

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

MAIN ENTRY: Curtis, Sonny

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: Curtis discusses his musical background from a young age. Later he discusses his time with Buddy Holly and The Crickets as well as his solo work in Nashville as a songwriter. Furthermore, Curtis discusses his five year work in L.A. writing jingles.

ABSTRACT:

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TIME STAMP

Part 1

Growing up with music	00:00:01
Aunt's influence, teaching how to play guitar	
Mayfield Brothers as role models	
Grand Ole Opry radio show	
Bill Monroe & the Bluegrass Boys	
Fourth grade assembly performance	
Learning songs of the day	
The Pickering Family, Sonny Stuart	
Learning to play thumb pick style	

Part 2

Performing & becoming The Crickets	00:00:01
Solo & group work	
Lion's Club	

Gigs with Buddy Holly, Bob Montgomery, Olan Finley	
Burney Howl Show	
Bluegrass, Country	
Elvis Presley and Rock 'n' roll	
The Clover Club in Amarillo	
South Plains Fair Lubbock	
Jerry I. Allison hired as drummer	
Joe B. Maudlin	
Writing songs	00:19:00
Leaving The Crickets	
Opening for Hank Snow	
Nesmond studios with Weldon Myrick	
Webb Pierce recorded 'Someday'	
Gig in Tatum with Jimmy & Johnny (Wayne Walker), Tillman Franks	
Nashville	00:32:00
Road show	
Roger Miller	
Wayne Walker	
Wesley Rose & record deal opportunity	
Denying writers deal	
Part3	
Travels with music	00:00:01
Colorado Springs	
California	
New York record deal	
The Crickets split up	
Curtis joins The Crickets, move to Los Angeles	
Drafted travels	
Music Jingles in L.A.	00:05:00
Olympia Beer	
Don Pastor, jingle writer	
McDonalds	
Jingles vs. songs	
Move to Nashville	
Life experience impacting music	00:20:00
Nashville, L.A.	
Working with Don Pastor	
Experiences with Buddy Holly, The Crickets, Everly Brothers	

DATE OF BIRTH OF INFORMANT: 1937

GENDER OF INFORMANT: Male

ETHNICITY OF INFORMANT: