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**HURT, MISSISSIPPI JOHN
PHOTOGRAPHS.**

93-006

Creator:

Type of Material:

Physical Description:

12 color slides.

Dates:

July 1966.

Abstract (Descriptive Summary):

Provenance and Acquisition Information:

Lent for copying by Eugene A. Bush of Kingston Tennessee.

Subject/Index Terms:

Agency History/Biographical Sketch:

Blues guitarist and harmonica player Mississippi John Hurt, was born 3 July 1893 in Carroll county Mississippi. He recorded for Okeh in the 1920's, but for thirty-five years thereafter he worked outside music except for performances at local parties, picnics, dances and school and church functions near his home in Avalon Mississippi. Following his rediscovery in 1963 through the title of his "Avalon Blues" recorded in 1928 he recorded extensively and appeared at festivals and clubs throughout the country until his death in 1966.

-- From Blues Who's Who and New Grove Dictionary of American Music, vol. II.

Scope and Content:

These twelve color slides are copies of originals made by Eugene A. Bush of Kingston Tennessee at the home of Mississippi John Hurt in Avalon Mississippi in July 1966 only a few months before his death in November of that year. Included in some slides are Hurt's wife Jessie and two of his grandchildren and Eugene Bush.

Arrangement:

Location:

These slides are filed under Hurt, Mississippi John in the biographical photograph file.

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