

## Selected Oral Histories

*Transcripts available in the library*

Ellwood C. Hirzel  
VH 0009

Hirzel was interviewed February 9, 1995 on video under the auspices of the Nez Perce County Historical Society with funding from the Idaho Humanities Council. Hirzel speaks about his life during the Depression of the 1930s from being in a band to starting up a music business.

Daniel P. Fry  
OH 0105

This interview with Fry took place on March 27, 1973 under the auspices of the Idaho Bicentennial Commission and the Idaho State Historical Society. He talks about Basques in Idaho as well as violin construction.

Henry Ramsey  
OH 0133

Ramsey's interview talks about music in Idaho especially violin competitions and violin construction.

Hazel Weston  
OH 0995

Weston's interview covers Music Week in Boise, Idaho as well as other festivals in Boise.

Rosalie Sorrels  
OH1012

Sorrels' interview speaks about folk music history in Idaho and Idaho Public Broadcasting as well.



Both images from the Shorty Fuller collection, MS 511.

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## Music in Idaho:

A bibliography to material in the  
Public Archives and Research  
Library relating to Idaho Music



Shorty Fuller Photographs, which are now online at <http://idahohistory.cdmhost.com>, contain a variety of music related photographs from the 1930s and 1940s. The image above is from a Basque restaurant in Spanish Village, December 1937 and is photograph number MS 511 43a.

Within this brochure find more about the Public Archives and Research Library collections that concern music in Idaho. We have more than this brochure highlights, from cds to musical scores, so please ask if you don't see something you're looking for!

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## **Selected Manuscript Materials**

### *Finding aids available at the reference desk*

Civilian Conservation Corps Music  
MS 732

This collection originated from Walter Klein Hillmer (1912-2000) who collected music from the CCC 1935-1939.

Idaho Songs and music collection  
MS 537

Music, verse, and songbooks relating to the Idaho state song, and songs concerning places and people in Idaho. These span 1864-1976. Highlights include songs from Wallace, folksongs, and the songs of Evalena May Drew.

Emily Perry LaCharity's papers  
MS 2/0173

This collection has the words and musical score for LaCharity's "Golden Idaho : a Theme to Remember" (April 4, 1950) and other memorabilia.

Frank French Manuscript  
MS 2.02/01

Words and musical score to "Idaho" written by Frank French.

Vic and Dorine Goertzen Collection  
MS 744

Collections of centennial songs of Idaho and the Treasure Valley.

Music programs, 1884-1916  
MS 2/1460

This collection contains music programs from various places in Boise.

## **Selected Books**

### *Available in the library*

Music of the Nez Perce (sound recording)  
AUDIO CASSETTE 1

This 40 minute analog cassette contains music from the 1920s when 26 Nez Perce drummers and singers first gathered to perform traditional music of their tribe.

Guide to Basque Music  
ML 3560 .B37 G85 1995

Polly Bemis (Lalu Nathoy)  
By The Eclectic Company  
SpecColl 752.I2 1986

Polly Bemis inspired this band to record a children's record to teach about Bemis' life and times in Idaho. With a booklet. Request this item at the reference desk.

A Survey of musical activity in the mining camps of Idaho through June of 1865  
By Rob McIntyre  
ML 3780 .M25 1993

Early songs of Southern Idaho and the emigration trails : an interpretive book and CD of seventeen historically significant songs performed by Idaho musicians  
By P. Gary Eller  
ML 200.7 .I2 E45 2008

Way out in Idaho : a celebration of songs and stories  
Compiled by Rosalie Sorrels  
F746.6 W39

## **Photographs and Vertical Files**

### *Available in the library*

Many photographs can be found in the library. They are located on archival cards in grey filing cabinets. The public is free to browse these cabinets when we are open, and can place orders.

For music related photographs you may try the subject headings **Bands** and **Music**. These can be under a town name, or under the general subject heading.

The vertical files are clipping files and they contain newspaper articles and other ephemera ranging from performance invitations to music scores.

You can find the vertical file in the same area as the photographs. They are arranged in alphabetical order by subject in tan colored cabinets. The public is free to browse this material.

You may want to use the blue covered subject list, or browse under **Music** or the town name.

Please do not reshelve any of these materials. The staff will do so at the end of the day.

As always, feel free to ask the staff member at the reference desk for help locating any item you seek and we will be happy to help.