



Wayne Bledsoe Papers (R1355)

Collection Number: R1355

Collection Title: Wayne Bledsoe Papers

Dates: 1972-2013

Creator: Bledsoe, Wayne

Abstract: The Wayne Bledsoe Papers contain materials related to Bledsoe's career in bluegrass. A noted host and program producer of Bluegrass for Saturday Night, KUMR. This collection includes bluegrass festival program booklets from Dixon, Missouri, and a DVD containing the KMST radio station 40th anniversary show introduced by Wayne Bledsoe.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
(1 folder, 1 DVD)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Wayne Bledsoe on September 15, 2016 (Accession No. RA1629).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Wayne Bledsoe Papers can be found in the following collections:

Mona Darlene Jones Papers (R1343)
Jimmie Allison Papers (R1444)

James W. Orchard Papers (R1351)

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Historical Note:

Wayne Bledsoe was born January 29, 1941, to John and Marion Bledsoe in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Bledsoe came to the Missouri S&T campus as an assistant history professor in 1968. He started volunteering at the radio station, then KUMR from the start. He took over the station's bluegrass program in 1979. He also published the *Bluegrass Now* magazine from 1990 to 2008.

Bill and Mona Jones established the Dixon Bluegrass Festival in 1969, after attending a Bill Monroe bluegrass festival in Bean Blossom, Indiana. The festivals ran every Memorial and Labor Day weekends from 1969 until 2008. Originally, the festival was held at the Fairview Community Center in Dixon, Missouri, but was eventually moved to the Dixon Music Park.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged in its original order by material type.

Scope and Content Note:

The Dixon Bluegrass Festival Bluegrass Pickin' Time program booklets contain booklets from the Labor Day weekend festivals from 1972-1975, 1977, and 1982. The booklets contain band information and photographs, a schedule of events for the festival, and local business advertisements.

The 40th Anniversary KMST DVD contains the history of KUMR which became KMST in 2007. The radio station is located in the Curtis Laws Wilson Library on University of Missouri Science and Technology. This includes information on general managers, employees, programming including the long running Bluegrass on Saturday Night. It was the first radio station in Missouri to broadcast a satellite signal.

Container List:

f. 1 Dixon Bluegrass Festival program booklets, 1972-1977, 1982
DVD 1 KMST 40th Anniversary, 2013

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image	Mediums
Bill Jones and the Bluegrass Travelers	1	Yes	
Bledsoe, Wayne, 1941-	1		DVD
Bluegrass festivals	1		
Bluegrass for Saturday Night			DVD
Bluegrass music	1		DVD
Devine, Bill			DVD

Index Term	Folder	Image	Mediums
Dixon (Mo.)	1		
Jim Orchard and the Ozark Bluegrass Boys (musical group)	1	Yes	
Jones, Bill, 1926-2008	1	Yes	
Jones, Mona Darlene, 1937	1	Yes	
KMST radio station			DVD
KUMR radio station			DVD
Morgan, Mike			DVD
Orchard, James W., 1936-	1		
Phelps County (Mo.)	1		DVD
Pulaski County (Mo.)	1		
Ray, Frank	1		
Rolla (Mo.)	1		DVD
The Bluegrass Ramblers	1		