

Jimmy Johnson

The image displays a musical score for the fiddle tune "Jimmy Johnson" in G Major. The score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The music is in cut time. The first section, labeled 'A', consists of the first two staves. The second section, labeled 'B', consists of the third and fourth staves. The third section, labeled 'C', consists of the fifth and sixth staves. The fourth section, labeled 'D', consists of the seventh and eighth staves. The score includes various chords such as G, C, G, D7, and G, and section markers like '1. G', '2. G', '1. D7', '2. D7', '1. D7', '2. D7', '1. D7', and '2. D7'. The music is written in a style typical of fiddle tunes, with a focus on rhythmic patterns and melodic lines.

"Jimmy Johnson" is an American reel in cut time and G Major or A Major with AEae fiddle tuning. The parts are played ABB (Burl Hammons), AB (Ernie Carpenter) or AABB'CC'DD (Melvin Wine).

It was in the repertory of W.Va. fiddlers Melvin Wine (1909-2003), Ernie Carpenter (1909-1997, who learned it from his father Shelt Carpenter) and Burl Hammons. It was said to have been Wine's favorite tune.

The banjo tablature is by John Letscher. In the banjo tablature the D part is actually a repeat of the B part, but is played an octave higher than the fiddle since the lower notes are too low to be played on a banjo in G or A tuning.

It was printed Milliner & Koken's Milliner-Koken Collection of American Fiddle Tunes (2011), Phillips' Traditional American Fiddle Music, vol. 1 (1994) and Lamancusa's The Gettysburg Collection of Old-Time Fiddle Tunes (2021).

It was recorded by Ernie Carpenter on **Elk River Blues: Traditional Tunes From Braxton County, W.Va.**, Melvin Wine on **Hannah at the Springhouse** (1989), Ernie Carpenter on **Ernie Carpenter** (2015), Ward Jarvis on **Ward Jarvis** (2004. Originally recorded 1977), Glen Smith on **Say Old Man** (1990) and Burl Hammons on **The Hammons Family: The Traditions of a West Virginia Family and Their Friends** (featuring Maggie Hammons Parker beating straws to Burl's fiddling).