materials for ease of access:
- DVD Stories and Songs of the Tennessee Music Box
- DVD Bluegrass Express: Jim & Jesse, Bill Monroe & Bluegrass Boys, Lester Flatt & Nashville Grass, James Monroe
- DVD Bluegrass Country Soul
- VHS Times Ain't Like They Used To Be
- CD – BACM CD D 224 KSTP Sunset Valley Barn Dance
- Cassette 2 set The Fun and Frolic of 60 years in the Valley Where Time Stands Still 1999
Renfro Valley Entertainment Center
- Cassette 2 set Those Were the Days: WLS National Barn Dance 70th Anniversary Salute April 16 1994 WNIB Chicago 97.1 FM
- Cassette 2 set National Barn Dance Tape 1 – April 1, 1939 / October 2, 1943 Tape 2 April 15, 1944 / September 22, 1945

Location:

These materials are located in the manuscripts section of the archival stacks, filed chronologically by accession number.

Related Materials:

The Center for Popular Music holds various other materials relating to the Barn Dance Radio shows, and the topics and artist of this collection including video, photographs, posters and other programs that can be found by searching the archival database.

Of interest: Evelyn Overstake Collection (02-020), Rose Lee Maphis Oral History Audio Tapes (00-020), Charlie Walker Collection (08-020), Sonny James Collection (18-026), Uncle Dave Macon Collection (21-016), Charles K. Wolfe Collection (05-023), David C. Morton Collection (18-029), Doug Seroff Country Music Collection (10-034), George Hamilton IV Collection (17-027).

Processed by Olivia M. Beaudry, CA, March 2024