

African American Banjo and Fiddle on the Digital Library

This list started out as sourcing for my presentation at the Suwanee Banjo Camp in March 2012, but has been amended to be a good list of Black Banjo and Fiddle music available on the Digital Library of Appalachia and other good musical resources. Remember in Word you must also click the control/Ctrl key to get the links to work

The Digital Library of Appalachia (DLA) is the best single source of African American traditional banjo playing and contains photos, interviews, and music files that are free for download. The digital library also includes many other examples of traditional, old time revival, and bluegrass music from or recorded in Appalachia <http://dla.acaweb.org/>

The links below for fiddlers and banjoist contain one or two entries of other people talking about Black fiddling or banjo playing.

Black Fiddlers on the digital library

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=all&CISOBOX1=minorities&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP2=exact&CISOBOX2=fiddle&CISOFIELD2=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP3=any&CISOBOX3=&CISOFIELD3=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP4=none&CISOBOX4=&CISOFIELD4=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all&t=a>

Black Banjo on the digital library:

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=all&CISOBOX1=minorities&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP2=exact&CISOBOX2=banjo&CISOFIELD2=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP3=any&CISOBOX3=&CISOFIELD3=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP4=none&CISOBOX4=&CISOFIELD4=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all&t=a>

Black Banjo Songsters of North Carolina and Virginia, (BBSVNC) Smithsonian Folkways, SFW40079 produced by Cece Conway and Scott Odell contains the largest single CD concentration of African American old time banjo playing. Selections can be downloaded by MP3 as well.

<http://www.folkways.si.edu/albumdetails.aspx?itemid=2411>

Homer Walker on the DLA

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=all&CISOBOX1=&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP2=exact&CISOBOX2=%22Uncle%22%20Homer%20Walker&CISOFIELD2=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP3=any&CISOBOX3=&CISOFIELD3=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP4=none&CISOBOX4=&CISOFIELD4=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all&t=a>

Homer Walker's "Cripple Creek"

http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/Ferrum43&CISOPTR=114&CISOBOX=1&REC=9

Leonard & Naomi Bowles on the DLA

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=all&CISOBOX1=&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP2=exact&CISOBOX2=Leonard%20Bowles&CISOFIELD2=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP3=any&CISOBOX3=&CISOFIELD3=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP4=none&CISOBOX4=&CISOFIELD4=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all&t=a>

Leonard Bowles on frolics in his community <http://dla.acaweb.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/Ferrum43&CISOPTR=1117&filename=1118.mp3>

Naomi Bowles on the DLA

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/Ferrum43&CISOPTR=1119&filename=1120.mp3>

Leonard Bowles "Shortnin' Bread" is on *BBSVNC* and also on the DLA here <http://dla.acaweb.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/Ferrum43&CISOPTR=245&filename=246.mp3>. Unfortunately, it is misidentified as by Lewis Hairston

John Lawson Tyree On the DLA

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=any&CISOBOX1=%22Tyree%22&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all>

On dancing <http://dla.acaweb.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/Ferrum43&CISOPTR=62&filename=63.mp3>

Calling figures while playing the banjo. <http://dla.acaweb.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/Ferrum43&CISOPTR=77&filename=78.mp3>

"Hop'a light Lulu" <http://dla.acaweb.org/cgi-bin/showfile.exe?CISOROOT=/Ferrum43&CISOPTR=74&filename=75.mp3>

Rufus Kasey: Video of Rufus Kasey performing “Coo Coo” was supplied by Scott Odell. A similar version of Kasey’s Coo Coo is on *BBSVN*. He is also represented by interviews and music on the DLA here

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=any&CISOBOX1=Kasey&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all>

Lewis Hairston on the DLA

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=all&CISOBOX1=&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP2=exact&CISOBOX2=Lewis%20Hairston&CISOFIELD2=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP3=any&CISOBOX3=&CISOFIELD3=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOOP4=none&CISOBOX4=&CISOFIELD4=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all&t=a>

And Clarence Tross

<http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm4/results.php?CISOOP1=any&CISOBOX1=%22Clarence+Tross%22&CISOFIELD1=CISOSEARCHALL&CISOROOT=all&CISOSTART=1,21>