

**SIDNEY COX MUSIC PROGRAM
NORTHAMPTON (ENGLAND) CENTRAL CORPS
THE SALVATION ARMY
RECORDED CIRCA 1970**

Editorial Note: The inspiration for this program likely came from John Spencer and his wife, Lilly who were soldiers at the Northampton Central Corps in England.

Of course, Northampton was the birthplace of Sidney Cox in 1887. However, his family were members of The Church of England, not The Salvation Army. It was not until 1907 that Sidney Cox joined The Salvation Army as a young man in Canada.

See background regarding John and Lilly Spencer in the Editorial Note to the 1967 tape from John Spencer to Sidney Cox. Briefly, John Spencer was married to Sidney's 2nd cousin, Lilly Smith Spencer. They met briefly in 1960 when Sidney and Violet Cox visited Northampton. Later, Spencer and Sidney developed a correspondence relationship via reel-to-reel tape. They were both fascinated by and interested in utilization of this audio technology. They would send tapes back and forth to each other across the Atlantic containing recorded messages.

Perhaps coincidentally, John and Lilly were lifetime Salvationists, although this certainly would not have been unusual at that time in England. The Salvation Army was a very popular "denomination." John likely inspired the production of this musical program in honor of his distant relative, Sidney Cox, the iconic Salvation Army figure in the United States.

This is a wonderful music program performed by extremely talented singers and instrumentalists, as only the Salvationists can do it. Spencer sent the recording of it to Sidney. Sidney labeled the tape box "A Valuable Recording."

J. Douglas Cox, grandson of Sidney and Violet Cox. January 2009.

Program

God's Love Is Wonderful – To Tune of "Faith Is The Victory" Band & Congregation
As was done here, The Salvation Army music department has through the years taken the lyrics to Sidney Cox songs and put them to different musical scores. This has been done for reasons of creativity and also to, in their opinion, "modernize" some of the melodies. Many musical historians and purists (including members of his family) find this somewhat objectionable. However, this is a delightful rendition.

March - Celebration

Band

On the tape box, Sidney labeled this selection as “March – Celebration.” Actually, this piece is “Camp Fellowship” a wonderful march composed by the noted Salvationist composer, Norman Bearcroft. Of note, in the middle of his march, Bearcroft incorporated strains of the well-known Sidney Cox composition “Joy In Following.”

He Sought Me – Oh, What a Wonderful Day	Band
This One Thing I Know	Band
You Can Tell Out The Sweet Story	Band
I Want To Tell You What The Lord Has Done	Songsters
Rivers of Living Water	Songsters