

Inventory Number: tta0182dd			Center for Popular Music – Audio Log
Media: Uncompressed Digital Audio – DVD			
Title: Ishmon Bracey			NOTES: Original recording on 5" reel of 1/4" tape left channel only by Gayle Dean Wardlow. Audio had severe dropouts all throughout.
Date: December 30–31, 1967			
Time:			Transferred to 10" reel of 1/4" tape – 2 track mono @ 7 1/2 ips by Bruce Nemerov. Audio digitization by Martin Fisher. Historical Consulting and description – Tyler DeWayne Moore.
Place: Hernando, Mississippi			
Bracey played with the McCoys, Tommy Johnson, Rubin Lacy and others.			
Time In	Track	Title/Description	Artist or Interviewee
File Name		cpm_94048_tta182dd_010101_pres_	
00.00.00	1	Audio letter to Steve Calt; Hayes McMullan was having a very hard time and wanted to move to Florida to pick citrus fruit; Wardlow paid Bracey two dollars for his interview; "44" Charlie Taylor ran Skip James off a piano one night, which led Skip James to H.C. Speir and his 1931 recordings; Tommy Johnson ruined three "messed up two or three waxes" for Art Liably, who would not record Johnson after that; Bracey met Jimmie Rodgers in front of the King Edwards hotel in Jackson, MS - Rodgers was impressed with "a colored yodel."	Gayle Wardlow
00.04.19	2	Wardlow asks about how Bracey came up with his songs; Wardlow plays TJ's Cool Drink of Water Blues and Bracey comments on his drinking, playing, etc; TJ came to Bracey and told him that he wanted to stop drinking, start preaching "like I was." Bracey and his wife cried after TJ left; Next news Bracey heard TJ was dead, "and [that] hurt [him] worse."	Ishmon Bracey
00.08.03	3	Wardlow asks about Rubin Lacy; Bracey first met Lacy at a frolic near Jackson, then they started playing together near Ludlow, MS; Bracey and Lacy played for a group of workers for \$10 a week;	Ishmon Bracey
00.09.49	4	Bracey lived on Earl St. early on in Jackson; Bracey told Wardlow that One Legged Sam could second anything you play; Bracey traveled all around MS; Bracey saw Willie Brown play guitar around Indianola with Patton, and he thought that Brown was a better guitar picker;	Ishmon Bracey
00.15.03	5	Geetchie Wiley lived on John Hart Street in Jackson, MS; Skip James played with Johnnie Temple many times back in the day; Wardlow plays William Harris records and compares him to TJ; Wardlow plays Wiley records; Wiley could play guitar and ukelele, but had a guitar player with her;	Ishmon Bracey

00.19.26	6	Bracey saw Memphis Minnie around Jackson with Joe McCoy; TJ used to visit Rolling Fork and Invernice in the Delta, working picking cotton; Bracey talks about seeing Patton play near Farish St. in Jackson; James Hardee could play a mandolin, violin, and guitar;	Ishmon Bracey
00.24.45	7	Wardlow plays RJ's Dead Shrimp Blues and Bracey swears there is two guitars on the record; Bracey remembers RJ; Wardlow plays Mississippi Bottom Blues by Kid Bailey, and Bracey remembers him playing with TJ one night; Wardlow plays Rowdy Blues by Kid Bailey, but Bracey says that the song came from TJ;	Ishmon Bracey
00.29.15	8	Bracey saw Kid Bailey and TJ play in Rankin County once; TJ says that Kid Bailey got that swing from him; Wardlow plays Bracey's records and asks about Doodleville Blues; Bracey tried to make his songs in different rhythms, "so that people weren't buying the same old tune." Lyrics to Doodleville - "Ain't no more whiskey, Mr. Bud done found my still. If I would have listened to my buddy, I would have hid it in Doodleville"; Everywhere place Bracey played both white and black people loved that song;	Ishmon Bracey
00.31.59	9	Bracey talks about Barefoot Bill walking around in the snow; Harmonica player, Bullett, was a big, "stout" man; Bracey and TJ were invited to play with Jimmie Rodgers and were paid whiskey and five dollars; Rodgers really liked TJ's yodeling; Bracey yodeled on <i>Woman Woman Blues</i> and <i>Trouble in Mind Blues</i> ; Bracey saw his and TJ's picture in the newspaper in Milwaukee;	Ishmon Bracey
00.36.39	10	Bracey talks about having to have a license to play music in Detroit, MI; Bracey discusses being the "first person to record the blues in MS"; Bracey was the superintendent for 14 churches; Bracey preaches some; Bracey was from around Byram;	Ishmon Bracey
00.42.16	11	Wardlow asks about the little pig; Bracey stole a pig when he was a young man and brought it home. His mother found out and made him take it back; When they got home, his mother tied his hands behind his back, blindfolded him, and beat him until he was bleeding; Bracey was sore for three days; Bracey also tried to steal some sugar and got the law called on him;	Ishmon Bracey

00.46.29	12	James Cole had a string band around Vicksburg and at the Red Wood Inn near Terry; Bracey saw Blind Joe in Jackson; Bracey says he is on his way to heaven; he is glad he changed his ways; Bracey was good at only three things: playing music, preaching, and decorating;	Ishmon Bracey
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