

Bill Dickey

Bill Dickey was born in Ingram and has lived in the area for more than 90 years. During that time, Bill has become known as the “left-handed fiddle player.” He started playing for “house” dances when he was 12 years old and continues to entertain people with his unique style of fiddle playing. In this story, Bill talks about his early life on a ranch on the Henderson Branch, which was named after his grandfather. His father was a freight hauler and he remembers his mother driving a buggy into Kerrville to buy supplies. He and his brothers would get a quarter to spend and they would stay the night in the town camp yard. When he wasn’t fiddling, Bill worked as a rock and stone mason and has worked on many buildings in Kerrville including the Schreiner One building, Hilltop Nursing Home and the Kerrville Public Library building. At 92, Bill and his friends continue to play music for various community events and frequently entertain at area nursing homes.

Cross References:

Early Kerrville
Henderson Branch
“Over the Hill Gang” Band
“Poverty Playboys” Band
Y.O. Ranch

Names:

Ervin Henderson
Will Hope
Clyde Henderson
Dr. Fowler
Carl Masters
B.J. Hyde
Clyde Jones

Haskell Archer
Claude Smith
Louis Caiton
Pete Byrd
Jack Cauldbeth
Lucinda Hillman