

The photo of Cleoma and Joe Falcon has been etched in my mind for many years. Cleoma's ('Betty Boop' type) lovely face & curly dark hair, her 'fancy' in-laid guitar, & white dress/stockings/shoes. In 1999, when I first moved to S. Oregon, I was invited to attend a party/social gathering for new OR. Shakespeare Fest employees. The room was crowded with folks getting to know each other & mingling. Across the crowded room from me sat a young dark-haired gal, chatting with some folks. She somehow looked familiar. Then it struck me, & I went across the room & said to her, "Excuse me, but your face is familiar to me. Are you, by any chance, related to the Falcons, Cajun musicians from Louisiana? You look much like Cleoma Breaux Falcon." She looked at me, smiled a lovely smile, and said, "Yes, I am. Cleoma Falcon was my great-aunt." I then told her about how the photo of her lovely great aunt & great uncle, particularly her great aunt, dressed in all white w/guitar, has been stuck in my mind since I first saw the old photo on the cover of an album I have of Cajun music. We had an interesting chat about her family & the music they made. Not a musician herself, she was here to be a costumer for the theatre company. Her Great Aunt Cleoma had passed on in 1941, many years before she was born in the 1970s, and so she never knew her Great Aunt Cleoma, but was/is quite familiar with the photo, & older Breaux/Falcon family/relatives and friends always referred to her having the same dark-hair and facial appearance of her late Great Aunt Cleoma. She said that she's infrequently asked the same question I asked her, always by musicians who remember her great aunt's visage in that wonderful old photo. ;-)





Cleoma Breaux/Falcon and Joe Falcon



CLEOMA & JOSEPH FALCON



Cleoma Breaux/Falcon and Joe Falcon original photo



Cleoma Breaux/Falcon with Joe Falcon removed and replaced with image of Amédée Ardoin

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