

Ernest Stoneman first recorded in 1924 with the release of "The Titanic," a song about the sinking of that great ship. By the time of the 1927 Bristol Sessions, Stoneman had recorded over 100 songs for various labels. He had already worked closely with Victor producer Ralph Peer and influenced Peer's decision to travel to Bristol to audition and record talent. Stoneman was the first musician to record at Bristol in 1927, alongside various family members and friends, including wife Hattie.

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for a couple of years after the Bristol Sessions, though he and his family were hit hard by the Great Depression. Later he expanded his act, inviting several family members to perform with him. They gained acclaim nationally and internationally as The Stoneman Family, performing on the Grand Ole Opry stage in Nashville, and also hosting their own television series.

COLOR IN ERNEST STONEMAN!







Ernest Stoneman used different band names for his recordings over the years: for instance, Ernest Stoneman & His Dixie Mountaineers, the Blue Ridge Corn Shuckers, and The Stoneman Family. Old-time bands often had interesting names that used family ties, locations, activities, and other descriptive words – such as the Bull Mountain Moonshiners or Bashful Brother Oswald. Modern old-time and roots bands often have those types of names too, like The Carolina Chocolate Drops or Dale Watson & His Lonestars.

## MAKE YOUR OWN BAND NAME WITH THE KEY BELOW!

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Column 1 Word	Your Name	Column 2 Word	Column 3 Word

Column 1: Your Birth Month

January	Fiddlin'
February	Dr.
March	Lonesome
April	Cousin
May	Rowdy
June	Bashful
July	Hollerin'
August	Aunt/Uncle
September	Fast Talkin'
October	Ol'
November	Dancin'
December	Little

Column 2: Your Birth Date

1	Smoky Mountains
2	Blue Ridge
3	Holston River
4	Crater Lake
5	Hungry Mother
6	Tennessee
7	Virginia
8	North Carolina
9	Kentucky
10	West Virginia
11	Prairie
12	Hilltop
13	Deep Holler
14	Highlands
15	Shenandoah
16	Virginia Creeper
17	Steele Creek
18	Sugar Hollow
19	Clinch Mountain
20	Watauga
21	Hickory Creek
22	Goosepimple Junction
23	Appalachian
24	Creek Bottom
25	Cumberland
26	Mount Rogers
27	Roan Mountain
28	Beaver Creek
29	Shady Valley
30	Turkey Gorge
31	Silver Lake

Column 3: 1st Letter of Your 1st Name

Α	Bear Hunters
В	Mountaineers
С	Yodelers
D	Coal Miners
Е	Ramblers
F	Biscuit Burners
G	Jug Band
Н	Hillbillies
I	Puddle Jumpers
J	Cowboys / Cowgirls
Κ	Lonestars
L	Gully Jumpers
М	Skillet Lickers
Ν	Clodhoppers
0	String Band
Р	Wanderers
Q	Boys / Girls
R	Trailblazers
R S	Rangers
Т	Combo
U	Singers
V	Stump Jumpers
W	Crooners
X Y	Family
Υ	Strangers
Z	Lumberjacks