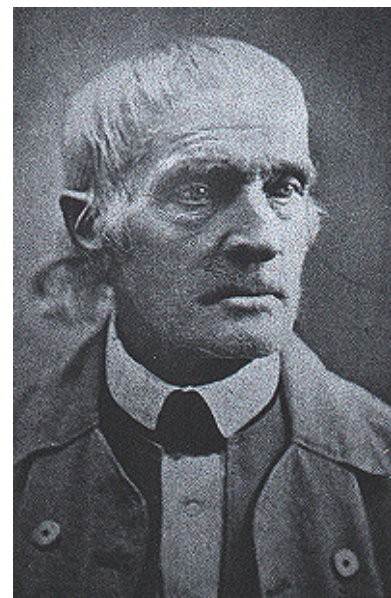
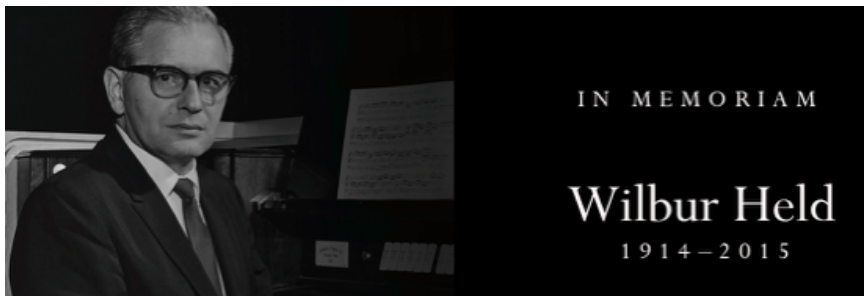


**Simple Gifts** (*Shaker tune*)

**Joseph Brackett** (1797-1882), **set for organ by Wilbur Held** (1914-2015)

Although composed in 1848 by Shaker elder Elisha Joseph Brackett Jr., “Simple Gifts” was largely unknown outside Shaker communities until Aaron Copland used its melody in 1944 for the score of Martha Graham's ballet *Appalachian Spring*. Judy Collins, R.E.M., Yo-Yo Ma, and Little House on the Prairie have all used the tune, as did John Williams for president Obama’s 2009 inauguration. Wilbur Held created this organ adaptation of the tune. Held moved to Southern California in 1978 and somehow, Wilbur’s stamped personal copy of the Handel organ concerti made its way into the library of Theo Primes.



Elisha Joseph Brackett Jr.