

Mp3 Sharp Canupp - Cotton Mill Town



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Award Winning CD Album contains 12 Original Nostalgic songs, complete with lyrics sheet, with a hint of country/blues/bluegrass written in tribute to a vanishing way of life and a special breed of people, that some consider the backbone of our country...The 12 MP3 Songs COUNTRY: Country Folk, COUNTRY: Country Rock Details: UPDATE!!!! SHARP CANUPP WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS PAUL GREEN MULTI-AWARD BY THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF HISTORIANS AT THEIR ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY HELD AT MOREHEAD CITY NC ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2006 FOR THE CD ALBUM "COTTON MILL TOWN" WHICH HE WROTE, PRODUCED, AND RECORDED.....Below is an auto-biography by the author.... I was born and raised in the small southern Cotton Mill Town of Cooleemee in the Piedmont section of North Carolina. My Great-Grandfather came to the Little Mill Village shortly after the mill and the village were built in the early 1900's. He came from Cabarrus Co. NC to work in the mill. My Grandfather also worked in the mill as a young boy barely in his teens. This is where he met my Grandmother as she had also went to work in the mill as a young girl. They married in 1912 and lived in the Little Mill Village until they decided to buy a house of their own in North Cooleemee. They were the parents of 8 children, and one of them came to be my Father. My Mother and Father both worked in the Cotton Mill, and my Dad had over 40 years in the mill when it closed in 1969... We lived in 4 different mill houses as a family and when the mill sold the houses in 1953 my parents bought one...Both sets of my Grandparents and several Aunts and Uncles and almost all of my other relatives worked in the mill including myself and 2 of my siblings at some time or another... Some of the fondest memories of my life were in this Little Mill Village as I grew into adulthood... It was an experience that only someone who had lived in the "family-type" environment of a Cotton Mill Town could relate to...I have tried to translate some of the best memories of my "mill family" childhood into words of song in creating this CD.....

PS...In the ending of the song # 2 "The Old Mill Whistle" you can hear my recreation of the old whistle as it sounded long ago.....In song # 6 "The Old Mill House" you can still hear the sounds of mill children as they sang and played from years past.....This CD is dedicated to my family and to all the Cotton Mill Villages and their towns-people of America..... Gerald L. "Sharp" Canupp

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