



Will Julian

*Interviewed by Laurel Horton*

### **1. How he started playing banjo (00:26)**

**Julian:** Used to, when I was small my uncle had a banjo and he played, you know, and...

**Horton:** What was his name?

**Julian:** Harvey Julian, that's him on that- on that other picture I showed you <laughs> so, I always just wanted a banjo. I'd see one in the store, I just wanted to go pick it up and play with it, so I come down to Easley one day, one of these [small [?]], and I went into a pawn shop there, bought one...

### **2. Playing on the radio (00:32)**

**Julian:** I played on the radio in Easley one time, when it first opened up, with some Owen boys.

**Horton:** What radio station was that?

**Julian:** WESC I believe, the name of it, isn't it?

**Other voice:** WELP.

**Horton:** WELT?

**Julian:** That's right, WESC is Greenville, that's WELP, they first opened, [these boys were going to play, wanted me to play a little with them [?]], well, see, I was farming, I couldn't go regularly, [unintelligible [?]], I went play with them one time, I said "Well, I couldn't- if I farmed, I couldn't get up and go that way," I just didn't never go back.

### **3. First record player (00:32)**

**Horton:** When did you first get a record player?

**Julian:** Well, let's see, about '29 or '30, had an old record player you wind up, with a record on it, get one side, then you have to wind it and put on the other side, and then; see, the radios came around. I remember when there were no radios, nothing, so radios

came out, I remember the first radio I had ever seen, it sit on a big old battery, you plug it in, see, you didn't have electricity.

#### **4. Playing squaredances (00:31)**

**Horton:** Did you ever play for dances?

**Julian:** Yeah, I played...

**Horton:** Tell me how that worked out-

**Julian:** Back then, I played for a lot of square dances, we'd have them, you know, at people's houses, that was about the only place, we had one at our house one time, and a fellow that live in [McIntire [?]] down there, they had one.

**Other voice:** <Laughs,> [unintelligible [?]] had one.

**Julian:** Well, [unintelligible [?]], they had one, John Hearse down there had one, and we had several around there, and when we got to where they would call us here and yonder we'd go off and play to them.