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Summary information

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| Repository: | Irish Traditional Music Archive |
| Title: | Tom Davis Collection |
| Reference code: | TDA-258348 |
| Date: | 1950s-2010s (date of creation) |
| Physical description: | 21 boxes |
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Tom Davis was a familiar figure at Irish music events for over 50 years since the 1960s, recording music, song and conversation at fleadh, concerts and private houses. His recording equipment was high quality and over these years he amassed thousands of tapes featuring both well-known figures and lesser known musicians and singers.

Scope and content

Sound recordings, non-commercial video and ephemera, 1960s–2010s

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Eleanor Davis

Conditions governing use

In copyright

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Institution identifier:** IE ITMA

Access points

- Ireland: Instrumental Music (subject)
- Ireland: Singing in English (subject)
- Ireland: Singing in Irish (subject)

Series descriptions

Series TDA-258348/1: Audio Material

Date: 1950s-2010s (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Audio recordings made by Tom Davis during his lifetime at Irish music events.

Physical description: 21 boxes

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Physical description |
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| TDA-258348/1/27761 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 1 [sound recording] / [various performers] <i>Scope and content:</i> Recordings made in Slattery's Tradition Club, Capel Street, Dublin, 1974 Runing order:00:02:24 - 00:05:40 Old grey goose, jig / Seán Keane, fiddle00:05:44 - 00:08:44 The new mown meadow, reel ; Colnel Frazier, reel / Seán Keane, fiddle00:30:11 - 00:33:18 Na Connery's, slow air / Peter Browne, uilleann pipes00:35:45 - 00:43:33 An gabha ceartan, song ; Liam Ó Raghallaigh, song / Darach Ó Catháin, singing in Irish00:46:10 - 00:49:15 Morning dew, reel ; Woman of the house, reel ; Bird in the bush, reel / Seán Keane, fiddleRecordings made in the Majestic Hotel, [Tramore, Co. Waterford], 1970sDarach Ó Catháin, singing in IrishSeán Keane, fiddleMáire Áine Ní Dhonnchadha, singing in Irish | 1974 | 1 sound tape reel (51 min., 40 sec.) : analog |
| TDA-258348/1/27783 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 4 [sound recording] / [various performers] | 1973 | 1 sound tape reel (43 min., 29 sec.) : analog |

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| | <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Recordings made most likely at the first Willie Clancy Summer School, Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare, 197300:00: - 00:01:28 Unidentified, jig / Unidentified, lilter00:01:29 - 00:04:52 Unidentified, jig ; liltering ; speech / Unidentified, lilter, speech in English ; Ciarán Mac Mathúna, speech in English00:04:52 - 00:06:06 The Dublin, reel / Elizabeth Crotty, concertina00:06:08 - 00:08:20 Droigneann donn, song / Elizabeth Crotty, singing in English ; Ciarán Mac Mathúna, speech in English00:08:28 - 00:10:29 Relic of ol' decency, reel / Paddy Breen, flute, Seán Cleary, flute ; Jack Russell, concertina ; Katie Halpin, liltering, speech in English; Ciarán Mac Mathúna, speech in English00:10:30 - 00:11:21 Colonel Frasier, reel / Willie Clancy, uilleann pipes00:11:23 - 00:12:51 The Dublin, reel ; The steampacket, reel / [Peadar O'Loughlin], Flute ; [Aggie Whyte], fiddle ; unidentified, piano00:13:00 - 00:14:49 Unidentified, song / unidentified, singing in Irish ; Ciarán Mac Mathúna, speech in English00:14:50 - 00:17:05 The morning dew, reel ; The Liffey banks, reel / Unidentified, fiddle ; Unidentified, tin whistle00:17:07 - 00:14:49 Martin Talty and Brendan Mahony interviewed by Séamus Mac Mathúna recounting teenage years with Willie Clancy starting the pipes and being criticised by his father Gilbert about certain notes. Also recounting Willie, Martin and Brendan Mahony shooting rabbits / Martin Talty, speech in English ; Brendan Mahony, speech in English ; Séamus Mac Mathúna, speech in English00:24:42 - 00:26:38 The wheels of the world, reel / Bobby Casey, fiddle00:26:39 - 00:30:07 Pól hal'penny, hornpipe ; Murphy's, hornpipe / Bobby Casey, fiddle00:30:09 - 00:32:24 Unidentified, reel ; Seán Frank, reel / Bobby Casey, fiddle00:32:29 - 00:34:23 Paddy Ryan's dream, reel / Bobby Casey, fiddle00:34:28 - 00:36:35 The college groves, reel / Bobby Casey, fiddle00:36:35 - 00:39:55 Rakish Paddy, reel [4 part] ; The girl that broke my heart, reel / Bobby Casey, fiddle00:39:58 - 00:43:29 Introduction to Willie Clancy playing pipes ; The copper plate, reel ; Rakish Paddy, reel / Ciarán Mac Mathúna, speech in English ; Willie Clancy, uilleann pipes</p> | | |
| TDA-258348/1/27784 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 5 [sound recording] / Séamus Mac Mathúna ; Micho Russell ; The Bothy Band | 1975 | 1 sound tape reel (1 hr., 02 min., 09 sec.) : analog |
| | <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Recordings possibly made in Miltown Malbay, Co. ClarePerformers:Séamus Mac Mathúna, flute, singing in EnglishMicho Russell, whistle, singing in EnglishThe Bothy Band, instrumental musicRunning order:00:37:17 - 00:39:10 An páistín fionn, air ; Garrett Barry's, jig / Micho Russell, tin whistle</p> | | |
| TDA-258348/1/27784 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 7 [sound recording] / [various performers] | 1973 | 1 sound tape reel (2 hrs., 12 min., 50 sec.) : analog |
| | <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Recorded at the Fleadh Cheoil, Listowel, Co. Kerry, 197300:02:00 - 00:03:39 The steampacket, reel / Joe Burke, accordion ; Martin Byrnes. Fiddle</p> | | |
| TDA-258348/1/27784 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 8 [sound recording] / [various performers] | 1980-12-21 | 1 sound tape reel (59 min., 15 sec.) : analog |
| | <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Recorded at Conradh na Gaeilge, Dublin, 1980s00:07:14 - 00:10:07 P stands for Paddy I suppose, song / Séamus Mac Mathúna, singing in English00:30:22 - 00:33:33 Nora Daly [Barney McCoy], song / Tom Lenihan, singing in English</p> | | |
| TDA-258348/1/27784 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 13 [sound recording] / [various performers] | 1960s 1950s | 1 sound tape reel (34 min., 12 sec.) : analog |
| | <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Recordings made at the Pipers' Club, Dublin00:00:08 - 00:02:21 Introduction / Paddy McElvaney, speech in English ; Unidentified, hornpipe ; Unidentified, reel / David McWeeney, fiddle00:02:21 - 00:03:37 Unidentified, waltz / David McWeeney, fiddle00:03:38 - 00:05:28 Saddle the pony, jig ; Brennans favourite, jig / George Rowley, fiddle ; Jimmy Clements, fiddle00:05:29 - 00:07:27 O'Rourke's, reel ; The maid behind the bar, reel / George Rowley, fiddle ; Jimmy Clements,</p> | | |

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| | fiddle00:07:28 - 00:08:55 The bunch of keys, reel / Tommie Potts, fiddle ; Paddy McElvaney, speech in English00:08:56 - 00:11:09 Julia Delaney, reel ; Humours of Scarriff, reel / Tommie Potts, fiddle00:11:10 - 00:12:29 Garrett Barry's, jig / Tommie Potts, fiddle00:12:30 - 00:15:02 [Dear Irish boy], air / Tommie Potts, fiddle00:15:03 - 00:16:05 Maids of Castlebar / Tommie Potts, fiddle00:16:06 - 00:19:02 Buachaill caol dubh, air ; The yellow tinker, reel / Tommie Potts, fiddle00:19:03 - 00:20:10 Unidentified, hornpipe ; Luck penny, jig / Pearl McBride, fiddle00:20:12 - 00:24:04 Jenny picking cockles, reel ; Drowsey Maggie, reel / Pearl McBride, fiddle00:24:05 - 00:26:22 Woman of the house, reel ; Sligo maid, reel / Kathleen Harrington, fiddle ; Peadar O'Loughlin, flute00:26:23 - 00:29:00 Maids of Mount Cisco, reel ; Copperplate, reel / Kathleen Harrington, fiddle ; Peadar O'Loughlin, flute00:29:01 - 00:31:20 Old man Dillon, jig ; Rakes of Clonmel, jig / Seán Reid, fiddle00:31:22 - 00:33:00 The coolin, air / Seán Reid, fiddle00:33:02 - 00:34:12 The collier's / Seán Reid, fiddle | | |
| TDA-258348/1/277849 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 14 [sound recording] / [various performers] | 1960s 1950s | 1 sound tape reel (2 hr., 10 min., 12 sec.) : analog |
| | <i>Scope and content:</i> Recordings made at the Pipers' Club, Dublin00:14:16 - 00:16:38 The earl's chair, reel ; Tim Maloney, reel / Seán Seery, uilleann pipes00:32:24 - 00:33:21 The limestone rock, reel / Peadar O'Loughlin, flute ; Kathleen Harrington, fiddle01:37:52 - 01:39:02 Street session Miltown Malbay, Farewell to Connaught, reel / Peadar O'Loughlin, fiddle ; Michael McMahon, fiddle01:14:10 - 01:16:48 Doctor O'Neill, jig / Elizabeth Crotty, concertina ; Peadar O'Loughlin, flute ; Kathleen Harrington, fiddle01:19:24 - 01:22:00 Trim the velvet, reel ; The bucks of Oranmore, reel / Elizabeth Crotty, concertina ; Peadar O'Loughlin, flute ; Kathleen Harrington, fiddle01:42:07 - 01:44:01 The gander, song / Willie Clancy, singing in English01:48:44 - 01:50:58 The white leaf, reel ; Aggie's fancy [Murphy's], reel / Aggie Whyte, fiddle ; Paddy McElvaney, speech in English01:26:09 - 01:28:25 Garrett Barry's, jig ; Brian O'Lynn, jig / Paddy Canny, fiddle02:03:33 - 02:04:34 The walls of Liscarroll, jig / Elizabeth Crotty, concertina | | |
| TDA-258348/1/277850 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 18 [sound recording] / [various performers] | 1970s | 1 sound tape reel (3 hr., 34 min., 20 sec.) : analog |
| | <i>Scope and content:</i> Recordings made at the Slattery's Tradition Club, Capel St, Dublin, [1970s]1:04:32 - 1:08:00 The blackbird, slow air / Seán Keane, fiddle1:08:00 - 1:10:10 The fairy hornpipe / Séamus Ennis, uilleann pipes1:10:12 - 1:11:24 The wise maid, reel / Séamus Ennis, uilleann pipes2:17:40 - 2:21:03 Rambles of Kitty, jig ; The butcher's march, jig / Liam O'Flynn, uilleann pipes2:21:03 - 2:22:30 Johnny Cope, hornpipe / Liam O'Flynn, uilleann pipes | | |
| TDA-258348/1/277851 | Item - Tom Davis Collection. Reel-to-Reel 25 [sound recording] / [various performers] | 1978 | 1 sound tape reel (1 hr., 48 min., 10 sec.) : analog |
| | <i>Scope and content:</i> Recorded at the Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Tionól Cheoil, Franciscan College, Gormanston, Co. Meath, 197801:21:17 - 01:24:37 The blue-eyed mountain queen, song / Ann Mulqueen, singing in English | | |