

Mp3 Uncle Charlie Osborne - The June Appal Recordings



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These recordings chronicle the songs and stories of master fiddler Uncle Charlie Osborne, bringing to life the music and culture of Appalachian Virginia as it sounded before radios, before recordings, and certainly before living memory. 32 MP3 Songs in this album (74:18) ! Related styles: FOLK: Appalachian Folk, FOLK: String Band People who are interested in Ralph Stanley Old Crow Medicine Show Bill Monroe should consider this download. Details: Charles Nelson Osborne was born at the end of the 19th century in Russell County, Virginia. Like many families in the area, the Osbornes made their living off the land. Musical instruments were hard to come by, but when Charlie was in his teens the left-hander disobeyed his father's orders, took the family's precious fiddle from its peg on the wall, turned it mirror-wise and began what was to become almost ninety years of fiddling. Uncle Charlie played with his brother and later his sons in the community and on the radio in southwest Virginia. In his later years he appeared frequently at music festivals and was a regular guest at the Carter Family Fold on the other side of Clinch Mountain. June Appal Recordings brought out Relics and Treasure in 1985 and One Hundred Years Farther On in 1990; the complete recordings from both albums are included on this release. Charlie passed away in 1992 at the age of 101. There are many reasons to enjoy Charlie's music. His repertoire includes a number of unusual pieces, and his bowing (he played left-handed on a right-handed fiddle) is vigorous and unique. These songs and stories are full of the joy that filled his life and that made him a pleasure to be with. Charlie was a good neighbor, and after hearing his music you'll feel like he was yours, too.

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