THE CENTER FOR POPULAR MUSIC, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TN

DOUG SEROFF COUNTRY MUSIC COLLECTION

Creator:
Seroff, Doug

Type of Material:
Manuscript Materials, Photographs, Trade Catalogs, Serials

Physical Description:
1 linear foot of manuscript material, including 100 photographs and 12 fan club newsletters

Dates:
circa 1950-2010

Abstract (Descriptive Summary):
The collection consists of promotional materials and photographs of country, bluegrass, and western swing artists. Artists include Jimmy Dean, The Statler Brothers, Randy Wood, Lakeland Sisters, Sons of the Pioneers, Johnny Cash, Bob Wills, Leon Rausch, and A’nt Idy Harper, among others. Also included in the collection are correspondence and Chet Atkins Fan Club newsletters.

Access/Restrictions:
The collection is open for research use. All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Provenance and Acquisition Information:
Donated by Doug Seroff on March 7, 2011. Some of the material was acquired by the donor from the estate of Bob Pinson.

Subjects/Index Terms:
Country music.
Western swing (Music)
Atkins, Chet
Country music fan clubs
Pinson, Bob
Agency History/Biographical Sketch:
Doug Seroff, born February, 21st, 1947 in Newark, NJ, and currently residing in Greenbrier, TN, has been involved in recording, researching, and promoting African American vernacular music since the 1970s. He has written a number of books on the subject, as well as many liner notes for reissues of older music. Mr. Seroff has also been a consultant with television and radio documentaries about the gospel quartet tradition, as well as a promoter of gospel quartet performances.


Scope and Content:
This collection is comprised of one linear foot of materials. The majority of the materials relate to country, bluegrass, and western swing styles, circa 1950s-1990s. This collection includes twelve original copy issues of “Gallopin’ Guitar,” the Chet Atkins Fan Club newsletter.

Collection Contents (Box/Folder List):
Box #  Folder #  Description
Box 1   Folder 1  Various Promotional Materials  
        Folder 2  Western Swing  
        Folder 3  Small Print Photographs  
        Folder 4  Photographs from Bob Pinson  
        Folder 5  Correspondence (Bob Pinson)  
        Folder 6  Chet Atkins Fan Club newsletters (listed below)  

12 mimeographed editions of the Chet Atkins Fan Club newsletter circa 1950s.
F. Gallopin’ Guitar. February 1956, Issue No. 12. Letters from fan club president, and Chet Atkins. “Just Ask Me” featuring Chet Atkins, Arlie Duff, record reviews, West Coast news, short bio on Bennie Martin, etc. Photographs of Chet and
Leona Atkins, Doug Kirkum, Floyd Cramer, Harry Floyd, and others.


J. Chet Atkins Fan Club, April 6, 1953. Articles about fan club members and Chet Atkins


L. Chet Atkins Fan Club (No date. [1953-54]). Letter from president. News about Chet Atkins. Autobiographical article by Merle Travis, short obituary for Django Reinhardt, articles about Martha Carson, The Louvin Brothers, Faron Young, Noel Boggs etc.

**Materials Cataloged Separately:**
Per Center policy, certain formats are filed and cataloged separately for accessibility. Examples of these materials from this collection include 15 trade catalogs. [For a complete list of separated materials, please contact the archivist.]

**Arrangement:**
Original order of the materials has been maintained in so far as possible. In the case where there was no obvious order, the processor devised the basic organizational scheme for the collection, reorganizing the materials within component groups where necessary.

**Location:**
These materials are located in the manuscripts section of the archival stacks, filed chronologically by accession number.

**Related Materials:**
Other related materials in the Center collections include the Bill Harrison Collection (97-050), Lance LeRoy Collection (14-008), Jesse Austin Morris Collection (13-070), Doug Seroff African American Gospel Quartet Collection (10-026), Doug Seroff Black Gospel Disc Collection (89-009), Doug Seroff Collection of Negro Harmony Singing (89-031), Doug Seroff Film Collection (95-055), and Doug Seroff Master Tapes of Negro Quartet Singing (94-087).