West Virginia native Russell Fluhary did a lot to inspire the revival of the hammer dulcimer. He told me his dream was to hear people learning to play the dulcimer again, but he didn't believe it would ever happen. I later invited him to play for one of my beginning classes. After he charmed us with his music and gentle good humor, the class played a tune for him. It was "Buffalo Gals" on 30 dulcimers, almost together and almost in tune. With a tear in his eye Russell turned to me and said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day!" “Russell Fluharty's Dream” is on the CD Saving Trees. See see also the variations.