

Jesse Ben Edwards Banjo

- Repository:** Rockingham Co. Historical Collections
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P. O. Box 38
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- Title:** Jesse Ben Edwards Banjo
- Accession No.:** 91-094
- Extent:** 1 item – Artifact cabinet, 1 folder – unboxed collections
- Provenance:** Donated by Rachel Edwards Snead in 1991
- Subject Headings:** Edwards, Jesse Ben, 1877-1959
Edwards family -- Genealogy
Musicians – Rockingham County (N. C.)
Snead, Rachel
Snead family -- Genealogy
- Preferred Citation:** *Jesse Ben Edwards Banjo. 91-094. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.*
- Descriptive Note:** This banjo was owned by Jesse Ben Edwards, also known as “Kiser Ben” Edwards. Born in 1877 in Patrick County, Va., Edwards married Martha “Susie” Snead in that county in 1899. By 1915, they resided in Leaksville, N.C. and Jesse Ben was a mill worker at the American Warehouse in Spray, N. C, perhaps helping to build the smokestack at the mill. Edwards was acquainted with the legendary singer and banjo player, Charlie Poole. Edwards died September 29, 1959 in Leaksville, and was buried in Meeks Cemetery.
- Contents:** 1 banjo
3 handwritten sheets consisting of family notes, a family tree, and few memories of her father written by Rachel Snead