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## [Archive]: Ku Klux Klan Records

Indiana: 1920s

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Four original 10" vinyl singles. Of the records, two are in contemporary paper sleeves, some printed but we are not convinced that they are original to the records, the sleeves are very good with some tears and wear on the extremities, vinyl has some minor scratching else near fine. Includes recordings of the "best in Klan music" on the KKK record label as well as personal recordings made by Special Records. Enjoy such old timey toe-tappers as, "Daddy Swiped our Last Clean Sheet and Joined the Ku Klux Klan," "The Klansman and the Rain," and "The Bright Fiery Cross," which is featured here in two variants. A collection of music representing an integral if unpleasant episode in American social history.



In 1915 D.W. Griffith directed *The Birth of a Nation*, a silent film based on the Thomas Dixon Jr. novel *The Klansman*. The popularity of the film, contributed to the formation of KKK Records in Indianapolis during the Klan revival of the 1920's. Most of its pressings were done through a contract with Gennett Records. Edison Records was asked to press the titles but after Thomas Edison gave "Why I am a Klansman" a listen he opined that "it has a fair tune but don't bother with this trash." Along with the KKK record label, other companies, such as Special Records, produced personal recordings and "artist made" albums for Klan members with a itch to express their sentiments.

Not only were Catholics, Jews, African-Americans, and foreigners targeted during this age of the Klan but also bootleggers and divorcees. Members felt that they were defenders of Prohibition, traditional morality, and real America. The strongest sect was in Indiana led by the self-

proclaimed defender of Prohibition and Womanhood, David Curtis Stephenson. However, after being convicted of kidnapping and sexually assaulting a woman in 1925 membership dropped considerably.

A list of the records below:

1. KKK. Best in Klan Music. A side: "The Gathering Klan"- Meyer. B side: "Daddy Swiped Our Last Clean Sheet and Joined the Ku Klux Klan"- Marcell
2. KKK. Best in Klan Music. A side: "The Bright Fiery Cross"- De Ree. B side: "Mystic City" - Nelson/Tillery



3. Jubilee Gospel Singers. A Side: "Two Robes"- Garner Brothers. B side: "The Bright and Fiery Cross" - Garner Brothers



4. International Music Company. A side: "The Klansman and the Rain". B side: "The Stuttering Klansman" [BTC#400270]



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THE GATHERING KLAN  
(Mayer)

100% Americans  
Orch. Acc.

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