

YOUNG, HENRY 91-076  
JIMMIE RODGERS COLLECTION

**Physical description:**

.75 l.f. (in part copies) including  
2 audio tapes (TCA-0161 TTA-0161)  
3 video tapes (VCH-0161 VCT-0161A/B)

**Dates:**

1932-1992.

**Provenance:**

These papers and copies of the audio cassette tape (TCA-0161) and half-inch video tape (VCH-0161) were donated by Henry Young of Temple Texas. Working masters of the tapes (TTA-0161, VCT-1061A/B) were made by Center audio specialist Bruce Nemerov.

**Biographical sketch:**

Henry A Young, who collected and/or produced this material, was associated with radio station KCHJ, Delano CA, and later moved to Temple Texas. A life-long friend of Jim Evans, founder of the Jimmie Rodgers Memorial Association and author of several letters in the collection, Young succeeded Evans as president of the Association.

**Scope and content:**

The audio tape (TCA-0161, TTA-0161) includes Young's interview with Evans who describes founding the first Rodgers Fan Club in the 1940's, production of tape copies of Rodgers' discs which spurred Victor's Rodgers' reissues, a dub of a Rodgers' song, and information of foreign issues of Rodgers. Also included is an "The Story of Casey Jones," Young's interview with Simeon Webb, Jones' fireman.

The video tape (VCH-0161, VCT-0161A/B) includes a 1929 film by Rodgers "The Singing Brakeman" copied by Evans from an original lent by Mrs. Jimmie Rodgers ca. 1950; a syndicated television show "Eyes of Texas" about Rodgers; television footage of a 1953 Rodgers's festival, opening of the Rodgers' museum and issuance of a Rodgers' commemorative stamp and other events; and a documentary on Rodgers produced by Mississippi Educational Television Network.

Among the papers, which are arranged chronologically, are copies of a letter to Raymond Hall, a prisoner who wrote several songs recorded by Rodgers from Rodgers; letters, 1949, between Evans and Victor records representatives concerning Evans' illegal sale of Rodgers dubs; letters, 1970-1977; between Henry Young and postal officials, Congressmen and Senators, and others concerning the Rodgers's commemorative stamp; a 1979 letter to Rodgers' daughter Anita concerning her father's Masonic application on which he listed his birthplace as Geiger, Alabama; and other Rodgers related correspondence.

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**Location:**

These audio visual materials are filed first by format, then by tape number in the audio visual archives. The papers are filed by accession number with other manuscript groups.