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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Title:</b>	Jas Obrecht Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1978-1994
<b>Collector:</b>	Obrecht, Jas
<b>Physical Extent:</b>	9 boxes
<b>Repository:</b>	University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections. University, MS 38677, USA
<b>Identification:</b>	MUM00144
<b>Language of Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Print and audio interviews by music journalist and editor Jas Obrecht with various Blues musicians.

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### Administrative Information

#### Processing Information

Collection processed by Ross Brand and Greg Johnson, 2009. Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 13 November 2009.

## Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

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## Subject Terms

Obrecht, Jas  
Blues (Music)  
Bennett, Wayne, guitarist -- Interviews  
Bell, Lurrie, 1958- -- Interviews  
Brooks, Lonnie -- Interviews  
Brown, Clarence, 1924-2005 -- Interviews  
Carter, Bom-Bay -- Interviews  
Gayden, Johnny B. -- Interviews  
Cephas, John -- Interviews  
Chatmon, Sam -- Interviews  
Collins, Albert, 1932-1993 -- Interviews  
Cooder, Ry -- Interviews  
Copeland, Johnny -- Interviews  
Davis, Blind John, 1913-1985 -- Interviews  
Dixon, Willie, 1915-1992 -- Interviews  
Eaglin, Snooks, 1936-2009 -- Interviews  
Gray, Arvella, 1906-1980 -- Interviews  
Guy, Buddy -- Interviews  
Hammond, John, 1942- -- Interviews  
Healey, Jeff -- Interviews  
Hooker, John Lee -- Interviews  
Hopkins, Lightnin', 1912-1982 -- Interviews  
Homesick James, 1910-2006 -- Interviews  
Jagger, Mick -- Interviews  
Jay, Abner -- Interviews  
Johnson, Jimmy -- Interviews  
King, B. B. -- Interviews  
Kinsey, Big Daddy, 1927- -- Interviews  
Kinsey, Donald, 1953- -- Interviews  
Lil' Ed -- Interviews  
Robinson, Fenton -- Interviews  
Richards, Keith, 1943- -- Interviews  
Rush, Otis -- Interviews  
Seals, Son -- Interviews  
Shines, Johnny -- Interviews  
Smith, Floyd -- Interviews  
Staples, Pops -- Interviews  
Sumlin, Hubert, 1931- -- Interviews  
Vaughan, Stevie Ray -- Interviews  
Wilson, Chester D. -- Interviews  
Winter, Johnny -- Interviews

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## Formats

interviews

audiocassettes  
magazines (periodicals)  
articles

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## Biographical Note

Jas Obrecht worked as a Senior Editor, assistant editor, associate editor, and photo editor of *Guitar Player* magazine at various times from 1978-1998. He still contributes articles to the magazine. He has taught writing at Washtenaw Community College and is the owner of Avabella Productions.

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## Scope and Content Note

71 audio cassettes featuring interviews Jas Obrecht conducted with blues musicians and three boxes of Obrecht's articles written from these interview tapes.

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## Separated Material

Obrecht, Jas. *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*. San Francisco: Miller Freeman Books, 1993.  
Cataloged: [ML399 .B53 1993](#)

Obrecht, Jas. *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*. San Francisco: Miller Freeman Books, 1993. (Japanese Version). [ML399 .B53165 1994](#)

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 2 series based on format.

## Container List

### Series I. Research Files & Articles

- Folder 1.1 Jas Obrecht – curriculum vita, list of field recordings, and bibliography of writings 1978-1990
- Folder 1.2 Miscellaneous Articles – Blues
- Folder 1.3 Lurrie Bell
- Folder 1.4 Wayne Bennet
- Folder 1.5 Lonnie Brooks, 1981
- Folder 1.6 Big Bill Broonzy
- Folder 1.7 Gatemouth Brown, 1979
- Folder 1.8 Bom-Bay Carter
- Folder 1.9 John Cephas, 1987
- Folder 1.10 Sam Chatmon
- Folder 1.11 Albert Collins
- Folder 1.12 Ry Cooder
- Folder 1.13 Johnny Copeland, 1983
- Folder 1.14 Blind John Davis
- Folder 1.15 Willie Dixon
- Folder 1.16 Johnny Gayden
- Folder 1.17 Billy Gibbons
- Folder 1.18 Blind Arvella Gray
- Folder 1.19 Buddy Guy
- Folder 2.1 Jeff Healey
- Folder 2.2 John Lee Hooker
- Folder 2.3 Lightnin' Hopkins
- Folder 2.4 Abner Jay
- Folder 2.5 Jimmy Johnson, 1980
- Folder 2.6 Robert Johnson
- Folder 2.7 B.B. King
- Folder 2.8 Donald Kinsey, 1985
- Folder 2.9 Kinsey Report
- Folder 2.10 Fenton Robinson, 1978
- Folder 2.11 Otis Rush
- Folder 2.12 Son Seals, 1979
- Folder 2.13 Johnny Shines, 1989
- Folder 2.14 Floyd Smith
- Folder 2.15 Hubert Sumlin, 1986 with bound-in vinyl record
- Folder 2.16 Stevie Ray Vaughan
- Folder 2.17 Muddy Waters
- Folder 2.18 Lil' Ed Williams
- Folder 2.19 Chester D. Wilson

- Folder 2.20 Johnny Winter
- Folder 3.1 Article Forms
- Folder 3.2 Interview Cassette Tapes Forms
- Folder 3.3 *The Rolling Stones: Best of Guitar Player* (3 copies)
- Folder 3.4 "Requiem for a Bluesman: Lightnin' Hopkins" *Guitar Player*, June 1982
- Folder 3.5 Blues Archive – Accession Record 9-18-90 (2 copies)
- Folder 3.6 *Guitar Player*, August 1992
- Folder 3.7 *Guitar Player*, September 1993
- Folder 3.8 *Guitar Player*, August 1994
- Folder 3.9 *Guitar Player*, November 1994

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- Tape 4.2 Wayne Bennett, November 1989 (*Guitar Player*, February 1990)
- Tape 4.3 Lonnie Brooks, January 1981 (*Guitar Player*, April 1981)
- Tape 4.4 Gatemouth Brown 1, June 1978 (*Guitar Player*, May 1979)
- Tape 4.5 Gatemouth Brown 2, June 1978 (*Guitar Player*, May 1979)
- Tape 4.6 Gatemouth Brown 3, late 1978 (*Guitar Player*, May 1979)
- Tape 4.7 Gatemouth Brown 1, 19 May 1992 (*Guitar Player*, March 1993 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 4.8 Gatemouth Brown 2, 19 May 1992 (*Guitar Player*, March 1993 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 4.9 Bom-Bay Carter/Johnny Gayden, April 1980 (*Guitar Player*, November 1980)
- Tape 4.10 John Cephas, December 1986 (*Guitar Player*, March 1987 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1990)
- Tape 4.11 Sam Chatmon, August-September 1980 (*Guitar Player*, February 1981)
- Tape 4.12 Albert Collins, June 1979 (Unpublished)
- Tape 4.13 Albert Collins, late January 1993 (*Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 4.14 Ry Cooder, February 1990 (*Guitar Player*, July 1990)
- Tape 4.15 Johnny Copeland 1, April 1983 (*Guitar Player*, July 1983)
- Tape 4.16 Johnny Copeland 2, April 1983 (*Guitar Player*, July 1983)
- Tape 4.17 Blind John Davis, January 1981 (*Keyboard*, April 1981)
- Tape 5.1 Willie Dixon, April 1980 (*Guitar Player*, December 1980 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1990)
- Tape 5.2 Snooks Eaglin, September 1989 (*Guitar Player*, December 1989)
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- Tape 5.4 Blind Arvella Gray 2, November 1979 (*Guitar Player*, February 1980 ; *Rolling Stone*, 13 November 1980 ; *Frets*, March 1987)
- Tape 5.5 Blind Arvella Gray 3, November 1979 (*Guitar Player*, February 1980 ; *Rolling Stone*, 13 November 1980 ; *Frets*, March 1987)
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- Tape 5.9 Buddy Guy, Willie Dixon, Jimmy Johnson, J. B. Hutto, Otis Rush 15-16 April 1980 (*Guitar Player*,

November 1980)

- Tape 5.10 Buddy Guy, January 1990 (*Guitar Player*, April 1990 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1990)
- Tape 5.11 Buddy Guy, February & June 1993 (*Guitar Player*, 1993 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 5.12 Buddy Guy & Otis Rush 1, 8 June 1994 (*Guitar Player*, November 1994)
- Tape 5.13 Buddy Guy & Otis Rush 2, 8 June 1994 (*Guitar Player*, November 1994)
- Tape 5.14 John Hammond 1, July 1990 (Unpublished)
- Tape 5.15 John Hammond 2, July 1990 (Unpublished)
- Tape 5.16 Jeff Healey, June 1988 (*Guitar Player*, September 1988)
- Tape 5.17 Jeff Healey 1, May 1989 (*Guitar Player*, August 1989 ; *Guitar Magazine*, October 1989)
- Tape 5.18 Jeff Healey 2, May 1989 (*Guitar Player*, August 1989 ; *Guitar Magazine*, October 1989)
- Tape 6.1 John Lee Hooker, July 1989 (*Guitar Player*, November 1989 ; *Guitare & Claviers*, February 1990 ; *Japan's Guitar*, September 1990 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1990)
- Tape 6.2 John Lee Hooker, April 1992 (*Guitar Player*, August 1992 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 6.3 John Lee Hooker, 29 December 1992 (*Blues Revue Quarterly*, Summer 1993 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 6.4 Lightnin' Hopkins remembered by Billy Gibbons, Johnny Winter, B.B. King, April 1982 (*Guitar Player*, June 1982)
- Tape 6.5 Homesick James, January 1993 (*Guitar Player*, September 1993 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 6.6 Abner Jay 1, March 1982 (*Guitar Player*, June 1982)
- Tape 6.7 Abner Jay 2, March 1982 (*Guitar Player*, June 1982)
- Tape 6.8 Abner Jay 3, March 1982 (*Guitar Player*, June 1982)
- Tape 6.9 Jimmy Johnson, February 1980 (*Guitar Player*, May 1980)
- Tape 6.10 B.B. King, November 1982 (*Guitar Player*)
- Tape 6.11 B.B. King, April 1983 (*Guitar Player*)
- Tape 6.12 B.B. King on Memphis & early years, 1991 (*Guitar Player*, July 1991 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 6.13 B.B. King & John Lee Hooker, 4 April 1993 (*Guitar Player*, September 1993 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 6.14 Kinsey Report – Donald Kinsey and Ron Prince (*Guitar Player*, September 1989)
- Tape 6.15 Donald Kinsey, 1 August 1985 (*Guitar Player*, October 1985)
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- Tape 7.1 Keith Richards 1, 17 September 1992 (*Guitar Player*, December 1992 ; *Guitar Player*, September 1993 ; *Guitar Player*, October 1993 ; *The Rolling Stones*, 1994)
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- Tape 7.3 Keith Richards & Mick Jagger on Blues, July 1994 (Unpublished)
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- Tape 7.5 Otis Rush, Summer 1993 (*Guitar Player*, November 1993 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
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- Tape 7.7 Son Seals 2, October 1979 (*Guitar Player*, December 1979)
- Tape 7.8 Johnny Shines 1, January 1989 (*Guitar Player*, April 1989 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1990 ; *Living Blues*, March/April 1990)
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- Tape 7.10 Floyd Smith, August 1979 (*Guitar Player*, November 1979)
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- Tape 7.16 Johnny Winter, 17 November 1991 (*Guitar Player*, August 1992 ; *Blues Guitar: The Men Who Made the Music*, 1993)
- Tape 7.17 Johnny Winter, May 1984 (*Guitar Player*)
- Tape 7.18 Johnny Winter 1, August 1986 (*Guitar Player*, November 1986 ; *Guitar*, March 1987 ; *GPI Special Edition: Texas Guitar*, Winter 1987)
- Tape 7.19 Johnny Winter 2, August 1986 (*Guitar Player*, November 1986 ; *Guitar*, March 1987 ; *GPI Special Edition: Texas Guitar*, Winter 1987)