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Thumbpickers Hall of Fame - Muhlenberg County, Kentucky (FA 687)

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Descriptive Inventory

FA 687   THUMBPICKERS Hall of Fame – Muhlenberg County, Kentucky

2 boxes. 7 folders. 16 items. 1998-2006. Originals, photographs, slides, DVDs, cassette tapes, and video tapes.

SC2012.179.88

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection features information and documentation of the National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame, founded in the birthplace of thumbpicking, Muhlenberg County, Kentucky in 1998. Thumbpicking is a type of plectrum most commonly used for playing bluegrass style banjo and guitar music. Unlike flat guitar picks, which are held between the thumb and finger, thumbpicks clip onto or wrap around the end of the thumb.

The organizing committee consisted of thumbpickers Eddie Pennington, Rodney Kirtley, and Bobby Anderson. The purpose of the National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame (NTPHF) is to honor, preserve, and promote the art of thumbpicking and its heritage. Once a year, the NTPHF hosts a weekend of events celebrating thumbpicking beginning with a ceremony to honor various categories of living and deceased thumbpickers and supporters. The next day’s events begins with a thumbpicking contest and is concluded with an evening concert. The last day concludes with an open mic jam session at Paradise Park.

All photos are in digital format.

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BOX 2  THUMBPICKERS Hall of Fame  1998  2 items
Folder 1  First induction ceremony video tape  1998  1 item
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BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

FA  THUMBPICKERS Hall of Fame – 1998-2006
687  Muhlenberg County, Kentucky

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

Folk festivals – Muhlenberg County
Guitar – Methods
Rager, Mose, b.1911, d.1986 – Relating to Thumbpicking
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