This version of Billy in the Lowground is one of 14 sides recorded for Columbia Records in 1926-27 by the Kentucky old time duo Burnett and Rutherford. Dick Burnett (1883-1977) played the five string banjo, and his partner Leonard Rutherford (1900-1954) played the fiddle. Their rendition of this popular fiddle tune is just slightly different than the standard version popularized by Doc Watson, often heard at bluegrass sessions.