

Part 1: Abbreviated chronology: *Origins*

Introduction to the Book

Introduction to the Mountain Dulcimer



The Rykenby Angel

1560: The Angel of Rykenby Church. (Watch for her; she reappears near the end of the book.)

1779: Fort Nashville founded.

1795: David's ancestors in Scotland

1867: Jacob Schnauffer, David's great-grandfather, arrives in Texas.

1894; William Goodell Frost maps and names the mountainous region of the U.S. "Appalachia".

1917: Songcatcher Cecil Sharp meets the Ritchie sisters in Kentucky.

1937: Future dulcimer innovator Richard Fariña is born in NYC.

1947: Alan Lomax meets Jean Ritchie in New York, thus ensuring the widespread popularity of the mountain dulcimer in NYC (the first Dulcimer Boom.) (Watch for the other Lomax appearances in the text, especially John Lomax III.)

1943/1944: David's parents marry in California./Future singer/songwriter Townes Van Zandt born in Texas.

1952: Vince Farsetta born.

1953: David is born.

1957: A young Neal Hellman visits Greenwich Village and hears dulcimer players./David's father teaches him to play the jaw harp.

1958: Music scholar Charles Seeger (father of folk singer/songwriter Pete Seeger) publishes an academic paper on the fretted dulcimer, and concludes that the instrument has limited due to its origins and the nature of its construction.



Musicologist Charles Seeger



Songcatcher Cecil Sharp

