



The Wittliff Collections

Guide to the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame Collection 1930-1999

Collection SWWC-045

Descriptive Summary

Creator:

Title: Guide to the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame Collection

Dates: 1930-1999

Abstract: The collection includes photographs, costumes, posters, awards, and clippings featuring Hall of Fame members.

Identification: SWWC-045

Extent: 8 Linear Feet, 7 boxes

Language: English

Repository: The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University

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Historical Notes

The Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame was founded in Austin by Al Dressen in 1988. Inductions have taken place at the annual Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame show, held in Austin during the years 1988-1993, and in San Marcos from 1994 to the present, on the third weekend in May. The Hall of Fame's first inductee was Bob Wills, leader of the legendary swing band, Bob Wills & his Texas Playboys. Other members include such artists as Hank Thompson, Laura Lee McBride, The Sons of the Pioneers, Floyd Tilman, Eldon Shamblin, Hoyle Nix, and Asleep at the Wheel. The Hall of Fame also publishes a newsletter, *Jamboree*, which keeps its membership informed of special events and features music reviews.

Scope and Contents

Photographs, costumes, posters, awards, clippings dating from 1930s-1990s and featuring members of the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame comprise the bulk of this collection. Items of note include Bob Wills' hat and a fiddle he reportedly played, and Laura Lee McBride's fringed leather costume.

Administrative Information

Physical Location

Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use:
<https://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu/research/makearesearchappointment.html>.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gifts of Al Dressen since 1991.

Preferred Citation

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Controlled Access Headings

- Country music
- Music -- Texas
- Musicians -- Texas
- Western swing (Music)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame

Box	Folder	
1	1	List of inductees
1	2	Newsletter

Series II: Hall of Fame Artists

1	3	General Publicity Photos, 1980, undated
		Al Dressen
		Tommy Duncan, Bob Wills, and Laura Lee McBride
		Bob Wills and Hoyle Nix
		Bob Wills and Laura Lee McBride
		Sons of the Pioneers
		Ted Daffan
		Texas Swing Pioneers (Johnny Gimble, Jerry Gimble, Smokey Montgomery, J.R. Chatwell), Fall 1980
		McKinney Sisters (Dean and Evelyn)
		Tiny Moore
		Billy Briggs
1	4	Jimmy Davis - Photo, bio, clippings
1	5	Light Crust Doughboys - Photographs and postcard
2		Light Crust Doughboys - Hall of Fame Induction Award, 1989
7		Light Crust Doughboys - Cotton shirts embroidered with band name (1 blue, 1 white)
1	6	Laura Lee McBride - Photograph
2		Laura Lee McBride - Hall of Fame Induction Award, 1989
7		Laura Lee McBride - Leather vest, skirt, and wrist cuffs
1	8	Hank Thompson - Photograph

3	5	Hank Thompson - Billboard Award, 1956
3	6	Hank Thompson - Cash Box Award, 1963
5		Hank Thompson - Cowboy Hat
1	9	Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Photographs
1	10	Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Radio interview with Johnny Gimble about Bob Wills' sideman Eldon Shamblin, National Public Radio, August, 12, 1998
2		Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Hall of Fame Induction Award, 1988
3	1	Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Poster signed by band, 1941
4		Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Fiddle reported to have been played by Wills
6		Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Cowboy hat worn by Wills
7		Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys - Blue Blazer worn by Wills