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Woody Sez: The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie

Relaxed Performance Word Guide

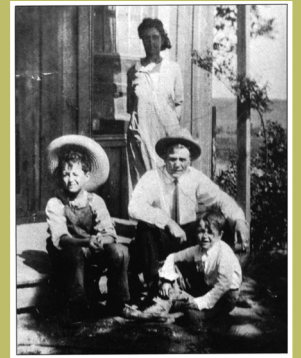
Hootenanny

an old country word for "party". Nowadays the word most commonly refers to a folk music party with an open mic, at which different performers are welcome to get up and play in front of an audience.



Okies

During the Great Depression, the term "Okies" referred to migrants coming from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and surrounding states forced from their homes because of the economic and environmental disasters happening throughout the Great Plains.



Bootlegger

Someone involved in the illegal business of transporting (smuggling) and sometimes making outlawed alcoholic beverages

Insane asylum

what we would now call a psychiatric or mental hospital that would take in and care for patients with mental illness

Huntington's disease

an inherited disease that causes the progressive breakdown (degeneration) of nerve cells in the brain. Most people with Huntington's disease develop signs and symptoms in their 30s or 40s. But the disease may emerge earlier or later in life. It usually causes movement, cognitive and psychiatric disorders with a wide spectrum of signs and symptoms.

Deportee

Someone being deported from a country by the local, state, or national government of that country.

Censorship

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