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*Adam Boyce as Charles Ross Taggart's
"Old Country Fiddler"*



*The real Charles Ross Taggart as
"The Old Country Fiddler," c. 1920*

“The Old Country Fiddler: Charles Ross Taggart, Traveling Entertainer”

Adam Boyce of West Windsor, Vermont, will be portraying Charles Ross Taggart, through the New Hampshire Humanities To Go!, at The Gorham Public Library, on Wednesday, November 9th, at 7pm

Born in Washington, D.C. in 1871, Charles Ross Taggart grew up in Topsham, Vermont, living in Newbury, Vermont for many years. Starting in 1895, he became a musical humorist, performing in various lyceum and Chautauqua circuits all over North America for more than 40 years, starting in 1895, including the famous Red Path Chautauqua bureau of Chicago, Illinois. Taggart made at least 40 recordings with the Victor, Edison, and Columbia companies and appeared in a 1923 Phono-Film “talkie” 4 years before Al Jolson starred in “The Jazz Singer.”

Living history presenter Adam Boyce portrays Mr. Taggart near the end of his career, c. 1936, sharing recollections on his life, with some live fiddling and humorous sketches interspersed. A New Hampshire Humanities event, sponsored by the Library and the Gorham Senior and Adult Program.

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About the Presenter



Adam Boyce, a noted fiddler in his own right and lifelong student of history, has been giving presentations in Vermont and New Hampshire since 2002 through the Humanities.

He has been involved with nearly every aspect of traditional New England dancing and music history, starting in 1991, when he began to learn how to dance, fiddle, play the piano and call for dances.

Adam has also been a regular on fiddle contest circuits, including being a judge, piano accompanist, as well as competitor, and has placed in nearly every New England state.

A composer of over 100 fiddle tunes, you can also find him listed as a Juried Artist with the Vermont Arts Council.

In 2013, Adam wrote a biography on Charles Ross Taggart, entitled “The Man from Vermont: Charles Ross Taggart, The Old Country Fiddler” (History Press).

Adam lives in West Windsor, Vermont