



Dennis McGee

Dennis McGee was born January 26, 1893 to John McGee, Sr. who was of Irish descent and Amelia who was of French and Seminole Indian forbears. Amelia died when Dennis was two years of age.

At the age of 14 Dennis went to live with Theodore McGee. There he listened to Theodore's fiddle and learned to love the instrument. Theodore was aware of their love and bought a fiddle for Dennis. Within six months Dennis was playing dances.

Dennis became friendly with Sady Courville and learned many old tunes from Sady's father, Eraste Courville. In 1929 Dennis and Sady recorded many songs in New Orleans.

Dennis earned his livelihood as a barber and continued to play his beloved music with Sady Courville. They traveled to Canada, New York, and Paris to play for several events.

He was loved by many. His mind was very alert until the day he passed away on October 3, 1989, at the age of 96. Gladys passed away four months later at age 80. They were married for 65 years.