

## Fiddlers Old time Music



Music was part of life even in agricultural times. People enjoyed playing and hearing music at get-togethers. Young people met and socialized at young people affairs which were often called sugar socials or hops. Sometimes there were dances. Square dancing was the most common type of dance. Daniel Stewart's diary tells about a local farmers band that visited farms. One can see them pulling up by wagon load then playing a few tunes then probably being served refreshments.

The most common instrument found in reading about old time music events was the fiddle. Percussion instruments like something to beat on such as spoons, pots, wood blocks were used. Some folks played saws. After 1890 Sears offered many basic instruments in its catalog such as mandolins and pedal organs.

