

Bill Tuckness Reminisces

Music is an important part of the world and is no different in my family. I remember when I was a little guy going to the musicals at my uncle Clarence Metzger's house or uncle Sam's house with my parents and grandparents and listening to the beautiful fiddle music and watching Uncle Ike Henry and my Uncle Orland Brown fiddle. At that time I didn't realize I would be playing the same music as they had played someday as well as playing with some of them as I grew older. There were so many others that played with them such as my grandmother's first cousin Roy Lamien who played fiddle and was state champion Fiddle player in New Mexico as well as Tilmon Harlow, Wilford "Boots" Simpson, Bud Otto and so many others.

I am blessed to own a mandolin that was given to me by my Great Grandpa Tuckness who received the mandolin in 1909 when he was seven years. The family mandolin has been played by generations of my family and remains a valued treasure in the family to this day!