



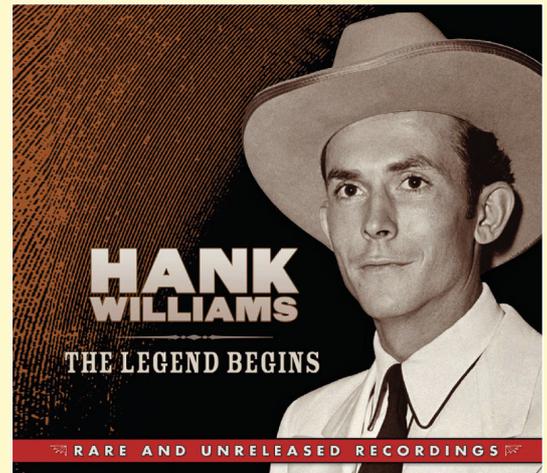
# BEAR FAMILY RECORDS

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## ARTIST TITLE

**Hank Williams**  
**The Legend Begins**

LABEL Bear Family Records  
CATALOG # TL 17258  
PRICE-CODE CP  
FORMAT 3 CDs with 16-page booklet  
GENRE Country  
TRACKS 61  
PLAYING TIME 70:35



- 3 CDs (slipcase), 16-page booklet, 61 tracks
- Unbelievably, there's still more to discover, still more to hear by Hank Williams.

## INFORMATION

In these audio snapshots we hear him as a fifteen-year-old performer making his very first recordings; two years later, he's a brash young singer with a local following around Montgomery, Alabama; another nine years on, he's newly arrived in Nashville, hosting his first syndicated radio series; and finally, he's the biggest star in country music performing a couple of public service shows. Two years after the last of these shows, his brief, incendiary career would be over. In 1938 or '39, when Hank was fifteen and had no shortage of confidence, he recorded *Fan It*, a song originally waxed by bluesman Frankie 'Half Pint' Jaxon in 1928. The second song was *Alexander's Ragtime Band*. On the evidence of a 1940 home recording, Hank's voice had matured considerably in two years. And at a time when country and pop music were stiff and mannered, Hank was already rocking out.

The 'Health and Happiness' shows were recorded in Nashville in October 1949, four months after Hank moved to Nashville to join the Grand Ole Opry. Now, more than sixty years after they were recorded, we can hear them as they first sounded, without overdubs and later added live applause. The twelve years encapsulated on this set saw Hank Williams rise from 'The Singing Kid' on Montgomery's WSFA to the preeminent country star of his time.



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**CD 2: THE HEALTH & HAPPINESS SHOWS, PART 2:** Happy Rovin' Cowboy (Theme) • A Mansion On The Hill • There'll Be No Teardrops Tonight • Tennessee Wagner (**Jerry Rivers**) • The Prodigal Son • Sally Goodin (**Jerry Rivers**) • Happy Rovin' Cowboy (Theme) • Pan American • Lovesick Blues • Arkansas Traveler (**Jerry Rivers**) • I Saw The Light • Sally Goodin (**Jerry Rivers**) • Happy Rovin' Cowboy (Theme) • Mind Your Own Business • Wedding Bells • Cotton Eyed Joe (**Jerry Rivera**) • I've Just Told Mama Goodbye • Sally Goodin (**Jerry Rivers**) • Happy Rovin' Cowboy (Theme) • I Can't Get You Off My Mind • I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry • Fisherman's Hornpipe (**Jerry Rivers**) • Thy Burdens Are Greater Than Mine • Sally Goodin (**Jerry Rivers**)

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