

GARDNER PATTON MILESTONE 2016

Gardner's contributions to the square dance activity has been his passion to help archive our past history. He was instrumental in transcribing the Bob Brundage interview recordings from tape recordings into a digital computer file. His next project was to take a complete set of the Sets In Order magazines, 12 issues per year for 38 years of magazines, and scan into a digital format. Some issues were over 100 pages. The complete set of digitized issues are available to be purchased at a minimal cost.

When that task was finished Gardner offered to do the same for the Lloyd Shaw Foundation quarterly publication American Dance Circle and it too is now available.

With Sets In Order available it quickly became clear that a digital collection of the even longer publication of American Square Dance Magazine would be at least as valuable. The publisher gave permission for all but the latest 5 years of that magazine to be digitized and made available on-line. Few will ever understand what a massive undertaking it was to scan every page of 7 decades of this publication, but we should all be grateful that someone was willing to take on the job and accomplish it so well.