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Collection Overview

Repository:	Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives and Collections
Title:	Robert Yellin photographs
Date:	1964-1966
Identifier:	CFCH.YELL
Creator:	Yellin, Bob (Photographer)
Extent:	1 Boxe (35mm negatives) 54 Photographic prints
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Ralph Rinzler Folklife Archives and Collections acquired the Robert Yellin photographs in the late 1960s.

Processing Information

The records were processed in 2008 by Meagan Hughes with additions by Stephanie Smith.

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Scope and Contents

Robert Yellin's fieldwork photographs document folk musicians and artisans. Yellin accompanied Ralph Rinzler on a number of fieldwork trips and provided the photographic record. The collection dates from 1964

to 1966. Photographic materials include 69 rolls of negatives, contact sheets made from the negatives, and 54 prints and features photographs of Doc Watson, Clarence Ashley, Clint Howard and Fred Price.

Arrangement

Each roll of negatives and their corresponding contact sheets in the Robert Yellin photographs has been assigned an accession number, and like materials have been put together. Each photographic print was given an accession number in numerical order based on the series number. Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Folk musicians

Types of Materials:

Contact sheets
Negatives
Photographic prints

Names:

Ashley, Clarence, 1895-1967
Howard, Clint, 1930-
Price, Fred, 1915-1987
Watson, Doc

Occupations:

Folk artists

Container Listing

Series 1: Spring 1964

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A01: African Americans, set in TN(?)

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A02: Murfreesboro, TN: basket and chair seat weaving, African American male fiddle player, stills of gravestones titled Monroe and Macon

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A03-1: African American male playing harmonica, guitar, other African Americans

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A03-2: African American male playing harmonica

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A04: African Americans with songbooks

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A05: White male quartet playing accordion, guitar, triangle and fiddle

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A06: African Americans

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A07: African American male playing guitar, white male playing fiddle, group of white male musicians playing guitar, banjo and fiddle

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A08: White male musicians playing accordion, guitar and fiddle

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A09: Marion, SC(?): men playing guitars, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A09-43: Ralph Rinzler interviewing African American guitarist

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A10: African Americans, man playing panflute

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A11: White men and women in congregation

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A12: African Americans, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A13-1: White male musicians playing guitar, fiddle, accordion and triangle, African American male playing guitar

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A13-2: White male musicians playing guitar, fiddle, accordion and triangle, African American male playing guitar

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A14: White male playing bowed gourd instrument, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A15: African Americans, Essie R. Grimsley Ashford Colored High School

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A16: African Americans, man playing panflute, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A17: White men, women and children in congregation

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A18: White men and women in congregation, white male musicians playing fiddle, triangle and accordion

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A19: White male musicians playing guitar, fiddle, accordion and triangle

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A20: African American males playing string bass, fiddle and jug

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A21: African Americans, boy dancing, man playing guitar, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A22: African Americans, man playing banjo, man playing fiddle, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A23: Evangeline Museum, LA, whites-only Laundromat, white male playing fiddle, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A24: African American men, man playing panflute, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A25-1: African Americans, man playing guitar, girl on pre-Romper Stompers, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-A25-2: African Americans, girl on pre-Romper Stompers, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B01: White men and women, men playing guitar and banjo, men and women dancing

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B02: White men and women, woman with spinning wheel, man and woman playing guitar

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B03: White men and women in congregation

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B04: White men and women in a store

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B05: African Americans, man playing panflute, man playing guitar sitting with Ralph Rinzler

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B06: White men and women dancing, men playing guitar and banjo

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B07: White men and women in congregation, outdoors

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B08: White men and women in congregation

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B09: White men and women in congregation

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B10: White men and women, female playing guitar,
landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B11: African American male playing panflute, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B12: Fairview Congregational Church, white men and
women in congregation with shapenote songbooks, car: Hackleburg, AL

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B13: White men and women in congregation

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B14: African Americans, man playing guitar

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B15-1: African American male playing panflute

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B15-2: African American male playing panflute

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B16: White male

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B17: White male behind bars, white male and female
musicians, crowds of people

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B18: Elderly white woman, white men and women,
bagpiper: Mt. View, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-B19: Elderly white woman, white men and women

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Series 2: Autumn 1966

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT03: Pottery, elderly white male with Ralph Rinzler, young girl, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT04: Elderly white man and woman with Ralph Rinzler, woman stitching, Ms. Isadore Williams at the Craftsmens' Fair (8A)

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT05: Pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT07: Young child, white male doing yardwork, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT08: Elderly white woman carding, Ralph Rinzler using spindle with elderly white male and female, landscape

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT09: Men hunting boar

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT10: Men butchering boar

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT11: Men butchering boar, pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT13: African American men and boys picking cotton

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT14: African American men picking cotton, native Coushatta woman weaving cane

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT15: Native Coushatta woman stripping cane

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT16: Native Coushatta women basket weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT17: Native Coushatta women and man sitting on porch

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT18: White male fiddler, white male musicians playing triangle, fiddle, guitar and accordion

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT19: White male musicians playing accordion, guitar and fiddle

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT21: Native Coushatta men, women and children

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT22: White men, women and children, Hotel Cazan, man outside clay oven

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT23: Man in headdress, white male musicians playing accordion and guitar

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT24: White male fiddle duo, man playing accordion

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT25: White male fiddler, fiddle duo

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT25-24: Man with fiddle

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT26: Accordionist, male fiddle duo, African American male making pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT27: African American male making pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT28-33: African American male making pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT28-37: African American male making pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT28-41: African American male making pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT29: Elderly white male and young girl, pottery, clay oven

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT29-18: Elderly white male at clay oven

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT29-21: Elderly white male at clay oven

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT29-26: Elderly white male and young girl

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT29-30: Elderly white male and young girl by wood pile

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT30: Man woodworking, furniture, baskets, Ralph Rinzler

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT30-03: Baskets and chairs

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT30-05: Cornelison Pottery shed

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT30-09: Pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT30-10: White male with pottery

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT30-35: White male woodworking

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT30-38: White male woodworking and child

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT30-43: White male woodworking and child

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT31: Ralph Rinzler with African American woman, basket weaving, white male musicians playing accordion, fiddle, triangle

FP-YELLIN-BWCO-CT31-05: African American female with Ralph Rinzler, basketry

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT31-09: African American female basket weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT31-10: African American female basket weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT31-11: African American female basket weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT31-13: Ralph Rinzler with African American females and child

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT31-19: Young African American female basket weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT31-21: Young African American female basket weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT32-38: White female weaving chair seat

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT32-43: White female weaving chair seat

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-03: Weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-04: Weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-05: Weaving

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-10: Ralph Rinzler with African American females

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-11: African American female holding woven baskets

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-16: Ralph Rinzler with African American female and child

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-18: Woven baskets

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-21: Ralph Rinzler with African American female

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-24: African American female

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-28: Ralph Rinzler with African American female

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-32: African American female

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-CT33-33: African American female

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Series 3: Clarence Ashley Collection

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-01: Clarence Ashley

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-02: Clarence Ashley

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-03: Clarence Ashley

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-04: Clarence Ashley

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-05: Clarence Ashley

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-06: L: Clarence Ashley, R: Fred Price

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-07: L: Fred Price, C: Clarence Ashley, R: Clint Howard

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-08: Clarence Ashley

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Ashley-09: L: Fred Price, C: Clarence Ashley, R: Clint Howard

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Howard-01: Clint Howard

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Howard-02: Clint Howard

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Howard-03: Clint Howard

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Price-01: Fred Price

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Price-02: Fred Price driving school bus

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Series 4: Doc Watson

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Watson-01: Doc Watson

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Watson-02: Doc Watson

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Watson-03: Doc Watson and unidentified male

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Watson-04: Doc Watson

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Series 5: Miscellaneous

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Landreneau: Cyprien Landreneau

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Unknown: Un-identified male using machinery

FP-YELLIN-BWPR-Post_Office: Post Office in Deep Gap, N.C.

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