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Cates, Steve Dixon, b. 1940 (FA 526)

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Steve Dixon Cates taught school in Rutherford County, Tennessee. In 1968 Cates met Sarah Gertrude Knott when he brought a group of students, the Kittrell 4-H Square Dancers, to perform at the 31st Annual National Folk Festival in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Cates corresponded regularly with Knott until her death in 1984. His small group of square dancers evolved into the Cripple Creek Cloggers, a group of teens and adults who traveled to perform at folk festivals around the world.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of correspondence, pamphlets, programs, newsletters, and other materials collected by Steve Dixon Cates relating to Sarah Gertrude Knott and the National Folk Festival Association (NFFA). Included is his correspondence with Knott and others about his involvement with a variety of folk festivals and program materials from several National Folk Festivals. Also included are letters relating to Sarah Gertrude Knott Day in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and Cates’s campaign to have Knott awarded a Presidential Medal of Freedom; issues of the National Folk Festival Association Newsletter and Tradition; and Cates’s eulogy from Knott’s funeral along with letters, articles, and papers relating to her death.

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| Folder 4 | Photos – Cates with Knott and others; Cates’ dancers performing in | 1970 | 4 items |
BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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      1 1/2 boxes. 16 folders. 421 items.
      Originals, photocopies, photographs, programs, and newsletters.
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