

## **DANCERGRAM FLASH – October 7, 2020**

As you are probably aware, Caller Sonny McCartney recently passed away.

David Millstone has contacted us regarding Sonny's record collection. David is the coordinator for the Square Dance History Project.

"My correspondent writes, "He recently passed, and his house is being sold. There is a huge collection of specialized square dance vinyl that will soon be in the landfill. This collection contains records from two other callers who recently died and left their records to him. We are not looking to get money just to preserve this history."

Further conversation shows that he has 4,731 records in his collection, all cataloged in a spreadsheet on his computer, plus additional records from the other callers which hadn't been added to his database. It's mostly singing calls, but there are some hoedowns with patter calls, too. These are 45s, with a paper sleeve.

Can you think of someone who'd be interested in receiving the collection? I told the family I'd try to find a good home for these, and given the challenges (and expense) of shipping such a vast amount of vinyl, I thought of southeast Florida first. I hate thinking of this being just tossed!

The house has been sold, so we're looking at a narrow window-- next two or three weeks-- to find a home for these items.

People who are interested in Sonny McCartney's record collection could contact his son, Bill McCartney, at 413-446-8766, or Bill's wife, Lisa Bassi, at her e-mail: [sweetlife5565@icloud.com](mailto:sweetlife5565@icloud.com)