

(Transcript: Craig Wiseman's first recording, "The Ballad of Hattiesburg")

**(45 rpm record and jacket sleeve shown, guitar musical background, Craig Wiseman singing)
(Additional photos* listed below)**

♪ Railroads ran from the Mississippi to the city farther in ♪
♪ At Gordon Station near the river fork Captain Hardy's dream began ♪

♪ And nestled in the southern pines that later brought him fame ♪
♪ The town was called Hattiesburg after Hardy's wife its named ♪

♪ Timber boon helped it grow after the fire of '93 ♪
♪ The first world war took its kin to fight overseas ♪

♪ The college came to help the students learn more about life ♪
♪ And the camp they called Shelby taught the young men how to stay alive ♪

♪ Its been a long uphill climb through all else we find ♪

♪ Hattiesburg has just begun to be a hundred years we prospered through ♪
♪ By the will of God and our love of youth ♪

♪ The South should sure be proud of the day ♪
♪ Hattiesburg on its hundredth birthday ♪

♪ The depression came in '29 but the town struggled through ♪
♪ And once again they needed men to help fight World War II ♪

♪ Factories brought the men to work & their wives to keep at home ♪
♪ Schools that teach the young ones and they learn at the swimming hole ♪

(Instrumental- no lyrics)

♪ Its been a long uphill climb ♪
♪ Through all else we find ♪

♪ Hattiesburg has just begun to be ♪

♪ A hundred years we prospered through ♪
♪ By the will of God and our love of youth ♪

♪ The South should sure be proud of the day ♪
♪ Hattiesburg on its hundredth birthday ♪

♪ And I hope when we've passed away and our grandchildren carry on ♪
♪ They respect the love, sweat and tears that made this town like no other was ♪

♪ But a pride in the South, love for our neighbor and belief in God above ♪
♪ Is taught to them as was taught to us, I know that they'll live up ♪

♪ Its been a long uphill climb through all else we find ♪

♪ Hattiesburg has just begun to be a hundred years we prospered through ♪
♪ By the will of God and our love of youth ♪

♪ The South should sure be proud of the day ♪
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***Additional photos**

(Dave A. Matison Dry Goods, early 1900's)
(Hattiesburg Ice and Coal Co, early 1900's)
(Deas and Duke Tailoring, early 1900's)
(Big Yank Corporation, 1950's)
(Firestone, Anderson Theater, 1950's)
(Shemper Steel Products, 1950's)
(McMullan Equipment, 1950's)
(Panama Pump Company, 1950's)
(Southern Bucket Works, Incorporated, 1950's)
(Faulkner Concrete Company, 1950's)
(Fowler Butane Gas Company, 1950's)
(Binswanger Glass Company, 1950's)
(Southern Glass, 1950's)
(Hattiesburg Manufacturing Company, 1950's)
(Kaiser Homes, 1950's)
(The Merchants' Company, 1950's)
(Roseberry's Pianos, 1950's)
(Gammel Music Company, 1950's)
(Johnson Music Company, 1950's)
(The Picture Shop, The Blue Moon Cafe, 1950's)
(Smith's Sunbeam Bakery, 1950's)
(Swan Distributing Company, Incorporated, 1950's)
(West Brothers, 1950's)
(Burger stand near downtown bus station, 1950's)
(Coffee shop, downtown, 1950's)
(Colonial Supper Club, 1950's)

(The CQ Ranch House, 1950's)
(Epley's Cafe, 1950's)
(Brown Grocery, Laundry and Market, 1950's)
(Hamilton Truck Cafe, 1950's)
(Roy Millers, 1950's)
(Speed's Grill, 1950's)
(Wilson's Grill, 1950's)
(First Mississippi National Bank, McDonald's, 1950's-60's)
(Pine Belt Savings and Loan, 1950's-60's)
(Browns Velvet Ice Cream, 1950's)
(Seale Lily Ice Cream, 1950's)
(Bush Dairy, 1950's)
(C and S Poultry, Incorporated, 1950's)
(Brigman's Service Station, 1950's)
(Cities Service, B. F. Goodyear, 1950's)
(Jimmy Faughn's Restaurant, Dumas Motel, 1950's)
(Forrest Hotel downtown, 1950's)
(Hiway Host Motor Lodge, 1950's)
(Holiday Sands Motel, 1950's)
(Park Lane Motel, 1950's)
(Ritz Motor Court, 1950's)
(Surf Cottages, 1950's)
(Ernest Yaeger and Sons, 1950's)
(Sears downtown, 1950's)
(Southern Fabrics, 1950's-60's)
(Town and Country, 1950's-60's)
(Woolco, 1950's)
(A rare snow day in the Hub City, 1950's)

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