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## John Tefteller's World's Rarest Records

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Auction closes Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. PT

### The Pete Whelan World Class Collection of Pre-War Blues 78's! (Auction #2)

Peter Whelan was a friend of mine for over twenty years. He started collecting records in 1946 and was the founder of the **Origin Jazz Library** label in 1960 and of **78 Quarterly** in 1967—THE magazine for 78 collectors for 35 years!

Pete passed away in January at the age of 93. Last year, he offered to sell me his **World Class collection of Jazz and Blues 78's**. He stated his price, which would be the most I ever paid for a record collection, but I didn't hesitate to say YES!

It will take a few years and multiple auctions to find new homes for all of Mr. Whelan's records. Some of these gems are staying here, enhancing my already fantastic collection, but some of them are duplicates and/or records I'm not interested in.

Prices for World Class Blues 78's have been climbing steadily for the past 40+ years and recently have been rising VERY dramatically! This is your chance to obtain some legendary records from one of the world's BEST, and most IMPORTANT, collections

before their prices shoot up even higher! So bid competitively if you want to win and use my call back system for "must-have" items!

The Jazz records will be sold separately from the Blues collection. Please let me know if you want to receive the Jazz auction ads.

Thank you and  
GOOD LUCK to all!

John Tefteller



## THE KINGS OF PRE-WAR BLUES!



### ISHMAN BRACEY

1. Ishman Bracey — "Woman Woman Blues / Suit Case Full Of Blues"

PARAMOUNT 12970 • V+

Absolute MASTERPIECE and one of TWO KNOWN copies (plus a one-sided TEST). I have the other copy which is virtually the same condition. PETE WHELAN'S FAVORITE RECORD and until my collection is for sale, which is a LONG time from now, there will never be another one available for sale. MB \$10,000



### SAM COLLINS

2. Sam Collins — "The Jail House Blues / Riverside Blues"

BLACK PATTI 8025 • V

ONE OF TWO KNOWN on BLACK PATTI. Nice one with one inch hair crack.

The stuff that dreams are made of...

MB \$2,000



### SKIP JAMES

3. Skip James — "22-20 Blues / If You Haven't Any Hay Get On Down The Road"

PARAMOUNT 13066 • V+V-

Skip James Paramounts are virtually non-existent. This is the only one for which there are about five or so known copies and this one is "affordable"... at least when compared to the others. Four years later, in 1935, it was re-issued on CHAMPION and those show up once in a while. MB \$3,000



### SKIP JAMES

4. Skip James — "Hard Luck Child / 4 O'Clock Blues"

PARAMOUNT 13106 • V-

Basically a wall hanger with two long cracks and lots of wear. My personal copy is a bit better but has edge bites into the grooves. There are TWO other known copies—one damaged and one nice. This is the ONLY Skip James guitar record that is likely to be on the market for years to come. "Hang it on the wall," as Mr. Patton suggests! MB \$1,000



### OTTO VIRGIAL

5. Otto Virgial — "Got The Blues About Rome / Seven Year Itch"

BLUEBIRD 6279 • V

BLUES MASTERPIECE. About five known copies. If you don't know it, go listen to it on YouTube.

MB \$2,000



### UNCLE BUD WALKER

6. Uncle Bud Walker — "Stand Up Suitcase Blues / Look Here Mama Blues"

OKEH 8828 • E

WHAT A RECORD!!! Super obscure and around FIVE KNOWN COPIES!!! If you don't know it, go hear it on YouTube.

MB \$3,000





# The Princes of Pre-War Blues



**Sonny Boy Nelson**



**Papa Freddie Spruell**



60. Sonny Boy Nelson — “Pony Blues / Street Walkin’ ”  
**BLUEBIRD 6672 • E+**  
PATTON COVER . . . AND FABULOUS!!!  
MB \$2,000

70. Papa Freddie Spruell — “Milk Cow Blues / Muddy Water Blues”  
**OKEH 8422 • E+**  
FABULOUS!  
MB \$2,000

71. Papa Freddie Spruell — “Muddy Water Blues / Way Back Down Home”  
**OKEH 8422 • E**  
This was issued twice, with different B-sides and the same release number. Both issues are incredible! MB \$2,000



**George Torey**



**Sam Townsend**



**Rabbits Foot Williams**

80. George Torey — “Married Woman Blues / Lonesome Man Blues”  
**MELOTONE 7-08-57 • E**  
FANTASTIC RECORD!!!  
MB \$2,000

82. Sam Townsend — “I’m Missing That / Lily Campbell Blues”  
**COLUMBIA 14571 • E**  
MB \$2,000

93. Rabbits Foot Williams aka JAYBIRD COLEMAN — “Ah’m Sick An’ Tired Of Tellin’ You (To Wiggle That Thing) / Man Trouble Blues”  
**CHAMPION 15379 • E**  
MB \$2,000

- Bat “The Hummingbird” — “Humming Blues/ Slow Drag” **VARSITY 6068 E- MB \$25**
- Blind Blake — “Doggin’ Me Mama Blues/ Hot Potatoes” **PARAMOUNT 12673 V MB \$50**
- Blind Blake — “New Style Of Lovin’/ Rambling Mama Blues” **PARAMOUNT 12767 V- MB \$50**
- Blind Blake — “Too Tight Blues No. 2/ Georgia Bound” **PARAMOUNT 12824 G MB \$25**
- Blind Blake — “Diddie Wa Diddie No. 2/ Hard Pushin’ Papa” **PARAMOUNT 12994 V- MB \$25**
- Blind Blake — “What A Lonesome Place The Jailhouse Is/Ain’t Gonna Do That No More” **PARAMOUNT 13016 POOR MB \$25**
- Blue Boy aka TEDDY MOSS — “Dreamin’ Of Texas/Electric Chair” **VARSITY 6059 E MB \$50**
- Catherine Boswell “The Sunshine Girl” — “I Just Can’t Wait/I’ve Been A Fool About You” **GENNETT 6805 V+/E- RARE! MB \$100**
- Catherine Boswell (The Sunshine Girl) — “Do Something/I’m The Last Of The Red Hot Mama’s” **QRS 7074 V RARE!!! MB \$50**
- Charley Taylor And Ishman Bracey — “Where My Shoes At/Too Damp To Be Wet” **PARAMOUNT 12949 (SEE HIGHLIGHT ON NEXT PAGE)**
- Bessie Brown — “Can’t Help Lovin’ Dat Man/The Man I Love” **VOCALION 15686 V+ MB \$25**
- Dudley Brown aka TURNER PARRISH — “Wake Up In The Morning Blues/Western Traveler Blues” **SUPERTONE 9524 V- MB \$25**
- Smokehouse Charley — “All Alone Blues/ Rolling Mill Stomp” **CHAMPION 15903 V Small label tears, RARE MB \$100**
- Leroy Carr — “Six Cold Feet In The Ground/ Goin’ Back Home” **BLUEBIRD 5963 V+ MB \$25**
- Chicago Sanctified Singers — “I Ain’t No Stranger Now/Tell Me What Kind Of Man Jesus Was” **CONQUEROR 8876 V MB \$25**

- Walter Coleman — “I’m Going To Cincinnati/ Greyhound Blues” **DECCA 7168 V+ Great one! MB \$300**
- Kid Coley — “Tricks Ain’t Walkin’ No More/ Clair And Pearly Blue” **SUNRISE 3331 V+/V VERY RARE!!! SUNRISE was a shortlived subsidiary of VICTOR and this is the FIRST AND ONLY BLUES release on the label that I have ever seen. MB \$200 (See picture at top of previous page)**
- Sam Collins — “The Jail House Blues/ Riverside Blues” **GENNETT 6167 V+ Same as the BLACK PATTI but slightly more affordable on this label MB \$500 (See picture at top of previous page)**
- Sam Collins — “Midnight Special Blues/ Do That Thing” **GENNETT 6307 (SEE HIGHLIGHT ON NEXT PAGE)**



- Sam Collins — “It Won’t Be Long/ Hesitation Blues” **GENNETT 6379 V+ MB \$500**
- Ann Cook — “He’s The Sweetest Black Man In Town/Mama Cookie” **VICTOR 20579 V TOUGH MB \$25**
- Robert Cooper/Joe Pullum — “West Dallas Drag No. 2/Black Gal No. 4” **BLUEBIRD 5947 V/V- MB \$25**

- Ben Curry — “Boodle De Bum Bum/Fat Mouth Blues” **PARAMOUNT 13118 POOR** One of three known copies and they are all wrecked. **MB \$25**
- Hokum Boys And Jane Lucas — “That’s The Way She Likes It/Ain’t Going There No More” **CHAMPION 15193 POOR ONLY KNOWN COPY??? MB \$25**
- Famous Hokum Boys — “Papa’s Getting Hot/Somebody’s Been Using That Thing” **PERFECT 150 V MB \$25**
- Famous Hokum Boys — “Nancy Jane/ Do That Thing” **PERFECT 155 V+ MB \$100 (See picture at top of next page)**



- Famous Hokum Boys — “Black Cat Rag/ Saturday Night Rub” **ROMEO 5012 E- MB \$300**
- Famous Hokum Boys — “Somebody’s Been Using That Thing/Eagle Riding Papa” **HOMESTEAD 16099 V Rare label MB \$25**
- Famous Hokum Boys — “Papa’s Getting Hot/ That’s The Way She Likes It” **HOMESTEAD 23009 V+ MB \$50**

For Great Blues Products:  
[www.BluesImages.com](http://www.BluesImages.com)



- Jim Foster aka SAM COLLINS — “Hesitation Blues/Devil In The Lions Den” **SUPERIOR 350 V With one inch hair crack MB \$300**
- Rudy Foster — “Black Gal Makes Thunder/ Corn Trimmer Blues” **PARAMOUNT 12981 (SEE HIGHLIGHT ON NEXT PAGE)**



- Rev. H. C. Gatewood And The Faithful Worshippers — “The Well Of Salvation/ Regeneration” **MERITT 2204 V- RARE!!! MB \$100**





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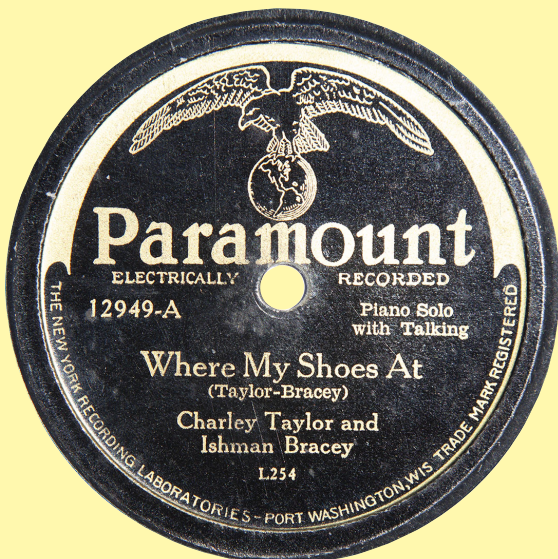
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## Charley Taylor And Ishman Bracey

16. Charley Taylor And Ishman Bracey —  
"Where My Shoes At / Too Damp To Be Wet"  
**PARAMOUNT 12949 • E+/E**  
The "affordable" Bracey on Paramount... more of a novelty record than straight Blues—but still scarce and still an original Bracey Paramount!  
**MB \$1,000**



## Sam Collins

25. Sam Collins —  
"Midnight Special Blues / Do That Thing"  
**GENNETT 6307 • V+**  
MASTERPIECE... and this is the VERY FIRST VERSION OF "MIDNIGHT SPECIAL" — WAY BEFORE LEAD BELLY!!!  
**MB \$1,000**



## Rudy Foster

37. Rudy Foster — "Black Gal Makes Thunder / Corn Trimmer Blues"  
**PARAMOUNT 12981 • V-**  
ONE OF TWO KNOWN COPIES and both are worn. This has been hailed as one of the greatest PIANO Blues records of all time!!!  
INSANELY RARE AND GREAT! **MB \$1,000**

39. Georgia Pine Boy — "Look Who's Coming Down The Road/The World Is A Hard Place To Live" **DECCA 7828**  
*(SEE INSERT BELOW)*

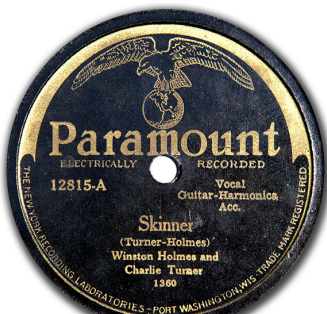


40. Georgia Sacred Singers — "When The Moon Goes Down/Moanin' In The Land Will Soon Be Over" **BROADWAY 5049 E-** MB \$200  
41. Jazz Gillum — "No Friend Blues/From Now On" **BLUEBIRD 9034 E** MB \$50  
42. Chippie Hill — "Pratt City Blues/I Ain't Gonna Do It No More" **VOCALION 1406 V** RARE MB \$100  
43. The Hokum Boys — "I Had To Give Up Gym/Pat-A-Foot Blues" **PARAMOUNT 12746 G** MB \$25



44. Charlie Turner And Winston Holmes —  
"The Death Of Holmes' Mule Part 1/Part 2"  
**PARAMOUNT 12793 V+** MB \$300

Bids accepted via:  
phone • fax • email • snail mail



45. Winston Holmes And Charlie Turner —  
"Skinner/Kansas City Dog Walk"  
**PARAMOUNT 12815 E** MB \$500



46. Bert Howell — "You're Driving Me Crazy/I'll Be Smiling When You're Near Me"  
**PARAMOUNT 13063 V+** With edge chip but not into grooves, VOCAL WITH UKELELE—VERY RARE 13000 PARAMOUNT  
MB \$300  
47. Bessie Jackson aka LUCILLE BOGAN —  
"I Hate That Train Called The M And O/Changed Ways" **MELOPHONE 6-02-64 V+**  
Edge chip but not into grooves MB \$100  
48. Bessie Jackson aka LUCILLE BOGAN —  
"Walkin' Blues/Forty-Two Hundred Blues"  
**PERFECT 0289 V+** MB \$100  
49. Papa Charlie Jackson — "Shake That Thing/The Faking Blues" **PARAMOUNT 12281 V+**  
MB \$100  
50. George Jefferson aka LONNIE JOHNSON —  
"Why Should I Grieve After You're Gone/It's Hot, Let It Alone" **GENNETT 6423 V**  
Small edge crack MB \$50

51. Lonnie Johnson & Violet Green — "You Had Too Much/Don't Wear It Out" **OKEH 8839 V**  
Damaged labels on both sides, mostly still legible MB \$20



52. Slim Johnson (The Blues Crooner)/Sidney Williams — "If Mama Has Outside Lovin' (Papa Has Outside Lovin' Too)/Mississippi Shivers" **GENNETT 2020 V+** Rare! MB \$300  
53. Arthur McClain/Joe Evans — "My Baby Got A Yo-Yo/Mill Man Blues" **PERFECT 183 V-**  
Very rare!!! MB \$50  
54. Memphis Minnie — "I'm Not A Bad Girl/It Was You Baby" **OKEH 06624 E-** MB \$25  
55. The Mississippi Mudder (Mud Dauber Joe) —  
"I Got To Have A Little More/Someday I'll Be In The Clay" **DECCA 7008 V+** aka KANSAS JOE MCCOY and MR. MEMPHIS MINNIE MB \$100  
56. Mississippi Mud Steppers — "Jackson Stomp/Alma Waltz" **OKEH 45504 POOR** MB \$20  
57. (Red Hot) Old Mose — Moses Mason —  
"Molly Man/Shrimp Man" **PARAMOUNT 12605**  
*(SEE INSERT BELOW)*  
58. Romeo Nelson — "Gettin' Dirty Just Shakin' That Thing/Head Rag Hop" **VOCALION 1447 V+** MB \$200  
59. Rev. Sister Mary Nelson — "The Royal Telephone/Judgment" **VOCALION 1109 V-** MB \$20  
60. Sonny Boy Nelson — "Pony Blues/Street Walkin'" **BLUEBIRD 6672** *(SEE "PRINCES" HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 2)*  
61. Norfolk Jubilee Quartette — "There Will Be Glory/I'm Gonna Open My Mouth To The Lord" **PARAMOUNT 12957 POOR RARE** GOSPEL MB \$20  
62. Norfolk Jubilee Quartet — "I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say/I'm Pressing On To That City" **PARAMOUNT 12993 V+** VERY SCARCE MB \$75

63. Norfolk Jubilee Quartet — "I Want To Cross Over To See My Lord/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" **PARAMOUNT 13145** *(SEE INSERT ON NEXT PAGE)*

64. Old Ced Odom And Lil "Diamonds" Hardaway — "It's Your Yas Yas/Break 'Er Down" **DECCA 7247 E-** MB \$50



65. Willie Reed — "Dreaming Blues/Texas Blues" **COLUMBIA 14407 E+** GREAT ONE MB \$500



66. "Mooch" Richardson — "Mooch" Richardson's Low Down Barrel House Blues Part 1/T And T Blues" **OKEH 8554 E/E+** MB \$500  
67. May Rogers — "Road House Blues/Beating Blues" **CHAMPION 15590 POOR** RARE MB \$20  
68. Walter Roland — "Schoolboy Blues/Screw Worm" **PERFECT 0322 E-** MB \$200 *(See picture at top of page)*  
69. Silver Leaf Quartette Of Norfolk — "Sleep On, Mother/Our Father" **OKEH 8644 V+** MB \$25

39. Georgia Pine Boy —  
"Look Who's Coming Down The Road / The World Is A Hard Place To Live"  
**DECCA 7828 • E**  
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING RECORD!!! A direct copy of Tommy Johnson's "Maggie Campbell Blues" by Kansas Joe McCoy.  
**MB \$500**



57. (Red Hot) Old Mose —  
Moses Mason —  
"Molly Man / Shrimp Man"  
**PARAMOUNT 12605 • E+**  
Moses did mostly Gospel but this is his one Blues record and it's a real throwback to the 1800's style Blues — Nice one!  
**MB \$800**







## Tarter And Gay

73. Tarter And Gay — “Brownie Blues / Unknown Blues”  
**VICTOR 38017 • E-**  
MASTERPIECE  
MB \$1,000



## George “Bullet” Williams

89. George “Bullet” Williams —  
“Frisco Leaving Birmingham / The Escaped Convict”  
**PARAMOUNT 12651 • V+**  
MB \$1,000



90. George “Bullet” Williams —  
“Middlin Blues / Touch Me Light Mama”  
**BRUNSWICK 12680 • V+**  
MB \$1,000

70. Papa Freddie Spruell — “Milk Cow Blues/ Muddy Water Blues” OKEH 8422 (SEE “PRINCES” HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 2)  
71. Papa Freddie Spruell — “Muddy Water Blues/Way Back Down Home” OKEH 8422 (SEE “PRINCES” HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 2)



72. Mobile Strugglers — “Fattenin' Frogs/ Memphis Blues” AMERICAN MUSIC 104 E-  
Probably the greatest “throwback” record ever!!!  
Recorded and released in 1949—this sounds exactly like 1929!!! FABULOUS RECORD  
MB \$100  
73. Tarter And Gay — “Brownie Blues/Unknown Blues” VICTOR 38017 (SEE HIGHLIGHT ABOVE)



74. T. C. I. Section Crew — “Track Linin/Section Gang Song” PARAMOUNT 12478 V+ MB \$300  
75. Johnnie (Geechie) Temple — “The Evil Devil Blues/Jacksonville Blues” VOCALION 02987 (SEE INSERT BELOW)



76. F. T. Thomas — “Street Walkin' Blues/ Moanin' Piano Blues” GENNETT 6963 E-  
RARE MB \$300

Auctions are online: [tefteller.com](http://tefteller.com)



77. George Thomas — “Fast Stuff Blues/ Don't Kill Him In Here” PARAMOUNT 12826 E MB \$500  
78. Henry Thomas — “Bull Doze Blues/ Old Country Stomp” VOCALION 1230  
POOR BASICALLY A WALL HANGER  
MB \$100



79. Washington Thomas — “Time Enough/ My Senorita” CHAMPION 15489 E- RARE  
MB \$300  
80. George Torey — “Married Woman Blues/ Lonesome Man Blues” MELOTONE 7-08-57 (SEE “PRINCES” HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 2)



81. Henry Townsend — “Henry's Worry Blues/ Long Ago Blues” COLUMBIA 14529 E MB \$800  
82. Sam Townsend — “I'm Missing That/Lily Campbell Blues” COLUMBIA 14571 E MB \$2,000 (SEE “PRINCES” HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 2)  
83. George H. Tremmer — “Spirit Of '49 Rag/ Some Of These Days” GENNETT 6242 V+ MB \$100  
84. Tub Jug Washboard Band — “Tub-Jug Rag/ San” PARAMOUNT 12671 V+ MB \$100



85. Walter Vincent/Charlie McCoy — “Overtime Blues/Last Time Blues” BRUNSWICK 7141 E+ MB \$500



86. Walter And Byrd/Rev. Emmet Dickenson — “Wasn't It Sad About Lemon/The Death Of Blind Lemon” PARAMOUNT 12945 V MB \$100  
87. Ethel Waters — “Some Of These Days/ Someday Sweetheart” COLUMBIA 14264 E+ MB \$50



88. Ellis Williams — “Buttermilk Blues/Smokey Blues” COLUMBIA 14482 E MB \$300  
89. George “Bullet” Williams — “Frisco Leaving Birmingham/The Escaped Convict” PARAMOUNT 12651 (SEE HIGHLIGHT ABOVE)  
90. George “Bullet” Williams — “Middlin Blues/Touch Me Light Mama” BRUNSWICK 12680 (SEE HIGHLIGHT ABOVE)

## Next Month's Auction

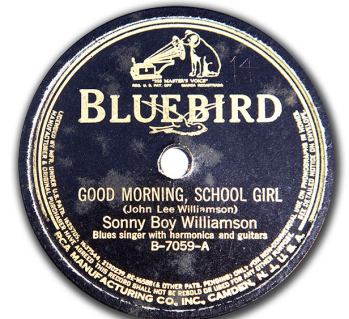
1950's to Early 1970's Classic and Obscure  
Rock & Roll 45's



91. Rabbits Foot Williams aka JAYBIRD COLEMAN — “Boll Weevil/You Heard Me Whistle” Black Patti 8055 POOR WALL HANGER with faded labels—Only known copy??? MB \$500



92. Rabbits Foot Williams aka JAYBIRD COLEMAN — “Trunk Busted—Suitcase Full Of Holes/ Mill Log Blues” CHAMPION 15339 V MB \$500  
93. Rabbits Foot Williams aka JAYBIRD COLEMAN — “Ah'm Sick An' Tired Of Tellin' You (To Wiggle That Thing)/Man Trouble Blues” CHAMPION 15379 (SEE “PRINCES” HIGHLIGHTS ON PAGE 2)  
94. Rabbits Foot Williams/Jim Foster — “I'm Gonna Cross That River Of Jordan Some O' These Days/I Want To Be Like Jesus In My Heart” SILVERTONE 6172 V Williams is JAYBIRD COLEMAN and Jim Foster is SAM COLLINS—Masterpiece!! MB \$100



95. Sonny Boy Williamson — “Good Morning, School Girl/Sugar Mama Blues” BLUEBIRD 7059 E MB \$300  
96. Chicken Wilson And Skeeter Hinton — “Myrtle Avenue Stomp/D.C. Rag” Q. R. S. 7051 V+ MB \$75  
97. Lena Wilson — “My Man O' War/What's Your Price” COLUMBIA 14618 V+ MB \$75

63. Norfolk Jubilee Quartet —  
“I Want To Cross Over To See My Lord / Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”  
**PARAMOUNT 13145 • E+**  
Gorgeous Store Stock New copy of one of the VERY LAST PARAMOUNT RECORDS ISSUED—  
REALLY RARE!!!  
MB \$1,000



75. Johnnie (Geechie) Temple —  
“The Evil Devil Blues / Jacksonville Blues”  
**VOCALION 02987 E-/V+**  
HAUNTING VERSION OF SKIP JAMES CLASSIC  
“DEVIL GOT MY WOMAN”  
from Temple who learned the song from Skip—  
Rare and Fantastic!  
MB \$500

