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## Susan and Geoff Eacker Collection, 1997

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### Summary:

Title: Susan and Geoff Eacker Collection

Span Dates: 1997

Creator: Louis A. Mobayed Photographs

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

Accession Number: 1997/12.0666

Date Completed: November, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 0.5 feet

Donor: Dr. Alan Gould

### Search Terms:

Women musicians

Appalachian music

Banjo playing

### Biographical Notes:

Susan and Geoff Eacker were Rockefeller Foundation resident fellows in the humanities at the Marshall University Center for the State of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA) in the fall of 1997. The result of this fellowship was the exhibit, “Banjo Women in West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky” featuring the Eacker’s recordings of interviews with women banjo players West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky. Dr. Eacker earned her Ph.D. in history from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. She also holds a B.A. and an M.A. in political science from Miami University. Dr. Eacker is an assistant professor of history at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky where she teaches southern women’s history and oral history. Mr. Eacker is the Director of the Art Center at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he teaches fine wood working. He also makes and plays the five string banjo.

The resulting paper created is hosted here:

<http://www.marshall.edu/csega/files/banjowomeninwestvirginiaandeasternkentucky.pdf>

### Scope and Content:

Susan and Geoff Eacker interviewed ten women banjo players throughout August to October 1997 in WV and eastern KY. Interviews include Kate Brett, Diane Jones, Jessica Bills, Lynne Davis (about Molly O’Day), Kim Johnson (including Wilson Douglas), Sylvia O’Brien, Helena Triplett, Pam Lund, Cari Norris, and Dora Mae Wagers. This collection includes ten cassette tapes with the interviews and ten folders of transcripts for each interview.

**Processing Notes:**

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<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
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**Box 1**

Note: Interview numbers correspond to folder numbers.

Cassette Box	Interviews 1-5
Cassette Box	Interviews 6-10
Folder 1	Kate Brett
Folder 2	Diane Jones
Folder 3	Jessica Bills
Folder 4	Lynne Davis (about Molly O'Day)
Folder 5	Kim Johnson, Wilson Douglas
Folder 6	Sylvia O'Brien
Folder 7	Helena Triplett
Folder 8	Pam Lund
Folder 9	Cari Norris
Folder 10	Dora Mae Wagers