

ARTIST/INFORMANT DATA SHEET

NAME Wilbur Clarke Lee (goes by Clarke)

ORGANIZATION/GROUP NAME Hoboken sing

SEX M

ADDRESS AND PHONE [REDACTED]

COUNTY Brantley

BIRTHDATE 12-28-56

BIRTHPLACE Hoboken

CATEGORY OF ARTIST vocalist, song leader

GENRE/CATEGORY OF PRODUCT sacred harp, Primitive Baptist hymns

ETHNIC BACKGROUND Lees originally from France via England, to N. Carolina and then Okefenokee

TRADITION BASE

ETHNIC

URBAN

OTHER rural, regional

RELIGION x

OCCUPATION

PRIMARY LANGUAGE English

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION former Primitive Baptist

OCCUPATIONS carpenter; now building maintenance for Ware Co.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

FIELDWORKER: Laurie K. Sommers, S. Georgia Folklife Project

DATE: 2-15-97

LOCATION: home of David Lee

COMMENTS:

Traveled to the home of David Lee, Hoboken, GA where I spoke with David and his cousin Clarke Lee about sacred harp in the region. I recorded an interview with them in David's living room. Occasionally, Clarke's wife Julie and David's wife (Cathy) sat down on the couch behind me and made a few comments in response to the conversation. I had met the Lees at the sacred harp sing in Hoboken last month, where David was the song leader, assisted by Clarke. David is the designated talker of the two, and is very articulate, but Clarke chimes in when he has something to add. I had originally thought the two were brothers, but in fact are some sort of distant cousins (raised near one another and acting like brothers), with

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Last Name Lee First Name Wilbur Middle Name Clarke Sex F

Organization/Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address Box 3170 (Rtel)

City Hoboken State GA Zip 31542

County Brantley Phone (912) 458-2268

Birthdate Dec. 28, 1956 Deathdate \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace Hoboken

Category of Artist Sacred harp fiddle

Genres/Category of Product \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Background Lees are originally from France via England & Carolinas  
→ then to Okefenokee

Ethnic-based Tradition? No

Primary Language English

Religious Affiliation Former Primitive Baptist

Occupation Carpenter - now maintenance supervisor for Ware Co.  
bldg.

Fieldworker LK Summers

Date 2-15-97 Location David Lee home, Hoboken



FAD Accession #s \_\_\_\_\_ Museum Accession # \_\_\_\_\_

Participant? \_\_\_\_\_ Area \_\_\_\_\_

John Lee 1755-1840  
↓  
George Lee b. 1801-  
↓  
James b. 1829  
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John b. 1859 (first sacred harp singer)  
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Raymond b. 1877 + Walter  
b. on Gully's Island - moved off ca 1980