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## Frank Kidson (1855–1926)

Frank Kidson was an English folksong collector and musical scholar. He was also an artist, writer and historian. He was born in Leeds in 1855 in Centenary Street, on the site of what is now Victoria Gardens. He was one of the founders of the Folk Song Society in 1898, and published a number of books on traditional music, song, and dance, and wrote many articles for local newspapers.

Frank Kidson owned a huge collection of items, and the majority of his collection is now at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow, although we have a good number of items here at Central Library. He also contributed 365 articles to the *Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* (available in the Music Library).

In 1923 Frank Kidson was awarded an Honorary MA Degree from Leeds University in recognition of his work. After his death in 1926, his niece, Ethel Kidson, edited and published two further books from his collections. On 20 May 2003, a Blue Plaque was erected by Leeds Civic Trust at his former address of 5 Hamilton Avenue, Chapeltown, Leeds.

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### Tunes and Tunebooks

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3. Psalm & Hymn Tunes – James Ellis (with notes by Frank Kidson). *SR 782 ELL \*\**
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### Song and Dance

1. Children’s Songs of Long Ago – Kidson. *LQ 784.8 K541*
2. Dances of the Olden Time – Kidson. *LQ 786.45 K451*
3. Dances and Tunes – Kidson. *LQ 793.31 K541*
4. English Songs of the Georgian Period – Kidson. *LQ 784.4942 M72L*
5. A Garland of English Folk Songs – Kidson 1926. *LQ 784.4942 K54L*
6. Leeds Printed Broad-sides – Kidson. *LQ 821.04 K54L*
7. Old Country Dances and Morris Tunes – Kidson. *SRQ 793.31 K54L \*\**
8. Old English Country Dance Tunes (with figures) – Kidson. *LQP 796.13 K54L*
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10. 100 Singing Games Old and New – Kidson 1916. *LQ 796.13 K54L*
11. 75 British Nursery Rhymes – Kidson 1906. *LQ 398.9 K54L*
12. Songs of Britain (100 English, Welsh Scottish & Irish national songs) – Kidson 1913. *LQ 784.71942 K54L*
13. The Beggar’s Opera: its predecessors and successors – Kidson, 1922. *L 822.56 K54L*
14. Catalogue of Old Ballads – Kidson. *SR 784.3 K541 \*\**
15. List of song & music books, ballad collections etc. belonging to Frank Kidson. *SR 016.78 K541 \*\**
16. Contributions to the Musical Quarterly, 1915-20. *SR 780.8 K54L*
17. Eighty Singing Games, Old & New. *LQ 796.13 L54L*
18. English Country Dances Arranged for Children’s Performance, 1914. *LQ 793.31 K54L*

### Collaborations

1. English Folk Song and Dance – Frank Kidson and Mary Neal, 1915. *L793.31 K54L*
2. Songs taken from Frank Kidson’s Traditional Tunes & arranged by Arthur E. Grimshaw, 1916. *LQP 784.3 G88L*
3. The Golden Wedding: a Yorkshire Idyll – Kidson & Grimshaw, 1910. *SRQ 782.8 G884 & LQ 782.8 K54L*
4. The Minstrelsy of Childhood – Kidson & Moffat, 1911. *LQ 784.8 K54L*

### Biography

1. The Roving Artist: Frank Kidson pioneer song collector – John Francmanis. *LP B KID*
2. The Folk Song Competition – John Francmanis. *LP 782.42 FRA*
3. The Search for Five Finger Frank – performance of songs & tunes collected by Frank Kidson, by Pete Coe and Alice Jones. *LQP 781.61 KID*
4. The Life of Frank Kidson – Ethel Kidson. *SR 927.93 K54L \*\**
5. Frank Kidson: biography – Ethel Kidson. *SRQ B KID \*\**
6. Will of Frank Kidson. *LQP 346 KID*
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