

BIO

JESSE WINCHESTER

Jesse Winchester is a rare combination of artist and historical figure. As a singer-songwriter, his albums have been praised for their eloquent haunting understatement by critics from dozens of publications (Tom Zito in the Washington Post said, "Winchester is a master of the simple lyric, a sentimental view tempered with a sense of humor"). Discovered by The Band's Robbie Robertson, who produced his first album in 1975, his songs have been recorded by Joan Baez, Tommy Stinson, The Everly Brothers and Jonathan Edwards; he numbers among his staunch fans such sponsors as the Eagles, Jackson Browne and Wayne Jennings.

Yet Jesse is equally well-known as one of the thousands of Americans who moved to Canada in the 1960s rather than be drafted into the Vietnam war. He is a member of a prominent Tennessee family with roots going back to the founding of the city of Memphis, and related by blood to Robert E. Lee.

Jesse's act reflected the response of much of American youth to the tumultuous 60s. Likewise, his first American tour ever and first American visit in over 10 years (following President Carter's pardon), reflects to many a healing of America's wounds.

"I feel the pardon was an act of mercy," said Winchester in People magazine, "I never expected it. Justice would have said I could never come back, but mercy allowed me



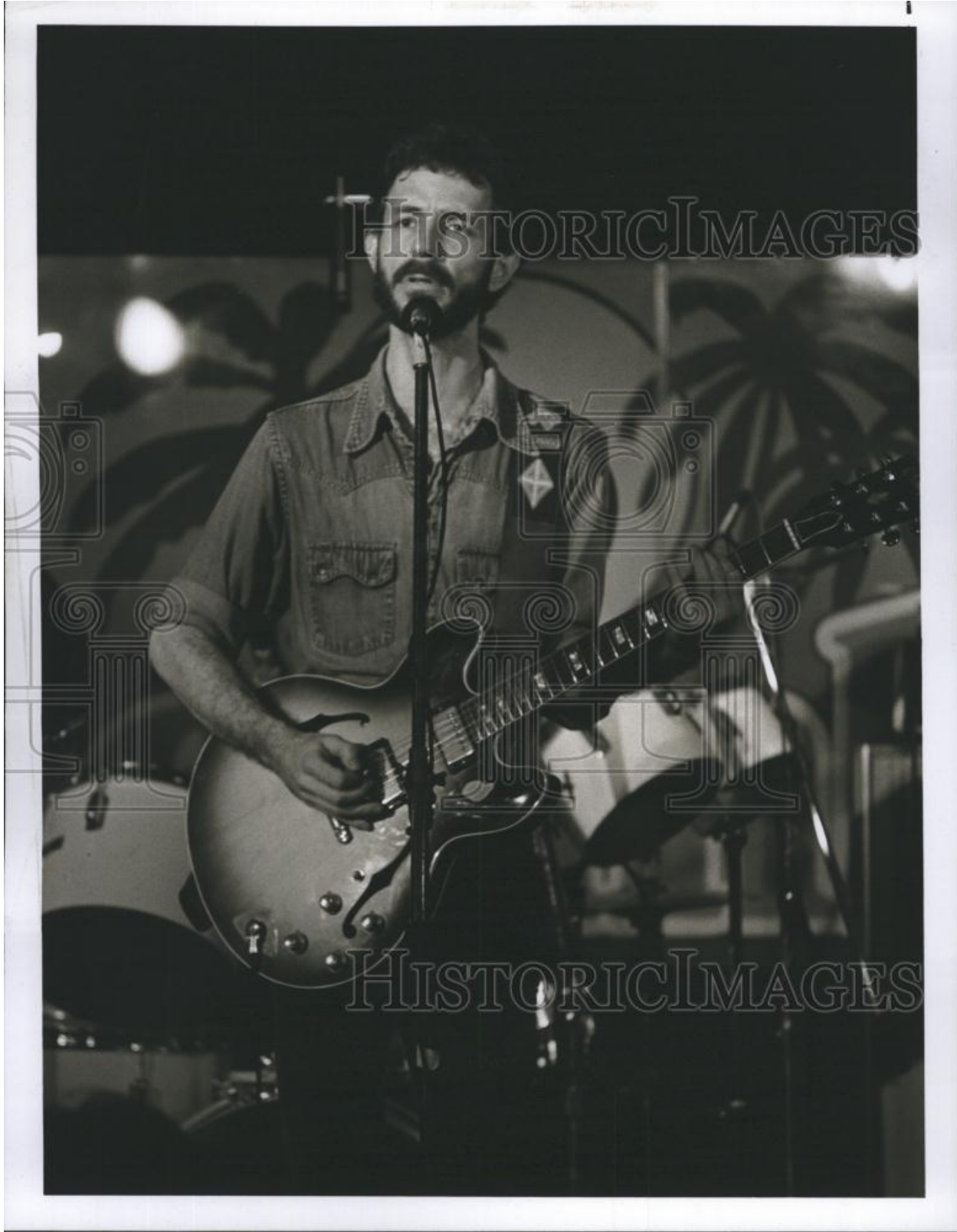
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WORT REPORT--Jesse Winchester, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., is a successful composer-guitarist and a Canadian citizen. The story of his flight to Canada, after receiving his draft notice in 1967, and the reasons for his refusal to return home -- despite President Carter's declaration of amnesty -- will be the subject of a report on NBC News' "Weekend," Saturday, April 2 (11:30 p.m.-1 a.m. EST) on the NBC Television Network.
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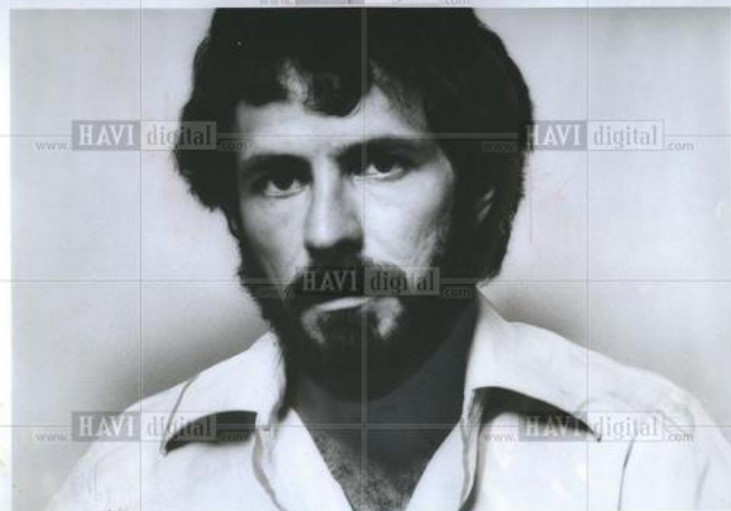






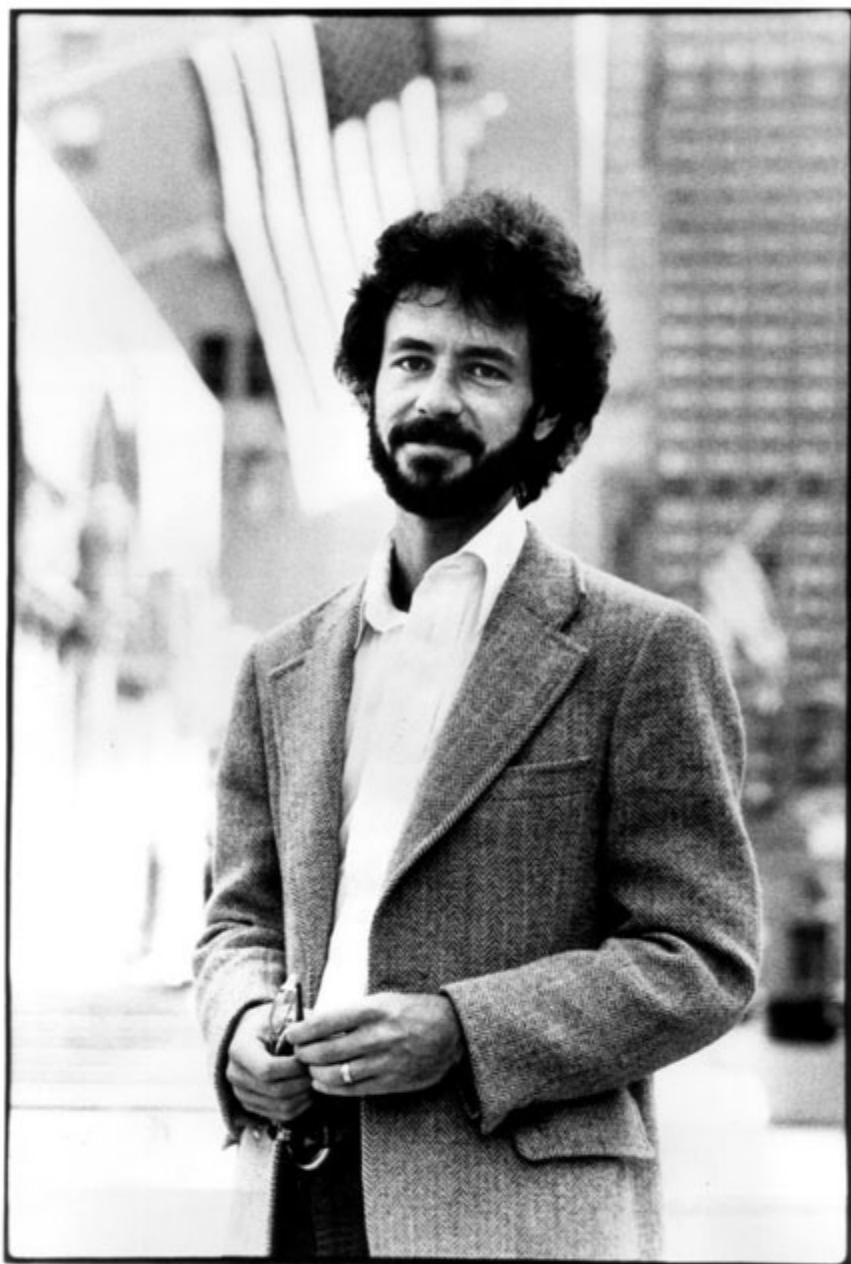
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