



Hank Williams IV Music Show
Two Show Performances Under the Big Tent
Friday, September 3rd - 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm



Though he always performed under the name Ricky Fitzgerald, the name Hank Williams IV was also thrown out as a stage name. Ricky Fitzgerald is the grandson of Lewis “Butch” Fitzgerald, and was raised by Butch from an early age.

When Ricky Fitzgerald was 4 or 5-years-old, he started performing Hank Williams songs at little festivals and functions held in Montgomery, AL at the Hank Williams Museum. Ricky at one point even had a white suit with black notes down the sleeves just like Hank Williams, and Ricky made a CD with his “Lost Highway” band.

Is Ricky Fitzgerald (aka Hank Williams IV) the true great grandson of Hank Williams? According to Colin Escott's Hank Williams biography, after seeing Jett's struggles to win a proper share of the Hank Williams estate, Butch did not want to hassle with the same process. The biography states: When asked point blank what his blood relation to Hank Williams is, Butch responds, laughing. "We're closer than you will ever know." Butch goes on to say, "That's the reason Ricky gets the name Hank Williams IV. Ricky is carrying on a family tradition. He's almost the only one left to really go on with the Hank Williams music. He blends heavy sounds and classic country with a little dash of folk music on the side".