



## Wilson Evans Collection (C4759)

**Collection Number:** C4759

**Collection Title:** Wilson Evans Collection

**Dates:** 1992-1994

**Creator:** Evans, Wilson, 1918-2007

**Abstract:** Audio recordings of banjo renditions of American folk and popular music by a Sikeston, MO, musician.

**Collection Size:** 30 audio cassettes

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [columbia@shsmo.org](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Wilson Evans on August 11, 2001 (Accession No. CA5904).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Wilson Evans Collection can be found in the following collections:

[\*Adolf E. and Rebecca Schroeder Folk Song and Folklore Collection\*, \(C3826\)](#)  
[\*University of Missouri-Columbia, Missouri Folk Arts Program Records\*, \(C4035\)](#)

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**Historical Note:**

Wilson Woodrow Evans was born March 14, 1918, in Piedmont, Missouri, to Martha Jane Gowen and James Evans. He earned a degree from Southeast Missouri University and taught elementary school in addition to being an avid banjo player. He married Mabel Darlene Johnson in 1947, by whom he had two children, James and Kevin. Evans died in Florissant, Missouri, on February 21, 2007.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This series consists of audio cassette recordings of Wilson Evans playing original songs and covers of folk and pop songs on 5-string banjo, 1992-1994. Recordings are instrumental only.

**Container List:**

a.c. 1	5 String Banjo, Fandango Tuning, January 12, 1992
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a.c. 14	Tape No. 156, Songs of the Ozarks, March 15, 1994
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a.c. 22	Tape No. 169, April 29, 1994

a.c. 23	Tape No. 170, April 30, 1994
a.c. 24	Tape No. 173, Blues and Ballads, May 7, 1994
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