

\*Additions for Rounder, Shanachie, and Folkways coming soon

## *Discography by Norm Cohen*

(Courtesy of JEMF)

The following discography includes all of Buell Kazee's recordings made for the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company in the period 1927-29. Kazee made no more recordings until almost three decades later, when an album of his music was issued on the Folkways label. The discography is based on an earlier one compiled by John Edwards and published in CARAVAN No. 17 (June-July 1959). It has been updated with information from Brunswick ledgers. The editor is also pleased to acknowledge the helpful cooperation of Rev. Kazee, David Crisp and David Freeman in supplying additional information.

In the data that follows, the first column lists mastered numbers with issued takes, where known underlined. The second column gives title followed by composer credit in parentheses (as taken from the ledgers); the third column designates the artist credited on the label, abbreviated according to the scheme below; the fourth column includes release numbers, with label names abbreviated as shown below.

<u>Record Label Abbreviations</u>		<u>Artist Abbreviation</u>	
Au	Aurora (Canadian)	BK	Buell Kazee
BACM	British Archive of Country Music	BRGS	Blue Ridge Gospel Singers
Br	Brunswick		
BrAu	Brunswick (Australian)	GBW	Good's Box Whittlers
Cor	Coral (Japanese)	JR	John Richards (actually Jack Kapp)
Cty	County		
De E	Decca (English)	SBW	Soap Box Whittlers
De Ir	Decca (Irish)	SH	Sookie Hobbs (Carson Robison)
Fw	Folkways		
JA	June Appal		
Pan	Panachord (Australian)		
Rex	Rex (Irish)		
Spt	Supertone		
Vo	Vocalian		
Yaz	Yazoo		

Except where otherwise noted, all sides marked BK in the third column feature vocal by Buell Kazee. Vocalists in the BGRs Group were Kazee and Lester O'Keefe (who was brother of Jimmy O'Keefe, then recording manager of Brunswick's New York laboratory). Vocals on the BK & SH recordings were Kazee and Carson Robison. Instrumental accompaniment is indicated by numbered suffixes following the titles as follows:

- 1, banjo (by Kazee)
- 2, guitar (by C. Robison); -2a, guitar (by Kazee); -2b guitar (by A.L. Walker, from Harlan, Ky.)
- 3, violin (by Bert Hirsch, a New York concert violinist)

**Comment [MSOffice1]:** Vocation is misspelled. Also, you should add the following abbreviations:  
BACM: British Archive of Country Music (CD)  
Yaz: Yazoo (CD)  
Fre: Fremaux Associes (French CD)

- 4, piano (By Bill Wirges); -4a, piano (by unknown musician)
- 5, whistling (by Carson Robison)
- 6, steel guitar (by unknown guitarist from Harlan, Ky.)
- 7, novelty effects (by John Richards, Brunswick laboratory assistant)
- 8, bells (by John Richards)

*April 19, 1927. New York, NY.*

E22493-94	John Hardy -1	BK	Br 144; Yaz 2015, Yaz 3001
E22495-96	Roll On John -1	BK	Br 144
E22497-98	Rock Island -1	BK	Br 145
E22499-500	Old Whisker Bill, the Moonshiner	BK	Br 145, BACM CD 027
E22513-14	On the Hills Over There (J.B. Vaughan) -3,4	BRGS	Unissued

*April 20, 1927. New York, NY.*

E22523-24	On the Hills Over There (Vaughan) -2,3,4	BRGS	Br 150
E22525-26	My Loved Ones Are Waiting for Me (Vaughn) -2,3,4	BRGS	Br 151 Spt 2096
E22527-28	I'm Alone in This World -2,3,4	BRGS	Br 152, BACM CD 027
E22529-30	I'm Going Home to Die No More (H.F. Morris) -2,3,4	BRGS	Br 152
E22531-32	O Why Not Tonight? (J.C. Bushey) -2,3,4	BRGS	Br 151, BACM CD 027
E22533-34	Darling Cora -1	BK	Br 154
E22535-36	East Virginia -1	BK	Br 154, Fw FA-2953, Fre FA 047
E22537-8-9	"Twill Be Glory Bye and Bye -2,3,4	BRGS	Br 150, Spt 2101

Notes: Master E22499-500 should have been titled "Old Whiskey Bill..."  
Masters E22527-30 dated April 19 in ledgers

*April 21, 1927. New York, NY.*

E22553-55	Mandy Lee (T. Chataway) -2,3,4a	BK	Unissued
E22556-57	Just Tell Them That You Saw Me -2.3.4a.5	BK	Unissued
E22558-59	When the Harvest Days Are Over (Grahm - Von Tilzer) -2,3,4a	BK	Unissued
E22560-61	Where the Sweet Magnolias Grow (Sterling - Von Tilzer) -2,3,4a	BK	Unissued
E22562-63	The Ship That's Sailing High -2,3	BK	Br 155, BACM CD 027
E22564-65	If Love Your Mother (Meet Her in the Skies) (Vaughan) -2,3	BK	Br 155, BACM CD 027,,
E22566-67	The Roving Cowboy -1	BK	Br 156, Br 436, Spt 2043, BACM CD 027, Yaz CD 2200
E22568-69	The Little Mohee -1,2,5	BK	Br 156, Br 436, Spt 2043, BACM CD 027
E22570-72	The Old Maid -1,2,5	BK	Br 157, Spt 2082, Au 22021
E22573-24	The Sporting Bachelors -1	BK	Br 157, Spt 0282, Au 22021, Yaz CD 2200
E22575-76	The Frog Went A Courtin' -1,2,5	BK	Unissued

Note: Au 22021 issued under pseudonym of "Ray Lyncey"

*January 16, 1928. New York, NY.*

E26031-32	The Butcher's Boy (The Railroad Boy) -1	BK	Br 213, Br 437, Fw FA-2951, BACM CD 027, Yaz CD 2200, Fre FA 015, Membron 223001
E26033-34	Lady Gay -1	BK	Br 212, Br BL-59001, Cor MH-174, DTD-02 BACM CD 027
E26035-36	The Orphan Girl -1	BK	Br 211, Spt 0245, DeIr W4083, BrAu 211, Rex U251, Cty 515, BACM CD 027, Yaz CD 2200
E26037-38	Poor Boy Long Ways from Home -1	BK	Br 217
E24039-40	Little Bessie -1	BK	Br 215, Vo 5231
E26041-42	My Mother -2a	BK	Br 215, Vo 5231
E26043-44	Poor Little Orphan Boy -2a	BK	Br 211, DeIr W4083, Rex U251, BrAu 211, BACM CD 027
E26045-46	The Cowboy's Farewell (Kazee) -2a	BK	Br 212, Spt 2046, BACM CD 027
E26047-48	Gambling Blues -2a	BK	Br 218, DeIr W4330, Rex U585

Note: On June 26, 1928, masters E26039-40 and E26041-42 were renumbered E7410-11 and E7412-13, respectively, for Vocalian release.

Comment [MSOffice2]: Vocalian

*January 17, 1928. New York, NY.*

E26049-50	A Married Girl's Troubles -2a	BK	Br 218, Spt 0247, DeIr W4330, Rex U585
E26051-52	You Are False, But I'll Forgive You -2a	BK	Br 217, Spt 2047 Au 22017
E26053-54	A Short Life of Trouble -1	BK	Unissued; Yaz CD 2200
E26055-56	Don't Forget Me Little Darling -2a	BK	Br 206, Br 3802, Rex U252, BrAu 3802, DeIr W4088, DeE F18003, Pan P12179, BACM CD 027

*January 18, 1928. New York, NY.*

E26051-62	The Faded Coat of Blue	BK	Br 206, Br 3802, Spt 2045, Rex U252, DeIr W4088,
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			BrAu 3802, Pan P12179, Au 22014, DeE F18003, BACM CD 027
E26063-64	The Wagoner's Lad Loving Nancy -1	BK	Br 213, Br 437, Fw FA-2951, BACM CD 027, Cty CD 3504, Fre FA 047
E26065-66	The Dying Soldier Brother Green -1	BK	Unissued; BACM CD 027, Yaz 2200
E26076	Red Wing (Chataway - Mills) -2,3,5	BK&SH	Br 210, Spt 2057, Rex U586, DeIr W4331, BACM CD
027			
E26077	Snow Deer (Mahony - Wenrich) -2,3,5	BK&SH	Br 210, Rex U586, DeIr W4331, BACM CD
027			
	Note: Au 22014 issued under pseudonym "Archie Ruff's Singers."		

*January 19, 1928. New York, NY.*

E26089-90	In the Shadow of the Pines -2,3,5	BK	Br 216, Vo 5221
E26091-92	You Taught Me to Love You, Now Teach Me To Forget (Drislane - Bryan - Meyer) -2,3,5	BK	Br 216, Vo 5221
	Note: On June 18, 1928, Masters E26090 and E26091 were renumbered E7383 and E7382, respectively, for Vocalian release.		

*June 12, 1929. Chicago, Ill.*

C3587A,B	The Hobo's Last Ride (A.L. Kirby) -1,2b,6	BK	Br 330, Spt 2056
C3588A,B	Steel A-Goin' Down (Kazee) -1,2b,6,7	BK	Br 330
C3590A,B	Toll the Bells (A.L. Walker) -1,2b,6,8	BK	Br 351, BACM CD 027

*June 13, 1929. Chicago, Ill.*

C3591A,B	I Am Lonely (Walker) -2b,3,6	BK	Unissued
C3592A,B,C	The Cowboy Trail (Walker) -1 2200, Yaz 2023	BK	Br 481, BACM CD 027, Yaz
C3593A,B	The Blind Man	BK	Br 351, BACM CD 027
C3596A,B,C	I'm Rolling Along (Kazee) -1	BK	Br 481, Yaz 2200
C3597A,B	The New Jail -1	BK	Unissued
C3598A,B	The Empty Cell -1	BK	Unissued

*June 14, 1929. Chicago, Ill.*

C3599A,B	Fifteen Years Ago -1,2b,6	BK	Unissued
C3600A,B	A Mountain Boy Makes His First Record - Part 1	See Note	Unissued
C3603A,B	A Mountain Boy Makes His First Record	BK&JR	Br 338

- Part 2

Note: Masters C3600 and C3603 were made by BK assisted by Jack Kapp, and Kapp was referred to by name on Part 1. However, Brunswick executives objected to this, so Part 1 was re-recorded (see below) by BK and Kapp, but "BK assisted by JR." John Richards, in actuality a laboratory assistant, did not have a spoken part on this recording.

Comment [MSOffice3]: Add the word "labeled"

*July 1, 1929*

C3756A,B	A Mountain Boy Makes His First Record - Part 1	BK&JR	Br 338
C3759A,B,C	Election Day in Kentucky, Part 1	GEW	Vo 5352
C3760A,B	Election Day in Kentucky, Part 1	GEW	Vo 4352

Comment [MSOffice4]: GEW should be GBW

*July 24, 1929. Chicago, Ill.*

C3934A,B,C	Election Day in Kentucky, Part 1	SEW	Unissued?
C3935A,B,C	Election Day in Kentucky, Part 2	SEW	Unissued?

Comment [MSOffice5]: SEW should be SBW

Note: Personnel on the July 1, 1929, session not fully known:  
GEW included BK, Elmo Tanner and two other men.

*Long Playing Recording Released in 1958.*  
Buell Kazee Sings & Plays

Fw FS3810

*Long Playing Recording Released in 1978*  
Buell Kazee

JA009