

Fred Spears

As long as I can remember, my family went to someone's house to play music. One night a week. Once a month or so it was our house. Both of my grandfathers were in gospel quarters. At 11 years old I sang in a kids quartet till my voice changed.

School Band – Started out 3rd cornet, up to 2nd cornet. By the time I got to 1st cornet, I knew all about harmony.

Xmas 1964 – My teacher played guitar for our class party. Scared to death I asked if I could play. Next day fellow said are you Freddie Spears? I hear you play pretty good guitar. We've got a band. To me Little Big Iron is that same band.

February 14th 1965 – Played Valentines dance at Highland Heights Jr. High and my first two dollars.

1968 – Creed Combo won a statewide battle of the bands. We got to play on the Toys for Tots show at the Ryman Auditorium.

Notable Achievements: Played with Sammi Smith. Wrote 3 songs for David Alan Coe Rides Again. Played for and was paid temporarily with BJ Thomas, Steven Fromholtz, Ray Wiley Hubbard and Alan Hurt. Stood on stage and backed up Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jerry Jeff Walker, B.W. Stevenson, Lorrie Morgan, Steve Wariner, Johnny Lee, Mickey Gilley, John Sebastian and Hank Ballard.