

# ***BIG SCIOTI***

Traditional Fiddle Tune

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The Hammons family of West Virginia is well known in old-time music circles as being the source of many unique fiddle tunes. There are at least four generations of fiddlers from that family who preserved many old-time tunes through their playing. The most accomplished fiddler from that family was Edden Hammons, who learned to fiddle at an early age from his father, Jesse, and three of his older brothers (Paris, Peter, and Cornelius).



*"Big Scioti"* is one of the tunes that come from the Hammons family. The title of the tune refers to the Big Scioti River, which flows through central Ohio, and empties into the Ohio River near Portsmouth, Ohio, near the West Virginia border. As is true of many tunes from the Hammons family, it has a somewhat syncopated rhythm, which is typical to their style of playing, and to that region.

This 4-part mountain dulcimer arrangement includes the Melody, Bass, Backup, and Harmony. It's a lot of fun to play. The only problem is that this is one of those tunes that's hard to know when to stop once you get going!

In music and friendship,

~ *Tull*

