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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Forms Part Of

Smithsonian Folklife Festival records: 1969 Festival of American Folklife forms part of the [Smithsonian Folklife Festival records](#) .

Smithsonian Folklife Festival records

- [Smithsonian Folklife Festival records: Papers](#)
- [1967 Festival of American Folklife records - \[Ongoing\]](#)

Related Archival Materials

Within the Rinzler Archives, related materials may be found in various collections such as the Ralph Rinzler papers and recordings, the Lily Spandorf drawings, the Diana Davies photographs, the Robert Yellin photographs, and the Curatorial Research, Programs, and Projects collection. Additional relevant materials may also be found in the Smithsonian Institution Archives concerning the Division of Performing Arts (1966-1983), Folklife Program (1977-1980), Office of Folklife Programs (1980-1991), Center for Folklife Programs and Cultural Studies (1991-1999), Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage (1999-present), and collaborating Smithsonian units, as well as in the administrative papers of key figures such as the Secretary and respective deputies. Users are encouraged to consult relevant finding aids and to contact Archives staff for further information.

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Historical

The Festival of American Folklife, held annually since 1967 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., was renamed the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in 1998.

The 1969 Festival of American Folklife was produced by the Smithsonian Division of Performing Arts.

For more information, see [Smithsonian Folklife Festival records](#).

Scope and Contents

This collection documents the planning, production, and execution of the 1969 Festival of American Folklife. Materials may include photographs, audio recordings, motion picture film and video recordings, notes, production drawings, contracts, memoranda, correspondence, informational materials, publications, and ephemera. Such materials were created during the Festival on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., as well as in the featured communities, before or after the Festival itself.

Arrangement

Arranged in 5 series.

- Series 1: Program Books, Festival Publications, and Ephemera
- Series 2: Crafts

- Series 3: Pennsylvania
- Series 4: Performances
- Series 5: Toby Show

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

The Rinzler Archives is continually engaged in digitization of archival materials to facilitate preservation and ready access by users. However, given the diversity of legacy formats of the originals, some older materials may not be available. Notably, certain older audio recordings cannot be played because of deterioration of the tape stock, and the Archives has no playback equipment for EIAJ-1 videoreels (1/2 inch) or multi-track audio recordings. Where listening or viewing copies are available, this is generally indicated for each item. Users are encouraged to contact Archives staff to verify that the materials of interest to them are already accessible, or to determine if they can be digitized as needed.

Festival Speakers and Consultants

Richard Allen, Louisiana

Guy Carawan, 1927-2015, California

John Cohen, 1932-, New York

Josh Dunson, 1941-, Pennsylvania

Henry Glassie, Pennsylvania

Archie Green, 1917-2009, Illinois

Joe Hickerson, 1935-, Washington, D. C.

Mack McCormick, 1930-2015, Texas

Guthrie (Gus) Meade, 1932-1991, Washington, D. C.

Jim Meyer (Father), Michigan

Ethel Raim, Pennsylvania

Bernice Johnson Reagon, 1942-, Georgia

Mike Seeger, 1933-2009, Washington, D. C.

Ellen Stekert, 1935-, Michigan

Introduction

The 1969 Festival took place July 1-6 on the National Mall, between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive and between 10th Street and 14th Street, south of the National Museum of History and Technology and the National Museum of Natural History (see [site map](#)). For the second time, a

State was featured - in this case, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Two themes were the focus of craft presentations: 1) sheep shearing and wool production and 2) corn culture. These thematic programs were complemented by presentations of *basketry*, **toy-making**, **doll-making**, and other crafts. Daytime and evening concerts presented a panorama of traditional music and dance.

The Division of Performing Arts, directed by James R. Morris, again organized the 1969 Festival. Ralph Rinzler was the Festival Director, assisted by Marian Hope.

The [1969 Program Book](#) included participant lists and schedules.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Afro-Caribbean cults
- Afro-Cubans
- Folk art
- Folk festivals
- Folk music
- Folklore
- Food habits
- World music
- arts and crafts

Cultures:

- Afro-Caribbean cults
- Afro-Cubans

Types of Materials:

- Audiocassettes
- Audiotapes
- Business records
- Contracts
- Correspondence
- Digital images
- Memorandums
- Negatives
- Notes
- Photographic prints
- Plans (drawings)
- Slides (photographs)
- Sound recordings
- Video recordings
- Videotapes

Names:

- Smithsonian Folklife Festival

Geographic Names:

- Caribbean Area

Cuba

Container Listing

Series 1: Program Books, Festival Publications, and Ephemera, 1969

[Digital Content: 1969 Festival of American Folklife Program Book](#)

[Digital Content: 1969 Festival of American Folklife site plan](#)

[Digital Content: Digital Contact Sheet: Festival of American Folklife 1969, Series 1](#)

Photographs in this series depict general Festival scenes or unidentified program content.

The 1969 Program Book was coordinated by Ruri Sakai. The Festival site was designed by Richard Lusher.

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Series 2: Crafts

Introduction

Craft presentations at the 1969 Festival focused on two themes: 1) sheep shearing and wool processing, and 2) corn culture. For the former, visitors could see sheep being sheared and the resulting wool carded, spun, and used in weaving. Milling songs from Scotland and from Massachusetts rounded out the program. The corn culture program showed different methods of milling and grinding corn, foodways from cornbread to corn liquor, and various crafts utilizing corn shucks. In addition, craft demonstrators included basket makers, blacksmiths, carvers and toy-makers, and a potter, with a special focus on Seminole crafts from Florida.

The sheep shearing and wool processing demonstration was sponsored by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. and the Wool Bureau, Inc. The corn culture exhibit was sponsored by the American Corn Miller's Federation and the Corn Refiners Association, Inc. Arkansas Arts and Humanities supported the participation of Arkansas craftspeople, and National Airlines sponsored the Seminole Indian participants.

Participants

- Jack Matthews, exhibit consultant & shearing, Maryland
- Taft Greer, 1908-1986, weaving, Tennessee
- Norman Kennedy, 1934-, spinning, vegetable dyeing, weaving & milling, Virginia
- Kay Basler, milling songs, Massachusetts
- John Beaton, milling songs, Massachusetts
- Joseph MacKenzie, milling songs, Massachusetts
- Peter MacLean, milling songs, Massachusetts
- Malcolm MacCellan, milling songs, Massachusetts
- Christine Gillis, milling songs, Massachusetts
- Ellen Smith, Navajo, carding, spinning, weaving, Arizona
- Tanabah Williams, Navajo, carding, spinning, weaving, Arizona
- Elsie Roan, Navajo, carding, spinning, weaving, Arizona
- Alice Bathke, Navajo, carding, spinning, weaving, Arizona
- Dorothy Tharpe, finger-puppet making, Nebraska
- Jack Price, sheep dog demonstration, Maryland
- Isabel Warbus, 1913-1995, Lummi, electric spinning wheel, Washington
- **Corn Culture**
- Frank Hodges, 1907-1993, machine corn milling, North Carolina
- Gurney Triplett, 1921-1993, machine corn milling, North Carolina
- Maria Luisa Ochoa, hand corn grinding, Texas
- David Martinez, hand corn grinding, Texas
- Ora Watson, 1909-2004, corn bread and hominy preparation, North Carolina
- Montgomery County 4-H Beef Club, corn-fed cattle, Maryland
- Willard Watson, 1905-1994, corn whiskey still, North Carolina
- Seminole Indians, corn dances, Florida
- Mrs. Johnnie Head, corn shuck dolls, Arkansas
- Dicey Malone, 1891-1986, corn shuck mats, Tennessee
- Alice Merryman, 1906-2997, corn shuck brooms and flowers, Arkansas
- Montague Vest, corncob pipes, West Virginia
- Salley Triplett, 1904-1996, soap making, North Carolina
- **Seminole Indian Crafts**
- Pocahontes Jumper, 1910-2002, Seminole patchwork design, Florida
- Betty Mae Jumper, 1922-2011, Seminole patchwork design, Florida
- Scarlet Jumper, Seminole, wire & sweet grass baskets, Florida
- Rusty Tiger, Seminole, wire & sweet grass baskets, Florida

- Joseph Jumper, 1932-1989, Seminole, carving, Florida
- Moses Jumper, 1950-, Seminole, carving, Florida
- **Other crafts**
- Louise Jones, 1910-1973, sea grass & palmetto basket maker, South Carolina
- Bea Hensley, 1919-2013, blacksmith, North Carolina
- Mike Hensley, blacksmith, North Carolina
- Mrs. Roy Harris, wooden figures & miniature tools carver, Arkansas
- Edsel Martin, dulcimer-maker & figure-carver, North Carolina
- Sal Paper, 1891-1972, lead toy maker, New York
- Edgar Tolson, 1904-1984, wooden figure carver, Kentucky
- Maisey Coburn, apple face doll maker, Arkansas
- Mrs. Roy Harris, poppet doll maker, Arkansas
- Vernon Owens, 1941-, potter, Jugtown Pottery, Seagrove, North Carolina

2.1: Fieldwork

2.2: Photographs

[Digital Content: Digital Contact Sheet: Festival of American Folklife 1969, Series 2](#)

2.3: Audio

2.4: Video

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Series 3: Pennsylvania

Introduction

The second in what soon became an annual feature of the Festival, the state program in 1969 focused on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Among the performances, Serbian and Croatian music and dance represented Pennsylvania's ethnic heritage, Anglo American traditions included a string band, fiddler and ballad singer, and African American blues and gospel singing rounded out the program. Craftspeople included a bread baker and makers of rugs, tubs, quilts, dolls, harnesses, bricks, and brooms, among others.

Mack McCormick and Ethel Raim were the primary field researchers for the Pennsylvania program. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania sponsored the participation of Pennsylvania craftspeople and performers, with the support of the Office of the Governor, Raymond P. Shafer, research support from the Ethnic Culture Survey, and the Bureau of Travel Development, Robert Shoemaker, Director.

Participants

- Ben Agi, baker and challah braider, Pennsylvania
- Jennie Black, braided rugs, Pennsylvania
- Marshall Case, 1917-2005, judge, lumberjack contests, Pennsylvania
- Rush Gates, tub maker, Pennsylvania
- Loren Hancock, 1907-1984, metal caster, Pennsylvania
- Ruth Host, quilter, Pennsylvania
- Cindy Host (daughter of Ruth Host), quilter, Pennsylvania
- Jesse Kinnan, apple face dolls, Pennsylvania
- Ernest J. Jupenlaz, 1903-2000, harness maker, Pennsylvania
- Rudy Kocjancic, 1927-1994, lumberjack contestant, Pennsylvania
- Ed Kocjancic, 1930-2006, lumberjack contestant, Pennsylvania
- Joe Kocjancic, 1925-2003, lumberjack contestant, Pennsylvania
- John Kocjancic, 1930-, lumberjack contestant, Pennsylvania
- Mary Konik, 1905-1990, pysanki (egg decoration), Pennsylvania
- Claude Miller, 1895-1975, scrub brooms, Pennsylvania
- John D. Poist, 1912-1985, brick maker, Pennsylvania
- Roy Sonney, wheelwright, Pennsylvania
- Joseph Tokar (1911-1982) & Group, Hungarian weaving, Pennsylvania
- Mrs. Joseph Tokar, Hungarian weaving, Pennsylvania
- ***Musicians***
- Aliquippa Tamburitzans, Serbian social music, Pennsylvania
- Alec Campbell, string band member, Pennsylvania
- Ola Belle Reed, 1916-2002, string band member, Pennsylvania
- David Reed, string band member, Pennsylvania
- John Miller, string band member, Pennsylvania
- Burl Timbe, string band member, Pennsylvania
- John Vesey (1924-1995) Ceilidh Band, traditional Irish music, Pennsylvania
- Eva Girvin, 1919-1980, mountain songs & ballads, Pennsylvania
- Clarence Girvin, 1920-2006, mountain songs & ballads, Pennsylvania
- Earl Hafler, 1891-1977, fiddler, Pennsylvania
- Bill Jackson, 1906-, blues, Pennsylvania
- Kolo Club Marian, Croatian dances, Pennsylvania
- Frances Prigoric, Serbian Passion songs, Pennsylvania
- The Spiritual Echos, gospel music, Pennsylvania

3.1: Fieldwork, 1969

Fieldwork participants

Charles Alwine, Pennsylvania
John Brindie, Pennsylvania
Henry Butler, Pennsylvania
Hartley Cloos, Pennsylvania
Rush Gates, Pennsylvania
Eva and Clarence Girvin, Pennsylvania
James Ghrist, 1889-1979, Pennsylvania
Ernest J. Jupenlaz, 1903-2000, Pennsylvania
Jesse Kinan, Pennsylvania
Helen and Jerry Pnoko, Pennsylvania
Pool Clan, Pennsylvania
Ivor Price, 1884-1971, Pennsylvania
Roy Sonney, Pennsylvania
Sandra Warco, Pennsylvania
Bessie Wiencek, 1916-1992, Pennsylvania

FP-1969-5RR-0073: Food research with Carol Mounts, Mrs. Joseph Sertig,
1969 March
1 Sound recording (5 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)
Other number Q-3

FP-1969-5RR-0074: Food research with Mrs. Joseph Sertig, Mary Prodan,
Etta Labowitz, 1969 March
1 Sound recording (5 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)
Listening copy available
Other number Q-4

FP-1969-5RR-0075: Mack McCormick fieldwork recordings of Eva and
Clarence Girvin, Sausage making, Birch bark and Sand molding, 1969 March
1 Sound recording (5 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)
Other number Q-5

FP-1969-5RR-0076: Fieldwork: Polish wedding; Ethnic crafts and foodways,
1969 March
1 Sound recording (5 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)
Other number Q-6

FP-1969-5RR-0077: Mack McCormick fieldwork: Eva and Clarence Girvin,
mountain singers, 1969 March 29
1 Sound recording (5 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)
Other number Q-7

3.2: Photographs

[Digital Content: Digital Contact Sheet: Festival of American Folklife 1969, Series 3](#)

3.3: Audio

Performances of Pennsylvania music and dance took place on stages shared with the Festival's other performers. Audio recordings will consequently be found as part of Series 4: Performances.

3.4: Video

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Series 4: Performances

Introduction

Like previous Festivals, the 1969 Festival offered a diverse program of music and dance representing Anglo Americans and African Americans, as well as ethnic traditions from Cuban, Greek, Turkish, Cajun and Creole, and French American communities. A highlight of the 1969 Festival was a reunion of Bill and Charlie Monroe, joined by brother Birch and sister Bertha. Other old-time and bluegrass performers included Dock Boggs, Maybelle Carter, Jimmy Driftwood, Buell Kazee, Tex Logan, Wiley and Zeke Morris, Don Stover, and Merle Travis. African American music ranged from the Moving Star Hall Singers to one-man band Jesse Fuller, from a fife and drum group to the Jelly Roll Memorial Band.

Participants

- Ardoin Family & Canray Fontenot, 1922-1995, Louisiana-French Black music (la la), Louisiana
- Balfa Freres, Cajun band, Louisiana
- Horton Barker, 1889-1973, ballad singer, Virginia
- Dock Boggs, 1898-1971, singer, banjo player, Virginia
- Rev. William Carroll, 1912-1989, pastor, First Holiness Church, Virginia
- Maybelle Carter, 1909-1978, singer, guitar player, Tennessee, Virginia
- Elizabeth Cotten, 1895-1987, singer, guitar player, Washington, D.C., North Carolina
- Kyle Creed, 1912-1982, Roscoe Russell, 1917-1993, Otis Burriss, 1917-1989, string band, Virginia
- Jimmie Driftwood, 1907-1998, string band, Arkansas
- First Church of God and Christ Gospel Choir, Georgia
- First Maryland Regiment Fife & Drum Band, Maryland
- Jesse Fuller, 1896-1976, one-man band, California, Georgia
- Greek Singers & Dancers, New York, Connecticut
- Sarah Ogan Gunning, 1910-1983, ballad singer, Michigan, Kentucky
- John Jackson, 1924-2002, Piedmont blues singer, Virginia
- Jelly Roll Memorial Band with Danny Barker, 1909-1994, old time jazz, Louisiana
- Buell Kazee, 1900-1976, banjo player, ballad singer, Kentucky
- Benjamin "Tex" Logan, 1927-2015, fiddler, New Jersey, Texas
- J. E. Mainer, 1898-1971, string band member, North Carolina
- Wade Mainer, 1907-2011, string band member, North Carolina
- Steve Ledford, 1906-1980, string band member, North Carolina
- Bertha Monroe, 1908-1997, singer, Kentucky
- Birch Monroe, 1901-1982, fiddler, Indiana, Kentucky
- Charlie Monroe, 1903-1975, singer, guitarist, Kentucky
- Bill Monroe (1911-1996) & the Blue Grass Boys, bluegrass music, Tennessee, Kentucky
- Wiley Morris, 1919-1990, mountain string band member, North Carolina
- Zeke Morris, 1916-1999, mountain string band member, North Carolina
- Moving Star Hall Singers, shouts, jubilees, spirituals and ring games, South Carolina
- Chet Parker, 1891-1975, hammer dulcimer, Michigan
- Lesley Riddle, 1905-1980, guitarist, North Carolina
- Louis Riendeau (1900-1985) Family, string band, New Hampshire, Quebec, Canada
- Arsenio Rodriguez, 1911-1970, Afro-Cuban music, New York, Cuba
- Quique Rodriguez, Afro-Cuban music, New York, Cuba
- Grant Rogers, 1907-1979, singer and guitarist, New York
- George Smith, square dance caller, Maryland
- Don Stover, 1928-1996, singer and banjoist, Massachusetts, West Virginia
- Merle Travis, 1917-1983, singer, guitarist, Tennessee, Kentucky
- Turkish Band, New York
- Ed Young, 1910-1972, black fife & drum corps member, Tennessee, Mississippi

- Lonnie Young, 1903-1976, black fife & drum corps member, Tennessee, Mississippi
- G.D. Young, black fife & drum corps member, Tennessee, Mississippi

4.1: Fieldwork

4.2: Photographs

[Digital Content: Digital Contact Sheet: Festival of American Folklife 1969, Series 4](#)

4.3: Audio, 1969

Evening concerts on the Festival's main stage were recorded on 4-track, 1/2 inch tape; selected daytime performances on smaller stages were also recorded.

FP-1969-10RR-0001: Afternoon rehearsal, Balfa Brothers, Mainer-Morris-Ledford band, Bois-Sec band, Aliquippa Tamburitians, 1969 July 3
1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.01

FP-1969-10RR-0002: Ralph Rinzler introduction; The Moving Star Hall Singers and children, The Balfa Brothers; Ardoin Family with Alphonse "Bois-sec" Ardoin and Canray Fontenot, 1969 July 3
1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.02

FP-1969-10RR-0003: The Louis Riendeau Family, Tex Logan and Don Stover, J.E. Mainer, Wade Mainer, Steve Ledford, The Morris Brothers, The Monroe Family (Bill, Charlie and Birch), 1969 July 3
1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.03

FP-1969-10RR-0004: The Monroe Family and Blue Grass Boys (Bill, Charlie and Birch), 1969 July 3
1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.04

FP-1969-10RR-0005: Norman Kennedy and the Milling Singers from Nova Scotia, Turkish dancers, 1969 July 3
1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.05

FP-1969-10RR-0006: Turkish dancers; The Jelly Roll Memorial Band, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.06

FP-1969-10RR-0007: The Rodriguez Brothers with Arsenio Rodriguez, The Moving Star Hall Singers, Bernice Johnson Reagon, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.07

FP-1969-10RR-0008: Moving Star Hall Singers, Elizabeth Cotten, Rev. William Carroll, Bernice Johnson Reagon, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.08

FP-1969-10RR-0009: Ardoin Family with Alphonse "Bois-sec" Ardoin and Canray Fontenot, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.09

FP-1969-10RR-0010: John Jackson, First Church of Christ Choir
FP-1969-10RR-0011 (69.101.11 Morning Gospel Concert: The First Church of Christ Choir, Jimmie Driftwood, Eva and Clarence Girvin, The Rodriguez Brothers (Father Jim Meyer- MC), 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.10

FP-1969-10RR-0011: First Church of Christ Choir; Jimmy Driftwood; Eva and Clarence Gurvin; Rodriguez Brothers, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.11

FP-1969-10RR-0012: The Rodriguez Brothers with Arsenio Rodriguez, The Moving Star Hall Singers, Ola Belle Reed and Alec Campbell, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.12

FP-1969-10RR-0013: Rev. William Carroll and Family, Seminole Indians,
Maybelle Carter, Merle Travis, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.13

FP-1969-10RR-0014: Kolo Club, Earl Hefler and Earl Hefler Jr., Bill Jackson,
Ola Belle Reed and Alec Campbell (chron. order should be between 69.101.18
and 69.01.19), 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.14

FP-1969-10RR-0015: Jimmie Driftwood, Mike Seeger, Maybelle Carter, Merle
Travis, Leslie Riddle, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.15

FP-1969-10RR-0016: Mike Seeger, Maybelle Carter, Merle Travis, Leslie
Riddle, Jimmie Driftwood, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.16

FP-1969-10RR-0017: comments on Pennsylvania folklore by Jim Morris, S.
Dillon Ripley and Governor Raymond Shafer, Vesey Ceilidh Band with John
Vesey, Clarence and Eva Girvin, the Spiritual Echoes, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.17

FP-1969-10RR-0018: Lumberjack display with Rudy Kocjancic; Ethel Raim
comments; Spiritual Echoes, Aliquippa Tamburitians, Kolo club, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.18

FP-1969-10RR-0019: Kolo Club (Croatian dances), Jimmie Driftwood, 1969
July 6

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/2 inch tape)

Listening copy available

Four-track

DPA number 69.101.19

FP-1969-7RR-0020: Grant Rogers, Sarah Ogan Gunning; Mike Seeger, 1969
July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.20

FP-1969-7RR-0021: Norman Kennedy, Milling singers, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.21

FP-1969-7RR-0022: Corn area: Mike Seeger- presenter; Sarah Ogan
Gunning, Ralph Rinzler, Mike Seeger, Alice Gerrard- presenters; Monroe
Family workshop (Bill Monroe, Birch Monroe, Charlie Monroe); Betty Mae
Jumper- presenter- Seminole Indian Corn Dance, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.22

FP-1969-7RR-0023: Corn area: Monroe Family workshop, Seminole Indian
dancers, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.23

FP-1969-7RR-0024: Corn area; Bill Monroe and the Blue Grass Boys, Tex
Logan and Don Stover, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.24

FP-1969-7RR-0025: Corn area: Chet Parker, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.25

FP-1969-7RR-0026: mono dub of 69.101.02: Ralph Rinzler introduction-
"Family" music; The Moving Star Hall Singers with Janie Hunter and children,
The Balfa Brothers; Ardoin Family with Alphonse "Bois-sec" Ardoin and
Canray Fontenot, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.26

FP-1969-7RR-0027: mono dub of 69.101.03: The Louis Riendeau Family, Tex
Logan and Don Stover; J.E. Mainer, Wade Mainer, and Steve Ledford with the
Morris Brothers; Willard Watson; The Monroe Family (Bill, Charlie and Birch),
1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.27

FP-1969-7RR-0028: mono dub of 69.101.04: The Monroe Family and Blue
Grass Boys (Bill, Charlie and Birch); Norman Kennedy and the Milling Singers
from Nova Scotia, Turkish dancers, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.28

FP-1969-7RR-0029: mono dub of 69.101.05 & .06 Turkish dancers; The Jelly
Roll Memorial Band, 1969 July 3

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.29

FP-1969-7RR-0030: Theater area: Turkish Music, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.30

FP-1969-7RR-0031: Theater area: Turkish Music (Tariti Bulat- MC), 1969 July
4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.31

FP-1969-7RR-0032: Theater area: Cajun Music: Ardoin Family with Alphonse
"Bois-sec" Ardoin and Canray Fontenot, The Balfa Brothers with Nathan
Abshire, Ralph Rinzler- MC, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.32

FP-1969-7RR-0033: Theater area: Cajun Music: Ardoin Family with Alphonse "Bois-sec" Ardoin and Canray Fontenot, The Balfa Brothers with Nathan Abshire- discussion of Cajun music, Ralph Rinzler- MC, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.33

FP-1969-7RR-0034: Theater area: Cajun Music: Ardoin Family with Alphonse "Bois-sec" Ardoin and Canray Fontenot, The Balfa Brothers, Nathan Abshire; Ralph Rinzler- MC, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.34

FP-1969-7RR-0035: Toby area: Jesse Fuller- one-man-band: music and interview, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.35

FP-1969-7RR-0036: Moving Star Hall Singers; Janie Hunter and the Georgia Sea Island Singers, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.36

FP-1969-7RR-0037: Toby area: Banjo workshop with Reed Martin, Dock Boggs, Willard Watson, Don Stover, Buell Kazee, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.37

FP-1969-7RR-0038: Jelly Roll Memorial Band with Danny Barker, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.38

FP-1969-7RR-0039: Corn area: Ballad workshop: Ellen Stekert- MC, Buell Kazee, George Tucker, Sarah Ogan Gunning, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.39

FP-1969-7RR-0040: Corn area: Ballad workshop: Buell Kazee, Sarah Ogan Gunning, George Tucker, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.40

FP-1969-7RR-0041: Corn area: Sarah Ogan Gunning, George Tucker, Turkish Band, Grant Rogers; Fiddler's Contest, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.41

FP-1969-7RR-0042: Corn area: Fiddler's Contest – Grant Rogers, Tex Logan, Don Stover, Fred Roe, Steve Emery, Blackie Morgan, J. E. Mainer, Wade Mainer, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.42

FP-1969-7RR-0043: Corn area: Fiddler's Contest – Jim Day, Wally Morris, Steve Ledford, Zeke Morris, Morris Brothers, Tony Alderman, Grant Rogers, Wade and J.E. Mainer, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.43

FP-1969-7RR-0044: Corn area: Grant Rogers, Jim Harris, Lamar Smith, Jim Day, The Balfa Brothers, Ardoin Family with Alphonse "Bois-sec" Ardoin and Canray Fontenot, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.44

FP-1969-7RR-0045: Ballads – Ellen Stekert, Grant Rogers, Jimmie Driftwood, Norman Kennedy, Sarah Ogan Gunning, Maybelle Carter, 1969 July 4

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.45

FP-1969-7RR-0046: Ballads- Norman Kennedy, Sarah Ogan Gunning, George Tucker, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.46

FP-1969-7RR-0047: Chet Parker, Howard Mitchell, Grant Rogers, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.47

FP-1969-7RR-0048: Chet Parker, Howard Mitchell, Grant Rogers, George Tucker, Buell Kazee, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.48

FP-1969-7RR-0049: The Rodriguez Brothers with Arsenio Rodriguez, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.49

FP-1969-7RR-0050: Kyle Creed, Otis Burris, Dock Boggs, Elizabeth Cotten, Dan Gellert, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.50

FP-1969-7RR-0051: Dan Gellert, Ola Belle Reed, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.51

FP-1969-7RR-0052: J. E. Mainer's Mountaineers; Wade Mainer and, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.52

FP-1969-7RR-0053: J. E. Mainer's Mountaineers, Seminole Indians (Betty Mae Jumper) corn dance, Moving Star Hall Singers; Guy Carawan- presenter, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.53

FP-1969-7RR-0054: Moving Star Hall Singers, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.54

FP-1969-10RR-0055: mono dub of 69.101.07 The Rodriguez Brothers with Arsenio Rodriguez, The Moving Star Hall Singers, Bernice Johnson Reagon, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (10 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

One or two track

DPA number 69.101.55

FP-1969-7RR-0056: mono dub of 69.101.08: Moving Star Hall Singers, Elizabeth Cotten, Rev. William Carroll, Bernice Johnson Reagon, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.56

FP-1969-7RR-0057: Rev. William Carroll; Jesse Fuller; mono dub of 69.101.09, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.57

FP-1969-7RR-0058: Ardoin Family with Alphonse "Bois-sec" Ardoin and Canray Fontenot (Bernice Johnson Reagon- presenter) (mono dub of 69.101.09), 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.58

FP-1969-7RR-0059: mono dub of 69.101.10 John Jackson, First Church of Christ Choir, 1969 July 5

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.59

FP-1969-7RR-0060: Jelly Roll Memorial Band with an interview by Richard Green with Danny Barker, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.60

FP-1969-7RR-0061: Jelly Roll Memorial Band, Bob Greene, Dick Allen-
presenter, John Jackson, Bill Jackson, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.61

FP-1969-7RR-0062: Songs of Coal Mining: Sarah Ogan Gunning, George
Tucker, Merle Travis, Dock Boggs, Maybelle Carter, Mike Seeger, (Archie
Green – presenter), 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.62

FP-1969-7RR-0063: cont. of 69.101.62 Songs of Coal Mining: (Archie Green-
presenter, Sarah Ogan Gunning, Maybelle Carter, Mike Seeger, George
Tucker, Merle Travis), 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.63

FP-1969-7RR-0064: cont. of 69.101.63 (Archie Green- presenter, Sarah Ogan
Gunning, Hazel Dickens, George Davis, Maybelle Carter), 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.64

FP-1969-7RR-0065: cont. of 69.101.64 (Maybelle Carter, Dock Boggs, Mike
Seeger, Merle Travis, Archie Green- presenter), 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.65

FP-1969-7RR-0066: mono dub of 69.101.11: Gospel Concert: The First
Church of Christ Choir (Atlanta, Georgia), Jimmie Driftwood, Eva and Clarence
Girvin, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.66

FP-1969-7RR-0067: mono dub of 69.101.12 The Rodriguez Brothers with Arsenio Rodriguez, The Moving Star Hall Singers, Ola Belle Reed and Alec Campbell, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.67

FP-1969-7RR-0068: mono dub of 69.101.13 Rev. William Carroll and Family, Seminole Indians, Maybelle Carter, Merle Travis, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.68

FP-1969-7RR-0069: mono dub of 69.101.17 comments on Pennsylvania folklore by Jim Morris, S. Dillon Ripley and Governor Raymond Shafer, Vesey Ceilidh Band with John Vesey, Clarence and Eva Girvin, the Spiritual Echoes, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.69

FP-1969-7RR-0070: mono dub of 69.101.18 Lumberjack display with Rudy Kocjancic; Ethel Raim comments; Spiritual Echoes, Aliquippa Tamburitians, Kolo club, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.70

FP-1969-7RR-0071: mono dub of 69.101.14: Kolo Club, Earl Hefler and Earl Hefler Jr.; Bill Jackson, Ola Belle Reed and Alec Campbell, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.71

FP-1969-7RR-0072: mono dub of 69.101.19 Kolo Club (Croatian dances), Jimmie Driftwood, 1969 July 6

1 Sound recording (7 inch reel, 1/4 inch tape)

Listening copy available

DPA number 69.101.72

4.4: Video

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Series 5: Toby Show

Introduction

When Neil Schaffner put on his bib overalls, red wig and silly hat, and painted on his huge freckles, clown mouth and peaked eyebrows, he became Tobias T. Tolliver of Hogscratch, Arkansas. Toby's antics delighted hundreds of thousands of Midwesterners for more than 40 years beginning in 1925. Actor Schaffner became Toby for more than 8,000 tent show performances throughout Iowa, Missouri and Illinois. Schaffner's wife, Caroline, played Susie B. Sharp, in pigtails with the same huge freckles, wearing a calico dress and a straw hat with a single blossom. Together, the Schaffners brought live theater to small-town audiences throughout the region.

Taking over the show in 1963 - and the role of Toby - was James V. "Jimmie" Davis, a veteran member of the Schaffner Players. His wife, Juanita, played the part of Susie from 1963 to 1979. The Davises were on the road for 15 weeks each summer with their young sons, Brant, Darren and Ryan. They also made yearly appearances at the Iowa State Fair. It was the Davises who brought the Toby Show to the National Mall in 1969 for the Festival of American Folklife, where they performed their tent show to Festival visitors each day.

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