



Christopher J. Lewandowski Papers (R1358)

Collection Number: R1358

Collection Title: Christopher J. Lewandowski Papers

Dates: 2003-2016

Creator: Lewandowski, Christopher J.

Abstract: This collection of bluegrass related materials includes souvenir programs, booklets, magazines, festival flyers, personal band posters, newspaper articles, band photographs, photo albums related to bluegrass performers.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic feet
(7 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Christopher J. Lewandowski on November 7, 2015 (Accession No. RA1632).

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Historical Note:

Christopher James 'C.J.' Lewandowski was born May 6, 1987, in Columbia, Missouri, to Jeffery K. and Michelle L. Lewandowski. C.J. started playing the fiddle in 2000, quickly adding the

mandolin. He then took up playing guitar in 2008 before returning to the mandolin when he began playing with Karl Shiflett.

Growing up in Jefferson County, Missouri, C.J. was influenced by a number of bluegrass singers including Udell Stout, Don Brown, Bill Monroe, Jim and Rich Orchard, James King, Jimmy Martin, and Frank Ray among several others. This influence led to his playing and singing with several groups and even starting his own band. C.J. has sung and played with several bluegrass groups including Blue Generation, Jim Orchard & The Ozark Bluegrass Boys, David Davis & The Warrior River Boys, The Men of the Week, The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show, The James King Band, and The Po' Ramblin' Boys. Most notably C.J. has played in venues across Missouri, the United States, Canada and in Europe. He also played at James King's last performance at the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America in Nashville, Tennessee in 2015.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by material type with photographs, newspaper articles, and flyers organized together.

Scope and Content:

The photograph albums contain images of Christopher Lewandowski performing with his band and other bluegrass players. The newspaper articles cover the different events and festival where Lewandowski performed. The flyers and music festival programs are from events Lewandowski attended and where he performed.

Container List:

f. 1	Photograph album, 2003-2005
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f. 7	Miscellaneous – Bluegrass, no date

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Orchard, Jim, 1936-	1, 6-7	Yes
Ray, Frank	1	Yes

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The Karl Shiflett & Big Company Show (Musical group)	3	Yes
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