

# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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**ARTIST** FRANKIE MILLER

TITLE **Blackland Farmer - The complete** 

Starday Recordings, and more

**LABEL** Bear Family Records

CATALOG # BCD 16566

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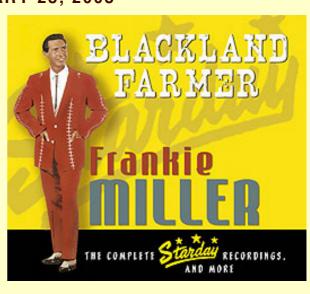
ISBN-CODE 978-3-89916-343-8

**FORMAT** 3-CD digipac with 100-page booklet

**GENRE** Country / Rockabilly

**TRACKS** 96 PLAYING TIME

212:32



## **KEY SELLING POINTS**

- Contains every Starday recording previously issued or unissued by Texas honky tonk legend Frankie Miller, including alternate takes, including the giant 1959 hit Blackland Farmer... a hit again in 1961!
- Contains more than two dozen previously unissued Starday demos, false-starts, and original session chatter plus many other songs never available on CD.
- Includes a wealth of vintage photographs and clippings, newly researched biography, and complete discography.

## **SALES NOTES**

Frankie Miller is no longer a mainstream figure in country music, and some even confuse him with the Scottish rocker of the same name. But country and rockabilly collectors have waited decades for this reissue. They value Frankie's original singles and albums, and want more information about the artist. This 3-CD-set is a radical expansion of Bear Family's now highly collectible 1983 LP of Frankie's Starday recordings. By then, he was retired from the music business, his earlier hits all but forgotten. Now he gets his due!

Doing right by Frankie's incredible Texas honky tonk legacy. Bear Family reissued his Columbia and 4-Star recordings (BCD 15909) in 1996. Since then, there has been a steady clamor for the complete Starday recordings. Now they're here... and much more! 'Blackland Farmer' includes every 45RPM and album track Frankie Miller recorded for Starday Records plus the gospel EP and unissued material including alternate takes. In addition, this 3-CD-set includes live performances from the Big D Jamboree, plus Frankie's pre-Starday sides for the Cowtown Hoedown label, as well as all of his recordings - both issued and unissued - for both the United Artists and Stop labels. Finally, the set includes Frankie's vocal/guitar demos from the Starday era. These sides, never intended for commercial release, offer an unprecedented look into the development of individual songs, as well as Frankie's distinctive vocal style. Even Frankie (who participated enthusiastically in Hank Davis' production of this reissue) was amazed to hear these tracks, many of which he had forgotten over the years.

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No one has done more than Bear Family to document the Texas honky tonk scene... from big stars like Bob Wills and Ernest Tubb to underground classics and collectors' favourites, like Frankie Miller.

## TRACK LISTING

#### CD1

- Blackland Farmer
- True Blue
- 3. Poppin' Johnny
- Family Man
- The Money Side Of Life
- Reunion
- Baby Rocked Her Dolly
- 8. Rain, Rain
- Strictly Nuthin'
- 10. Young Widow Brown
- 11. Two Lips Away
- 12. Out Of Bounds
- 13. I'll Write To You
- 14. Richest Poor Boy
- 15. Lookin' Around Downtown
- 16. A Little Bit's Better (Then Nothing At All)
- 17. The Cat And The Mouse
- 18. It's Not Easy
- 19. Losing Again
- 20. If I'd Known Then
- 21. Just For You
- 22. Prison Grey
- 23. Tornado
- 24. Big Talk Of The Town (LP version)
- 25. Reunion (w/o harmony)
- 26. Baby Rocked Her Dolly (w/o harmony)
- 27. Rain, Rain (w/o harmony)
- 28. The Cat And The Mouse (alt)
- 29. Faded Rible
- 30. Who Do You Think
- 31. Trust The Saviour
- 32. Valley Of Death
- 33. Family Bible

### CD2

- Gotta Win My Baby Back
- The Picture At St. Helene
- Losing By A Hair 3.
- I Miss Her Every Way
- One Excuse Is As Good As Another
- The Party's Over
- 7. Too Hot To Handle
- A Little South Of Memphis
- Fifteen Acres Of Peanut Land
- 10. Out Of This World
- 11. Mean Old Greyhound Bus
- 12. It Took A Lot Of Love To Let Her Go
- 13. Starving For Love
- 14. I Can Almost Forget
- 15. Big Talk Of The Town (Single version)
- 16. Truck Driving Buddy
- 17. Bringing Mary Home
- 18. Country Music Who's Who
- 19. A Tough Row To Hoe
- 20. Charlie's Got A Good Thing Going
- 21. She's My Antibiotic (In White)
- 22. Fickle Hand Of Fate

- 23. True Love Stays
- 24. Starving For Love (alt)
- 25. Maybe You Would Love Me Then
- 26. It Took A Lot Of Love To Let Her Go (alt)
- **27.** Pain
- 28. I Put The Blue In Her Eyes
- 29. Wrong Side Of The Tracks
- 30. World War III

#### CD3

- Just For Spite
- Give A Purpose To My Love 2.
- I Should Be 3.
- 4. Don't Make Me Miss You
- 5. Impersonations (live) Always Late/Lord Gave Me Help/ I Walk The Line
- Katy Malone
- 7. It's Not Easy
- 8. Peppermint Candy
- 9. Family Man
- 10. Blues Of Yesterday
- 11. I Remember Dad
- 12. House Down The Road
- 13. A Little South Of Memphis
- 14. I'd Rather Have You
- 15. Tears Of Time
- 16. Funny Way Of Lovin'
- 17. Let's Forget It
- 18. Fall Of The Alamo
- 19. I'll Get Over You (Still Keep Hoping)
- 20. A Tough Row To Hoe
- 21. The Wagon Yard
- 22. Out Of This World
- 23. She Put The Misery On Me
- 24. Lonesome Time 25. Keeping Up With The Jones
- 26. Nothing At All
- 27. Two Lips Away
- 28. Blackland Farmer (live)

## **Conversations with Hank Davis:**

- 29. Meeting Elvis at the Hayride
- 30. Memories of Tommy Hill
- 31. Creating Hoofbeats
- 32. The Blackland Farmer Tape
- 33. Headlining a Rock Show