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Abstract: The National Negro Opera Company, the first African-American opera company in the United States, was founded in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1941, by Mary Cardwell Dawson. The collection contains materials and records related to the company and to Dawson. It includes correspondence, administrative and financial records, photographs, programs, promotional and publicity materials, scrapbooks, clippings, address books, notebooks, music, and books. In addition, the collection contains materials related to opera singer La Julia Rhea, who performed with the company, and Walter M. Dawson, Mary Cardwell Dawson's husband, who worked for the company.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Anderson, Marian, 1897-1993--Correspondence.
Bethune, Mary McLeod, 1875-1955--Correspondence.
Brice, Carol, 1916-1985--Photographs.
Campbell, Dick, 1903-1994--Correspondence.
Cato, Minto, 1900-1979.
Dawson, Mary Cardwell, 1894-1962--Archives.
Dawson, Mary Cardwell, 1894-1962--Photographs.
Dawson, Mary Cardwell, 1894-1962.
Dawson, Mary Cardwell, 1894-1962.
Dawson, Walter M.
Dett, R. Nathaniel, 1882-1943. Ordering of Moses.
Duncan, Todd--Correspondence.
Evanti, Lillian, 1890-1967.
McFerrin, Robert, 1921-2006--Correspondence.
Nickerson, Camille.
Prattis, Percival Leroy, 1895-1980--Correspondence.
Rahn, Muriel--Correspondence.
Rhea, La Julia.
Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.
White, Clarence Cameron, 1880-1960--Correspondence.

Organizations

National Association of Negro Musicians (U.S.)
National Negro Opera Company (U.S.)
National Negro Opera Company (U.S.)
National Negro Opera Company (U.S.)--Archives.
National Negro Opera Company (U.S.)--Photographs.
National Negro Opera Foundation (U.S.)
National Negro Opera Foundation (U.S.)--Archives.

Subjects

African American musicians.

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Opera producers and directors--United States.
Opera--Production and direction.
Opera--United States--20th century.

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Photographic prints.
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Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift, Barbara Edwards Lee (former corresponding secretary of the National Negro Opera Company (NNOC) and niece of the founder and director of the company, Mary Cardwell Dawson), 1971. Documents related to the career of singer La Julia Rhea, who performed the title role in the NNOC's first operatic production of *Aida*, were given to the collection by her sons, Robert Lee Rhea and Henry James Rhea, in 1989.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Processing History

The National Negro Opera Company Collection was processed by Kate Rourke, Rodney Todd, Joel Sorensen, Greg Pierce and Robert Saladini, in August 1993. The collection was further processed and coded for EAD format by George Kipper in December 2012.

Transfers

The costumes have been transferred to the Senator John Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Agency Sketch

The National Negro Opera Company, the first African-American opera company in the United States, was founded in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1941, by Mary Cardwell Dawson (born February 14, 1894, in Madison, North Carolina; died March 19, 1962). Ms. Dawson graduated from the New England Conservatory of Music in June 1925, then did post-graduate work at the Chicago Musical College, and in New York and Boston. She began her professional career giving private voice lessons at the Cardwell School of Music, in Homestead, Pennsylvania, which she founded in 1927. She staged and directed the opera *Romeo and Juliet* at Carnegie Music Hall, in Pittsburgh (1926-1927) followed by the operetta *The Merry Milk Maids*, which she staged at nearby Schenley High School, in 1930. Mary Cardwell Dawson appeared as a soloist at the Century of Progress (World's Fair), Chicago, in 1933. That same year she organized the Cardwell Dawson Choir, made up of students at her school. The ensemble began a series of annual concerts in 1934, gradually developing into a prize-winning ensemble in the late 1930s. They won the *Sun-Telegraph* (Harvey Gaul) Award for Musical Excellence in both 1937 and 1938. The Cardwell Dawson Choir accepted invitations to appear at the Chicago and New York World's Fairs in the late 1930s. Seven years later, on May 27, 1944, the Choir received a first place award in the Nationalist Class of the Western Pennsylvania Choral Festival. Ms. Dawson served as president of the National Association of Negro Musicians (hereafter referred to as the NANM) from 1939 to 1941, and was chairman of the association's opera committee.

Ms. Dawson launched the National Negro Opera Company (hereafter referred to as the NNOC) at the NANM annual convention, in August 1941. The NNOC was incorporated in the state of Illinois in 1942 with the stated purpose of "affording for the Negro the opportunity for the fullest expression in cultural development." The first operatic production was a performance of Verdi's *Aida*, presented at Pittsburgh's Syria Masque, on August 29, 1941. The stars in the first production included La Julia Rhea (as Aida), Minto Cato, Carol Brice, Robert McFerrin, and Lillian Evanti. After two years of various struggles and disappointments, the NNOC began to experience more consistent success, beginning with the August 29, 1943 performance of Verdi's *La Traviata*, performed at the Watergate, in Washington, D.C. - the stage being an anchored floating barge. The next year, on March 29, 1944, after successful performances in Chicago and Pittsburgh, the company staged *La Traviata* at New York City's Madison Square Garden, to enthusiastic crowds. The NNOC presented several musical spectaculars and operatic performances at Carnegie Hall and at Town Hall in New York, including such programs as "A Music and Dance Festival" (October 5, 1947), "An Afternoon of Stars" (April 3, 1948), and a performance of R. Nathaniel Dett's *The Ordering of Moses*, presented on June 15, 1951. In addition to regular offerings of operatic productions and occasional large-scale New York concerts, there were many solo recitals that featured Mary Cardwell Dawson or prominent soloists of the NNOC--concerts that were often billed as benefit concerts for the NNOC. The NNOC also sponsored nine annual music festivals between July 19, 1947 and August 27, 1955 at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C. These annual events consisted of bands, drill teams, dance groups, choruses, instrumental and vocal soloists - with appearances by well-known celebrities such as Noble Sissle and W. C. Handy, both of whom appeared at the August 7, 1948 event. Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators baseball team, donated use of Griffith Stadium for these annual events without charging any fees.

The NNOC was active between 1941 and 1962 (the year of Dawson's death), producing operas in several cities, such as Washington, D.C., New York City and Chicago, in addition to productions staged in Pittsburgh. In the early 1940s, Ms. Dawson moved to Washington, D.C., which then became the center of the NNOC's activities. Active Opera Guilds (city chapters) were established in Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Pittsburgh, Red Bank, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. The National Negro Opera Foundation (hereafter NNOF) was incorporated in Washington, D.C. on March 31, 1950 to help raise funds to sustain the NNOC. Ms. Dawson served as director and general manager of the company from the founding of the company until her death on March 19, 1962.

The NNOC's repertoire during the years 1941-1960 consisted mainly of six operas and one oratorio (*The Ordering of Moses*, arranged in operatic format by Ms. Dawson for operatic presentation). In addition to *The Ordering of Moses*, the

operatic repertoire included *Carmen* (Bizet), *Faust* (Gounod), *Aida* (Verdi), *La Traviata* (Verdi), *Il Trovatore* (Verdi), and *Ouanga* (Clarence Cameron White).

The company reached its peak with performances of Clarence Cameron White's opera *Ouanga* presented in a concert version with ballet, at the Metropolitan Opera House, on May 27, 1956. The Met performance actually represented four premieres. It was the first time that the opera *Ouanga* had been staged in New York. Secondly, it was the first time an outside company had staged an operatic production using the Met's stage and facilities. Thirdly, it was the first opera ever presented at the Met by an African-American opera company, and lastly, it was the first time that an opera by an African-American composer (White) and librettist (John Frederick Matheus) had been performed at the Met. Four months later, on September 29, 1956, the NNOC gave another successful performance of *Ouanga* at New York City's Carnegie Hall.

The NNOC remained active through 1960, but the number of events gradually diminished, ceasing with Ms. Dawson's death in 1962.

The following section presents a chronological list of selected musical events and productions by the National Negro Opera Company and earlier events performed by ensembles in which Mary Cardwell Dawson was involved.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1926, Mar. 26	Mary L. Cardwell gave pianoforte and voice recital at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1929, Nov. 22	Cardwell Dawson accompanied tenor Claudius James Broadfield at a recital at Wilmerding Christian Association, Wilmerding, Pa.
1930, May 6	Cardwell Dawson and her Concert Company gave a recital at Schenley High School, Pittsburgh Pa.
1930, June 30	Pupils of Mary Cardwell Dawson gave the sixth annual recital at Rodman Street Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1932, Apr. 28	<i>The Merry Milkmaids</i> , an operetta in two acts by C. H. Gabriel, performed at Schenley High School (Mary Cardwell Dawson directed)
1932, May 27	<i>The Merry Milkmaids</i> performed at Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Mary Cardwell Dawson directed)
1933, June 8	Cardwell School of Music concert at Herron Hill Junior High School Auditorium, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1933, July 11	"The Heavenly Road: A beautiful religious pageant sermon in song" staged and directed by Dawson at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1933, Dec. 15	Artist Programme at Carron Street Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1933, Dec. 29	Saengerfest, presented by the Pittsburgh branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians, at Irene Kaufmann Settlement, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1934, Aug. 26-30	Convention of the National Association of Negro Musicians, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1935, Nov. 29	Cardwell School of Music Choir and Clairton Community Choral recital, Clairton High School, Clairton, Pa.
1937, May 27	Third annual concert of the Cardwell Dawson Choir, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1937, June 17	All Star Recital given by the Outstanding Artists of the Cardwell School of Music, Carron Street Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

- 1938, Mar. 31 Fourth annual concert of the Cardwell Dawson Choir, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1938, May 19 Cardwell Dawson Choir performed at Greenburg High School Auditorium
- 1938, July 31-Aug. 4 Pittsburgh branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians observed National Music Week
- 1938, Sept. 15 Mary Cardwell Dawson recital, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1939, Mar. 23 Fifth annual concert of the Cardwell Dawson Choir, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1939, May 26 Benefit concert by the Cardwell Dawson Choir, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1940, Apr. 2 Sixth annual concert of the Cardwell Dawson Choir, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1941, May 9 Cardwell Dawson Choir performed R. Nathaniel Dett's *The Ordering of Moses* at seventh annual spring concert, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1941, May 27 Cardwell Dawson Choir performed R. Nathaniel Dett's *The Ordering of Moses*, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1941, Aug. 5 Night of Opera at Wendell Phillips High School Auditorium (Chicago Campaign Committee of the National Negro Opera Company)
- 1941, Aug. 18 Night of Opera at Wendell Phillips High School Auditorium (Chicago Campaign Committee of the National Negro Opera Company)
- 1941, Aug. 24-29 National Association of Negro Musician's 21st annual convention, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1941, Aug. 29 Cardwell Dawson School of Music and Pittsburgh Branch of the National Association of Negro Musicians presented *Aida*, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1941, Oct. 30 Mary Cardwell Dawson presented *Aida*, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1942, June 5 Mary Cardwell Dawson, soprano and her Special Octette gave recital, Senior High School Auditorium, Uniontown, Pa.
- 1942, Oct. 10-11 Chicago Negro Opera Guild performed *Aida*, Civic Opera House, Chicago, Ill.
- 1943, Jan. 24 Inaugural program, Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago
- 1943, Mar. 25 Benefit midnight show, presented stars and artists of the cast of *Porgy and Bess*, Leo Weil School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1943, Apr. 18 National Negro Opera Company, Inc. Official mass meeting, Schenley High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1943, Aug. 28 *La Traviata*, Watergate, Washington, D.C.
- 1943, Oct. 26 *La Traviata*, Civic Opera House, Chicago

- 1944, Jan. 25 *La Traviata*, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1944, Mar. 29 *La Traviata*, Madison Square Garden, New York City
- 1944, July 29 *Faust*, Watergate, Washington, D.C.
- 1944, Aug. 26 *Aida*, Coliseum, Chicago
- 1944, Oct. 15 *Aida*, Uline Arena, Washington, D.C. (rescheduled from July 30 and then Sept. 17)
- 1944, Dec. 24 New York Campaign Committee of the National Negro Opera Company sponsored third of a series of "pleasant Sunday afternoon musicals," Church of Christ, New York
- 1944, Dec. 31 New York Campaign Committee of the National Negro Opera Company sponsored fourth of a series of "pleasant Sunday afternoon musicals," Salem M.E. Church, New York
- 1945, Jan. 7 New York chapter of the National Negro Opera Company presented Grand Concert, St. Marks M.E. Church, New York
- 1945, June 28 National Negro Opera Company sponsored Battle of Song: a Citywide Vocal Contest, Salem M.E. Church, New York
- 1945, Oct. 21-27 First Annual National Negro Opera Meet & Exhibit, Headquarters, YMCA with special events at various downtown locations, New York
- 1946, Apr. 28 Chicago Opera Guild presented *The Ordering of Moses*, Eighth Street Theatre
- 1946, June 30 Mary Cardwell Dawson singers with augmented chorus of over 100 performed *The Ordering of Moses*, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1947, Feb. 28 Mary Cardwell Dawson recital, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1947, July 19 First Annual Music and Dance Festival, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1947, Oct. 5 New York Opera Guild of the National Negro Opera Company sponsored First Annual Music and Dance Festival, Carnegie Hall, New York
- 1947, Nov. 30 Chicago Opera Guild presented Mary Cardwell Dawson recital, Wendell Phillips High School
- 1948, Feb. 25 Mary Cardwell Dawson recital, Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa. (benefit for National Negro Opera Company)
- 1948, Apr. 3 New York, Newark and Washington Guilds of the National Negro Opera Company sponsored "An Afternoon of Stars," Carnegie Hall, New York
- 1948, Apr. 30 Mary Cardwell Dawson recital, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1948, June 24 The Chicago Negro Opera Guild in concert, New Friendship Baptist Church, Chicago
- 1948, Aug. 1-7 National Negro Opera Meet and Exhibit, multiple locations, Washington, D.C.

- 1948, Aug. 7 Second Annual Spectacular Music Festival, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1948, Nov. 19 John Anglin, tenor in concert with Mary Cardwell Dawson, piano, Asbury Methodist Church, Washington, D.C. (Benefit Opera Fund)
- 1949, Feb. 10 Washington Opera Guild sponsored Pre-Valentine Benefit Dance, Lincoln Colonnade, Washington, D.C.
- 1949, Apr. 30 *Aida*, National Guard Armory, Washington, D.C.
- 1949, Aug. 21-26 Third Annual Opera Meet and Exhibit, multiple locations in Washington, D.C.
- 1949, Aug. 26 Third Annual Gala Music Festival, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1949, Nov. 4 "Mary Cardwell Dawson Presents her Program of Musical Gems," Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1949, Nov. 27 Bertha M. Bragg, soprano and Mary Cardwell Dawson, piano, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C. (Benefit Recital)
- 1950, Mar. 31 National Negro Opera Foundation received charter and incorporated in the District of Columbia
- 1950, Apr. 9 First Annual Easter Fashion Parade and Symposium, John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1950, May 19 A Night at the Opera, Howard Theatre, Washington, D.C.
- 1950, July 28 *The Ordering of Moses*, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C. (fourth annual presentation)
- 1950, Oct. 1 Chicago Negro Opera Guild presented Opera Festival, Kimball Hall, Chicago
- 1950, Nov. 20 *The Ordering of Moses*, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1951, Feb. 25 *The Ordering of Moses*, Allegany High School Auditorium, Cumberland, Maryland
- 1951, Mar. 24 Second Annual Easter Fashion Parade, Washington, D.C.
- 1951, June 15 *The Ordering of Moses*, Carnegie Hall, New York
- 1951, Sept. 30 Fifth Annual Music festival, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1952, Feb. 3 National Negro Opera Company and Chicago Negro Opera Guild sponsored Galaxy of Stars - an afternoon of opera (pre-opera benefit), Metropolitan Community Church, Chicago
- 1952, Mar. 29 National Negro Opera Company and Chicago Negro Opera Guild sponsored *Faust*, Civic Opera, Chicago
- 1952, Aug. 15 Sixth Annual Music Festival presented *Faust*, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1952, Sept. 14 *Aida*, Convention Hall, 178th Armory, Chicago

- 1952, Oct. 19 National Negro Opera Foundation and the Washington Opera Guild presented Court of Famous Characters (excerpts from *Aida*, *Faust*, *Naughty Marietta*, *Il Trovatore* and *The Ordering of Moses*), Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1952, Nov. 20 National Negro Opera Foundation and the Washington Opera Guild sponsored Pre-Thanksgiving Dance (benefit), Convention Hall, 178th Armory, Chicago
- 1953, Jan. 9 Court of Famous Characters (excerpts from *Aida*, *Faust*, *Naughty Marietta*, *Il Trovatore* and *The Ordering of Moses*), Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1953, Mar. 27-30 National Negro Opera Foundation opera meet, National Council House of Negro Women, Washington, D.C.
- 1953, Apr. 20 Court of Famous Characters: Parade of Kings and Queens, excerpts from the great operas, and biblical scenes from *The Ordering of Moses*, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1953, July 25 Seventh Annual Gala Music Festival, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1954, Feb. 18 National Negro Opera Foundation provided music for the Tuesday Evening Club of Social Workers, Inc. in celebration of Negro History Week, Dunbar Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 1954, Mar. 14 Pittsburgh Opera Guild presented Pre-opera benefit, with Ben Mitchell Morris, tenor, Mass Ballet ensemble, and fashion display of the National Negro Opera Company's European costumes, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1954, Mar. 24 Ben Morris, in concert, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1954, Aug. 4 National Negro Opera Foundation, honoring the National Association of Colored Women, sponsored Eighth Annual Gala Music Festival, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1954, Oct. 9 *Aida*, Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1954, Dec. 3 Pittsburgh Opera Guild Benefit, Follies of 1954, Schenley High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1955, Jan. 16 Chicago Negro Opera Guild presented scenes from *Carmen*, *Aida*, *Faust* and *La Traviata*, Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago
- 1955, May 28 National Negro Opera Foundation sponsored First Annual Benefit Banquet Ball, Hotel New Yorker, New York
- 1955, Aug. 27 Court of Famous Characters, Ninth Annual Music Festival, Griffith Stadium, Washington, D.C.
- 1955, Sept. 12 New York Guild of National Negro Opera Foundation presented first concert of a new series: "Series of Concerts of Thrilling Voices," Salem Methodist Church, Social Hall, New York
- 1955, Oct. 30 Mass meeting, National Negro Opera Foundation presented its Cleveland Opera Guild, Cory Methodist Church
- 1956, May 27 National Negro Opera Foundation, in cooperation with the New York Opera Guild presented *Ouanga*, Haitian opera, in English, Metropolitan Opera House, New York

- 1956, Sept. 27-30 National Negro Opera Foundation, in cooperation with the New York Opera Guild presented *Ouanga*, Haitian opera, in English, Carnegie Hall, New York
- 1956, Nov. 4 The Chicago Opera Guild honored Mme. Mary Cardwell Dawson, Chicago
- 1956, Dec. 7 National Negro Opera Foundation presented Evelyn Greene, in concert, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1956, Dec. 16 *The Ordering of Moses*, Union Congregational Church, New York
- 1957, Jan. 10 *The Ordering of Moses*, Parent-Teacher Association of Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York City
- 1957, Feb. 10 First annual historical & musical tea, dedicated to celebrated Negro composers, National Federation of Colored Women's Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
- 1957, Apr. 17 *The Ordering of Moses*, Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, Main Auditorium, New York
- 1957, Apr. 21 Spring Operama and Easter Parade, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Chicago
- 1957, May 5 *The Ordering of Moses*, Hillhouse High School, New Haven, Conn.
- 1957, May 26 New York Opera Guild presented A Sunday Night Musical, Theresa Hotel, Skyline Room, New York
- 1957, June 16 Chicago Opera Guild sponsored Evelyn Greene concert, Olivet Baptist Church, Chicago
- 1957, Aug. 24 Washington Opera Guild Benefit "An Evening on the Lawn," 1256 Kearny Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.
- 1957, Sept. 20 Georgia Club of the Metropolitan Baptist Church sponsored *The Ordering of Moses*, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1957, Nov. 22 *The Ordering of Moses*, Lawson Religious and Civic Center, New York
- 1958, Feb. 16 *The Ordering of Moses*, Convent Avenue Baptist Church, New York
- 1958, Feb. 23 A Historical & Musical Tea, in observance of National Brotherhood Week, National Federation of Colored Women's Headquarters, Washington, D.C.
- 1958, Mar. 28 Calvary Baptist Church Sunday School sponsored *The Ordering of Moses*, River Street School Auditorium, Red Bank, New Jersey
- 1958, May 23 Bethesda Baptist Church sponsored *The Ordering of Moses*, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York
- 1958, July 13 Friends of the New York Opera Guild Committee sponsored *The Ordering of Moses*, Bedford Avenue YMCA, Brooklyn, New York
- 1958, Aug. 26 Grand Lodge Convention Committee of the Elks I.B.O.E. of W. sponsored *The Ordering of Moses*, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

- 1958, Nov. 1 The Washington D.C. Women's Committee, Mary Cardwell Dawson, and the National Negro Opera Foundation presented "An Informal Afternoon Gathering," 1601 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C
- 1958, Nov. 20 G. Dewey Robinson Boosters Club sponsored "Fashions Aboard the Luxury Liner," Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1959, Jan. 25 Washington Opera Guild sponsored "Fashions Aboard the Luxury Liner," Casino Royal, Washington, D.C.
- 1959, June 20 Board of Governors of the National Negro Opera Foundation sponsored "An Opera Luncheon," Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 1959, Aug. 30 Chicago Opera Guild presented Grand Opera Interlude, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gentry, Chicago
- 1959, Nov. 11 Benefit dinner, 2610 3rd Street N.E., Washington, D.C. (private residence)
- 1960, Feb. 14 National Negro Opera Foundation presented *The Ordering of Moses*, in cooperation with the Association of Negro Life and History, Lisner Auditorium, Washington, D.C.
- 1960, Sept. 11 Chicago Negro Opera Guild presented Opera Festival, Dunbar High School Auditorium, Chicago
- 1960, Nov. 18 Evelyn Greene, in concert, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C. (sponsored by the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church's Pastor's Aid and Hospitality Clubs)
- 1960, Dec. 2 National Negro Opera Foundation and Washington Guild presented 1960 Spectacular Fashions in Couturere Parisienne, Metropolitan A.M.E. Church, Washington, D.C.
- 1961, Feb. 19 National Negro Opera Foundation and Chicago Opera Guild held reception honoring Mary Cardwell Dawson, and presented Chicago Sustaining Committee, Palmer House, Chicago
- 1961, Apr. 23 Washington Youth Opera Guild held "Talented Tots to Teens" fashion musicale and dance show, Jewish Community Center, Washington, D.C.
- 1961, June 3-4 National Negro Opera Foundation, in cooperation New York, Washington, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Chicago Opera Guilds held two-day opera meet, Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 1961, July 16 *The Ordering of Moses* performed at a benefit performance for National Negro Opera Company and Chicago Opera Guild, Dunbar High School Auditorium, Chicago
- 1962, Mar. 19 Mary Cardwell Dawson died, Washington, D.C.
- 1962, May 17 New York Guild Opera Workshop performed *The Bohemian Girl*, Beulah Wesleyan Auditorium, New York
- 1962, Oct. 7 Chicago Negro Opera Guild performed in Opera Festival, Dunbar High School Auditorium
- 1965, Sept. 19 Chicago Opera Guild performed concertized excerpts from *Aida*, *Faust*, *Il Travatore* and *Masked Ball*, McCormack Place, Chicago (in memory of Mary Cardwell Dawson)

- 1994, May 25 Dedication of an official historical marker commemorating the National Negro Opera Company at the site of the old Cardwell School of Music, 7101 Apple Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 1997, July 27 Tribute to Madame Mary Cardwell Dawson and the National Negro Opera Company, Carnegie Library of Homestead Music Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Scope and Content Note

The National Negro Opera Company was the first African-American opera company in the United States. The collection spans the years 1879-1997, with the bulk of the material dated 1930-1962. The collection documents not only the activities of the company, but also the life and career of its founder Mary Cardwell Dawson.

The Correspondence series includes business and personal correspondence to and from many prominent musical figures of the period, such as Marian Anderson, Muriel Rahn, Robert McFerrin, and Todd Duncan. It also includes items from political and community leaders, including Eleanor Roosevelt, P. L. Prattis, and Mary MacLeod Bethune. Of particular interest is correspondence with Clarence Cameron White, composer of *Ouanga*, an opera performed by the National Negro Opera Company in 1956.

Most of the photographs in the Photographs series feature individuals and groups involved in the activities of the National Negro Opera Company, the Cardwell Dawson Chorus, the NNOC's various membership guilds, and other affiliated groups. There are many inscribed photographs in the collection that are indicated as such in the finding aid. The series is primarily comprised of publicity stills of performers, but there is also a significant amount of production photographs of casts (in and out of costume), rehearsals, and performances. In addition, there are photographs of various city guild administrative boards and committees. Personal photographs of Dawson family members are also included. Although every attempt has been made to identify individuals found in the photographs, many images of individual and groups remain unidentified. As a result, the series is subdivided into two subseries: photographs that are identified and ones that have been unable to be identified.

The Programs and Promotional Materials series contains a substantial number of programs and related promotional materials, including posters, flyers, press releases, funding solicitation letters, letters announcing events, tickets, and invitations.

Both the Administrative and Financial Papers series provide a record of the National Negro Opera Company's business activities. Included among these materials are charters, by-laws, lists of officers and board members, planning information, minutes of meetings, and other documents relating to the company, to the National Negro Opera Foundation, and to other organizations and committees.

Datable and identifiable budgets and financial reports are arranged in chronological order, with undated reports filed separately. Several income and expense reports from productions are included. Bank statements and related materials are arranged in alphabetical order by institution. Contracts are filed alphabetically by contractee or subject. The majority of the contracts are arranged by performer, with other types of contracts filed within.

Materials relating to ticket sales retain any pre-existing groupings, but, due to incomplete labelling, no further attempt was made to arrange these materials. Similar treatment has been given to the bills and receipts and handwritten notes. Appointment books and calendars have been arranged chronologically. Miscellaneous administrative papers, including advertising, insurance, and other materials complete the Administrative Papers series.

The Clippings series contains items from the 1930s that chronicle Mrs. Dawson's activities prior to the founding of the National Negro Opera Company. It also contains reviews of performances from the 1940s and 1950s. The majority of these articles are drawn from major African-American newspapers, such as the *Washington Afro-American* and the *Chicago Defender*.

The Scrapbooks series includes pasted clippings dating from the 1940s and 1950s from a disassembled scrapbook. There are also paste-up pages containing items clipped from National Negro Opera Company programs. A scrapbook labeled

"National Negro Opera Foundation, Inc." contains small advertising posters, clippings, and copies of early photographs cut from National Negro Opera Company publications.

The Address Lists and Address Books series includes a large number of address lists containing information that is sometimes partially identified and in various stages of completion. Longer, identified lists have been housed separately. The remaining lists have been separated according to those with designations and those without. In addition to loose-leaf address lists, the collection contains over forty bound address books, each of which has been assigned a number and filed in numerical order.

The Notebooks series (both disassembled and intact) contains financial and budget materials, secretarial and stenographer notes, telephone logs, and other items that highlight the daily office operations of the National Negro Opera Company and related organizations in which Mary Cardwell Dawson was involved.

Music in the collection is arranged alphabetically by composer. This series contains such items as songs by Lillian Evanti (a singer in NNOC's first operatic production), a manuscript arrangement by NNOC singer Roy O'Loughlin of *O Hear Me Lord* from R. Nathaniel Dett's *Ordering of Moses*, a song written for the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs by Eva Jessye, and manuscripts by Benjamin Francisco Jaime. This series also contains script fragments and synopses, nearly half of which consist of scenes from *Ordering of Moses*. The remainder of these are arranged alphabetically by title of production.

The Books series contains various items, including six musical textbooks, a 1951 National Council of Negro Women yearbook and *Tones and Overtones*, an Alabama State College, Department of Music serial that was used by Mary Cardwell Dawson. Several textbooks contain notes written by Dawson, with one book containing thirty handwritten lectures dating from around 1919-1920. A list of books not retained with this collection can be examined in the Music Division collections file folder for the National Negro Opera Company Collection.

The Realia series includes 275 metal printing plates, the majority of which contain reverse photographic images of individuals and groups. These images were reproduced in publications, newspaper articles, programs, brochures and other publicity materials. Most plates/blocks appear to be reverse images taken from original photographs found in the collection.

The La Julia Rhea Gift contains materials given to the Library of Congress Music Division by the family of Ms. Rhea, who was the first black artist to star with a major opera company. These materials document her career and her struggles in overcoming discrimination within the operatic profession. She appeared in the title role in the National Negro Opera Company's first production of Verdi's *Aida* on August 29, 1941. The gift includes autobiographical and biographical materials, a Town Hall program from November 9, 1943, scrapbooks, and clippings.

The Walter M. Dawson Papers series contains materials relating to Mary Cardwell Dawson's husband who was personally and financially supportive of his wife's musical endeavors. He served as the company's public relations director, publicity director, and comptroller during the National Negro Opera Company's active years. The National Negro Opera Company Collection as a whole contains materials relating to Walter M. Dawson's involvement with the company. The Walter M. Dawson Papers series, on the other hand, contains materials relating to Mr. Dawson's career as a master electrician with the General Services Administration. While this material does not directly relate to the National Negro Opera Company, it is of cultural and historical interest for drawing attention to Mr. Dawson's role in challenging discrimination in the federal government and electricians' unions. Having been denied membership in the AFL-CIO, he co-founded the Association of Electricians, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Area, in 1958.

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BOX 7-12

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Correspondence, 1934-1970

Correspondence with individuals, companies, and organizations that document the National Negro Opera Company's efforts and difficulties in producing operas during the 1940s and into the early 1960s. A folder containing correspondence of Jeanna Edwards was removed from the collection by Barbara Edwards Lee, on April 12, 1996. Correspondence of Etta Moten was missing from the collection at the time the finding aid was coded.

Arranged alphabetically by name of individual or company and chronologically therein.

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Photographs, 1925-1994

Identified and unidentified photographic images of individuals and groups related to the National Negro Opera Company, its member guilds, committees and other affiliated African American groups and organizations. As many of the photographs in this collection were used for various programs and publicity purposes, several images will be found cut to the needs of the National Negro Opera Company. Some post-1962 photographs document various honors awarded to Mary Cardwell Dawson after her death.

Identified photographs arranged alphabetically by name.

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Programs and Promotional Materials, 1926-1997

Includes programs, press releases, advertising, posters, draft copies of advertising and press releases, tickets, and newspaper reviews for concerts, musical performances, benefits, and other related events. The series is divided into two subseries: the first contains materials produced or sponsored by the National Negro Opera Company and its immediate predecessors, the National Negro Opera Foundation, and the various city-based National Negro Opera Company-affiliated opera guilds. In addition, it contains materials from concerts given by prominent stars of the National Negro Opera Company such as benefits and fundraising events for future operatic productions. The second subseries contains materials from concerts and events that are not directly related to the National Negro Opera Company, but which Mrs. Dawson attended. These document the African-American concert scene from the 1930s to the early 1960s.

Arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Papers, 1912-1961, bulk 1931-1960

Records of the National Negro Opera Company's business activities. Included among these materials are charters, by-laws, contracts, lists of officers and board members, planning information, and meeting minutes. Includes records from the National Negro Opera Foundation, early records from the National Association of Negro Musicians (Pittsburgh branch), and other related organizations and committees. Minutes of meetings from these organizations are arranged in chronological order. Diplomas and other early public school and college certificates belonging to Mary Cardwell Dawson are also included in this series and are found in the Miscellany subseries.

Arranged by type of material. Minutes are further arranged chronologically.

BOX 25-29

Financial Papers, 1936-1962

Includes budgets and financial reports, bank statements, cancelled checks, withdrawal slips, ticket sales receipts, and various membership and organizational lists.

Arranged by type of item, and chronologically therein.

- BOX 17-19** **Clippings, 1931-1997**
Newspaper and magazine articles that document the activities of the National Negro Opera Company and related organizations in which Mary Cardwell Dawson was involved. Includes interviews and descriptions of events that honor Dawson and the National Negro Opera Company. Originals and photocopies are included.
Arranged chronologically.
- BOX 65, 68** **Scrapbooks, circa 1940-1961**
Contains one large scrapbook and several loose pages which were formerly part of a scrapbook.
- BOX 30-35** **Address Lists and Address Books, 1940-1961**
Includes membership lists, committee lists, contact lists, mailing lists, miscellaneous lists, and lists of organizations producing operas in the United States.
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- BOX 36-40** **Notebooks, 1932-1961**
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- BOX 41-43** **Music, 1879-1961**
Includes manuscripts, printed music, script fragments and synopses.
Arranged alphabetically by composer.
- BOX 43** **Books, 1889-1955**
Includes books, a serial and a yearbook.
Arranged alphabetically by author.
- BOX 44-62** **Realia, circa 1928-1961**
275 metal print plates and blocks. The metal printing plates are arranged into two subseries: the first contains 19 plates that lack backing and the second contains 256 plates with wood blocks attached as backing. The majority of the plates contain reverse photographic images of vocalists, ensembles, and operatic choruses, and were used for newspaper articles, reviews, concert programs, brochures, printed publications, and other publicity purposes. The rest of the plates contain reverse images used for box advertisements from sponsors that were published in National Negro Opera Company concert programs and brochures.
- BOX 63, 67** **La Julia Rhea Gift, 1930s-1989**
Includes autobiographical and biographical material, a large clippings page, scrapbooks containing clippings documenting Rhea's vocal career, and a 1943 Town Hall concert program.
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- BOX 64, 66** **Walter M. Dawson Papers, 1925-1970**
Walter M. Dawson was Mary Cardwell Dawson's husband. These materials primarily relate to his career as a master electrician from around 1930 to 1968. Walter Dawson was the NNOC's publicity chairman, and later served as the organization's comptroller. Items include address books, diplomas, awards, certificates, clippings, correspondence, contract

forms, his obituary, publications related to the electrical trade, including a copy of the proposed 1963 Washington, D.C. Electrical Code, realia such as 1950s-1960s metal buttons and name badges, and a 1941-1943 Timeshift record book.
Arranged by type of item or subject.

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BOX-FOLDER 34/6	Chicago talent and music lovers address book, undated
BOX-FOLDER 34/7	Pittsburgh and McKeesport addresses, undated
BOX-FOLDER 34/8	Washington, D.C. address books (3 books), circa 1959
BOX-FOLDER 34/9	Boston, Detroit, New York and Pittsburgh addresses, undated
BOX-FOLDER 34/10	Address and phone book, undated
BOX-FOLDER 34/11	Rite-form account book (unbound), circa 1957
BOX-FOLDER 34/12	Telephone index (unbound), undated
BOX-FOLDER 34/13	Addresses/telephone numbers (unbound), undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/1	<i>The Ordering of Moses</i> (1959 production) Addresses, 1959
BOX-FOLDER 35/2	Small black address book, undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/3	<i>The Ordering of Moses</i> Addresses/contacts, 1957 Cover title: Dancers.
BOX-FOLDER 35/4	Address/telephone book (green cloth bound), undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/5	Address notepad, 1942
BOX-FOLDER 35/6	Address/accounts notebook, undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/7	Addresses (small green notebook), undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/8	Unbound notepad, 1943
BOX-FOLDER 35/9	Rehearsal notepad pages, 1946
BOX-FOLDER 35/10	Addresses and accounts notebook, undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/11	<i>La Traviata</i> (1943 production) addresses, 1943
BOX-FOLDER 35/12	Addresses, undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/13	Addresses - New York City, undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/14	Addresses - several cities/Guilds (bound book), undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/15	Addresses (loose pages A-Z) - various cities, undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/16	Addresses (loose pages A-Z), undated
BOX-FOLDER 35/17	Washington, D.C. addresses (loose pages), 1943
BOX 36-40	Notebooks, 1932-1961 (70 folders) Notebooks (disassembled and intact) containing specific subject content, secretarial and stenographer notes, or other general notes that highlight the daily office operations of the National Negro Opera Company and related organizations in which Mary Cardwell Dawson was involved. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.
BOX-FOLDER 36/1	Appointments, receipts and expenses, undated
BOX-FOLDER 36/2	Cash flow records and payments, 1956
BOX-FOLDER 40/3	Checkbook number 1, 1958-1960

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BOX-FOLDER 40/4	Checkbook number 2, 1958-1961
BOX-FOLDER 36/3	Chorus members addresses, undated
BOX-FOLDER 36/4	Draft letters, undated
BOX-FOLDER 36/5	Draft letters, 1956
BOX-FOLDER 36/6	Draft letters (spiral stenographic notebook), undated
BOX-FOLDER 36/7	Draft letters; sponsor lists; notes from meetings (stenographic notebook), undated
BOX-FOLDER 36/8	Expense records. Black S.E. ledger, 1941
BOX-FOLDER 36/9	Expense records. Gray S.E. ledger, 1942
BOX-FOLDER 36/10	Expense records. Miscellaneous (brown marbled notebook), 1948
BOX-FOLDER 36/11	Expense records. Miscellaneous (brown spiral notebook), 1947, 1949
BOX-FOLDER 36/12	Financial ledger, 1943
BOX-FOLDER 36/13	Financial ledger, 1946-1948
BOX-FOLDER 36/14	Leave records. (green cloth notebook), 1943
BOX-FOLDER 36/15	Members of the Development Committee. Address list, undated
BOX-FOLDER 40/6	Membership fees notebook, 1954
BOX-FOLDER 40/7	Membership list, receipts/disbursements and a dinner report, 1939-1940; 1951 Notebook includes a membership list (page 4); receipts and disbursements accounts (page 50); and a dinner report from 1951 (page 14).
BOX-FOLDER 40/8	Membership lists and financial records, 1949
BOX-FOLDER 36/16	Money receipt books (4), 1944, 1950, 1955 and 1959-1961
BOX-FOLDER 37/1	Music notebook, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/2	Notebook. Addresses, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/3	Notebook. Assignments (B. Edwards), undated
BOX-FOLDER 40/2	Notebook. Cash accounts ledger, 1947
BOX-FOLDER 40/1	Notebook. NNOC Campaign Fund, 1960
BOX-FOLDER 37/4	Notebook. National Negro Opera Company Foundation (Barbara Edwards' notebook), undated Notebook belonging to Barbara Edwards.
BOX-FOLDER 37/5	Notebook. Notes by Barbara Edwards, June 20, 1950
BOX-FOLDER 40/9	Notebook. Miscellaneous notes, 1932
BOX-FOLDER 37/6	Notebook. Miscellaneous, including poem <i>Opportunity</i> , undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/7	Notebook. Scripture notes, June 20, 1950
BOX-FOLDER 37/8	Notebook. Big 25 composition - Miscellaneous notes, 1955
BOX-FOLDER 37/9	Notebook. Black composition book - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/10	Notebook. Improved compact binder - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/11	Notebook. Premier composition binder - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/12	Notebook. Riteform binder - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/13	Notebook. Spiral composition binder - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/14	Notebook. unbound pages - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/15	Notebook. Bound notebook (cover missing) - Miscellaneous notes, 1941
BOX-FOLDER 37/16	Notebook. unbound pages - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/17	Notebook. unbound pages - Miscellaneous notes, undated
BOX-FOLDER 37/18	Notebook. <i>Aida</i> notes (Weekly time book), undated
BOX-FOLDER 38/1	Notebooks (2). <i>Ouanga</i> expenses, 1956
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BOX-FOLDER 40/10	Receipts book, 1953, 1958-1959
BOX-FOLDER 38/3	Records. City vocal contest, Salem Methodist Church, 1945
BOX-FOLDER 38/4	Report for cash. Ledger, 1945

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- BOX-FOLDER 38/5** Secretarial notebook. Ledger, undated
Notebook belonging to Juanita Walker.
- BOX-FOLDER 38/6** Secretarial notebooks. Draft letters and lists, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 38/7-11** Secretarial notebooks. Shorthand, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 38/12-14** Secretarial notebooks (3). Shorthand exercises, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 39/1** Small blue notebook. Miscellaneous contact data, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 39/2** Stenographer's notebook, 1950
Notebook belonging to Rita Maria Carrington.
- BOX-FOLDER 39/3** Telephone directories (4), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 39/4** Telephone log, 1956
- BOX-FOLDER 39/5** Telephone log, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 39/6** Telephone log and miscellaneous notes, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 39/7** Ticket accounts (book), 1944
- BOX-FOLDER 39/8** Ticket accounts (book), 1948
- BOX-FOLDER 39/9** Ticket orders (book), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 39/10** Ticket orders to fill - opera, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 39/11** Ticket report notebook, 1933
- BOX-FOLDER 40/5** Ticket report notebook. Madison Square Garden members report, 1934
- BOX-FOLDER 39/12** Ticket sales notebooks, 1943, 1948 and 1951
- BOX 41-43** **Music, 1879-1961**
(15 folders)
Includes manuscripts, printed music, script fragments and synopses.
Arranged alphabetically by composer.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/1** Andrews, Ismay.
Tradition; song for mixed voices. New York: Handy Brothers Music Co., 1946.
Printed score; 16 p.
Words and music by Ismay Andrews.
Four copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/1** Aylward, Florence.
Beloved, it is morn; for voice and organ/piano. New York: Chappell & Co., 1896.
Printed score; 3 p.
Words by Emily Hickey; music by Florence Aylward.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/1** Bach, Johann Sebastian.
Bist du bei mir; for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1943.
Printed score; 5 p.
Music by J. S. Bach; piano accompaniment by Carl Deis.
Original German text anonymous. Translation and sacred text by Margaret Bristol.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/1** Berlin, Irving.
God bless America; arranged for mixed voices and piano. New York: Irving Berlin, Inc., 1939.
Printed score; 7 p.
Words and music by Irving Berlin; arranged for mixed voices by Charles Boutelle.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/1** Bischoff, J. W.
The Summer wind; for voice and piano. Boston: Arthur P. Schmidt Co., 1906.
Printed score; 7 p.
Music by J. W. Bischoff; words by Walter Learned.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/2** Bizet, Georges.

- Carmen*; opera in four acts. Boston: C. C. Birchard & Company, 1927.
 Printed score (Chorus parts only); 53 p.
 Music by Georges Bizet; original text by H. Meilhac and L. Halevy; English words by Sybil Paget and J. Lilian Vandevere.
 Three copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Buck, Dudley.
Golden legend. My Redeemer and my Lord, Scene V; for voice and piano. Cincinnati: John Church Company, 1908.
 Printed score; 9 p.
 Music by Dudley Buck; text taken from a poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Burleigh, H. T.
Little David, play on your harp; negro spiritual, arranged for voice and piano. New York: G. Ricordi & Co., 1921.
 Printed score; 6 p.
 Arranged by H. T. Burleigh.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Burleigh, H. T.
Little mother of mine; for voice and piano. New York: G. Ricordi & Co., 1917.
 Printed score; 6 p. (incomplete, pages missing)
 Music by H. T. Burleigh; words by Walter H. Brown.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Burleigh, H. T.
Sinner. Please doan let dis harves' pass; negro spiritual, arranged for voice and piano. New York: G. Ricordi & Co., 1917.
 Printed score; 5 p.
 Arranged by H. T. Burleigh.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Cain, Noble.
The King of love my shepherd is; anthem arranged for two choirs (SATB) and piano. New York: Harold Flammer Publisher, Inc., 1948.
 Printed score; 10 p.
 Adapted from an ancient Irish melody by Noble Cain; psalm as verse by Henry W. Baker.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Cain, Noble.
O Lord, don't turn away; for chorus (SATB), A Cappella and rehearsal piano accompaniment. [S.l.: Choral Press, Inc.], 1961.
 Printed score; 10 p.
 Music by Noble Cain; words by Philip Maxwell.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Campbell, Lucie E.
Jesus give me water; for solo voice, chorus and piano. Nashville, Tennessee: E. W. D. Isaac, 1946.
 Printed score; 5 p.
 Words and music by Lucie E. Campbell.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Campbell-Tipton, Louis.
A Spirit flower song; for four-part chorus (mixed voices) and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1936.
 Printed score; 7 p.
 Music by Louis Campbell-Tipton; words by B. Martin Stanton.
 Arrangement by Wallingford Riegger.
 Two copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Chambers, Lucille Cundiff.
Chanson sans paroles, opus 18; for piano solo.
 Manuscript piano score; 4 p.
 Dedicated to Mary Cardwell Dawson by the composer.

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- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Coenen, Willem.
Frühlingslied =Lovely spring; song for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., [19--]
Printed score; 7 p.
Words and music by Willem Coenen.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/3** Cooper, Esther.
Negro sketches. Lord, hold our Your hand to me; for voice and piano. Pittsburgh: Volkwein Brothers, Inc., 1947.
Printed score; 5 p.
Music by Esther Cooper; words by Helen Williams.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Densmore, John H.
A Spring fancy; for voice and piano. Boston: Oliver Ditson Company, 1920.
Printed score; 7 p.
Music by John H. Densmore; words by Mary Gardenia.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Dett, R. Nathaniel.
The Dett collection of negro spirituals; second group. Chicago: Hall & McCreary Company, 1936.
Printed score (vocal parts with piano); 32 p.
Includes originals, settings, anthems and motets, with an essay (by Dett) "Understanding the negro spiritual."
The H. & M. Auditorium Series no. 14.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Dett, R. Nathaniel.
The Dett collection of negro spirituals; third group. Chicago: Hall & McCreary Company, 1936.
Printed score (vocal parts with piano); 32 p.
Includes originals, settings, anthems and motets, with an essay (by Dett) "The Authenticity of the spiritual."
The H. & M. Auditorium Series no. 15.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Dett, R. Nathaniel.
The Ordering of Moses; Biblical folk scene for soli, chorus and orchestra. Melville, New York: J. Fischer & Bro., 1965.
Printed piano-vocal score; 123 p.
Text based on Scripture and folk lore, compiled and set to music by R. Nathaniel Nett.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Dett, R. Nathaniel.
The Ordering of Moses. O Hear me Lord; an added tenor aria for the Prayer Scene of Act II.
Manuscript piano-vocal score (vocal part with piano); 4 p.
Additional tenor aria, arranged by Roy O'Loughlin, music taken from the Prelude music of the first act of *The Ordering of Moses*; words are from the Bible, Exodus, Chapter 5.
Includes a one-page letter by Roy O'Laughlin to Mrs. Dawson, dated March 6, 1960, in which he discusses this added aria.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Diton, Cairnetta B.
Nann's going onward; for voice and piano. New York: Cairnetta B. Diton, 1959.
Printed score; 3 p.
Words and music by Cairnetta B. Diton; vocal arrangement by Carl Diton.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Dorsey, Thomas A.
Our Father who art in Heaven - The Lord's prayer; for voice and piano. Chicago: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1940.
Printed score; 4 p.
Music by Thomas A. Dorsey; vocal text from the Bible.
Two copies.

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- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Duparc, Henri.
Phidylé; for voice and piano. Boston: Boston Music Company, 1915.
Printed score; 13 p.
Music by Henri Duparc; original text (French) by Leconte de Lisle, with English words by M. Louise Baum.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/4** Dupree, Reese.
Shortnin' bread; for voice and piano. New York: Clarence Williams Publishing Co., Inc., 1938.
Printed score; 13 p.
Words and music by Reese Dupree; arranged by Clarence Williams.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/5** Evanti, Lillian.
Forward march to victory; voice and piano. Washington, D.C.: Lillian Evanti, 1943.
Printed score; 3 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/5** Evanti, Lillian.
Twenty-Third Psalm; for mixed quartette and piano. New York: Handy Brothers Music Co., 1942.
Printed score; 10 p.
Arranged by Charles L. Cooke.
Inscribed to Mary Cardwell Dawson by the composer.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/5** Fauré, Gabriel.
Impromptu, no. 2 in F minor, opus 31; for piano. Boston: Boston Music Co., 1910.
Printed score; 11 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/5** Fax, Mark.
Rally song; vocals with piano.
Manuscript score (photocopy); 1 p.
Song written for the NNOC Foundation's 1953 drive for public support. Song was donated to this cause by the composer.
Two copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/5** Flégier, Ange.
Le Cor = The Horn; for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1898.
Printed score; 7 p.
Words and music by Ange Flégier.
English version by Isabella G. Parker.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/5** Gounod, Charles.
Ave Maria; for violin or violoncello and harmonium. [S.l. : s.n.], [19--]
Printed score; 7 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/5** Gounod, Charles.
Faust; lyric drama in 4 acts. Chorus score. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1930.
Printed score; 59 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Hageman, Richard.
Do not go, my love; for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1945.
Printed score; 5 p.
Music by Richard Hageman; words by Sir Rabindranath Tagore.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Handel, George Frideric.
Messiah. I know that my Redeemer liveth; for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., [n.d.]
Printed score; 7 p.
Music by Handel; text: Job 19:25-26; I Corinthians 15:20.

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- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Handy, William Christopher.
Opportunity; for voice (Medium) and piano. New York: W. C. Handy Music Publisher, 1934.
Printed score; 5 p.
Music by W. C. Handy; poem by Walter Malone.
Autographed by the composer.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Hardelot, Guy, d'.
Because; for voice and piano. New York: Chappell & Co., Inc., 1902.
Printed score; 7 p.
Music by Guy d'Hardelot; words by Edward Teschemacher.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Herbert, Victor.
Naughty Marietta. Italian street song; for four-part chorus (mixed voices), soprano solo and piano. New York: M. Witmark & Sons, 1915.
Printed score; 13 p.
Music by Victor Herbert; lyric by Rida Johnson-Young.
Arranged by the composer.
Two copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Hill, Alexander.
A Song (How the first song was born); for voice and piano. New York: Handy Brothers Music Co., Inc., 1934.
Printed score; 5 p.
Words and music by Alexander Hill.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Ilgenfritz, McNair.
As we part; for voice and piano. New York: Edward Schuberth & Co., [n.d.]
Printed score (music missing, cover only)
Music by McNair Ilgenfritz; words by Frederick Peterson.
- BOX-FOLDER 41/6** Jackson, Mary C.
Soft winds; for voice and piano. Pittsburgh: Volkwein Brothers, Inc., 1939.
Printed score (music missing, cover only)
Words and music by Mary C. Jackson.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/1** Jaime, Benjamin Francisco H.
(The Afro-American) Te Deum in C, opus 15; chorus (mixed voices), trumpet, organ and piano.
Manuscript piano-vocal score (photocopy); 95 p.
Music by Benjamin H. Francisco Jaime; text attributed to St. Ambrose of Milan.
Dedicated to the National Negro Opera Foundation, Inc.
Two copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Jaime, Benjamin Francisco H.
An Alto rhapsody on Psalm 130, opus 24; chorus for womens' voices (with optional tenors) and piano.
Manuscript piano-vocal score (photocopy); 8 p.
Music by Benjamin H. Francisco Jaime; text: the Old Testament, Book of Psalms.
Composed during October 1960.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Jaime, Benjamin Francisco H.
How do I love thee?, opus 25; for medium voice and piano.
Manuscript piano-vocal score (photocopy); 4 p.
Music by Benjamin Francisco Jaime; words by Elizabeth Barrett Browning.
Composed during November 14-24, 1960.
Commissioned by Mr. and Mrs. (Virginia) Walker, Hurley, New Mexico.

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- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Jaime, Benjamin Francisco H.
The Lord's Prayer, fourth setting, opus 26; for bass voice and piano.
Manuscript piano-vocal score (photocopy); 4 p.
Music by Benjamin H. Francisco Jaime; text: the Bible.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Jaime, Benjamin Francisco H..
Prayer, opus 7; musical setting of *The Lord's Prayer*, for bass, chorus and piano. [S.I.]: Benj. Francisco Jaime, 1952.
Printed piano-vocal score; 10 p.
Composed during September 1952.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Jessye, Eva.
Awake! Arise! Ascend! Hymn to womanhood ; vocals with melodic accompaniment.
Manuscript score (photocopy); 1 p.
Words and music by Eva Jessye.
Song written for the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. Song was introduced at the biennial session, New York Convention, 1960 by Dr. Rosa L. Gragg, National President.
Seven copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Johnson, Hall, arranger.
City called Heaven; negro spiritual, for voice and piano. New York: Robbins Music Corporation, 1930.
Printed score; 6 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Johnson, Herbert.
Face to face; sacred song for voice and piano. Boston: Boston Music Company, 1938.
Printed score; 5 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Lasso, Orlando di.
Echo song; for three-part double chorus of women's voices and piano. New York: Harold Flammer Publisher, Inc., 1937.
Printed score; 7 p.
Music by Orlando di Lasso; English version by Alfred Marlhom.
Arranged by Gerald Wilfring Gore.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Leoni, Franco.
The Birth of morn; song for voice and piano. New York: Chappell & Co., Inc., 1902.
Printed score; 3 p.
Music by Franco Leoni; words by Paul Laurence Dunbar.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Lincke, Paul.
The Glow Worm = Glühwürmchen. Idyl; for piano solo. New York: Edward B. Marks Music Corporation, 1930.
Printed score; 7 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Liszt, Franz.
Liebestraum = Dream of love; song for voice and piano. Chicago: Forster Music Publisher, Inc., 1925.
Printed score; 9 p.
Arrangement by Tito Schipa.
Edited by Maurice Rosenfeld.
English version by Lawrence Lipton.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Manney, Charles Fonteyn.
Jeunesse, valse de ballet; for piano. Boston: Oliver Ditson Company, 1927.
Printed score; 5 p.

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- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** McClennan, Walter N.
Love me and I'll be satisfied; song for voice and piano. Washington, D.C.: Walter N. McClennan, 1938.
Printed score; 4 p.
Words and music by Walter N. McClennan.
Autographed by the composer.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/2** Offenbach, Jacques.
Les Contes d'Hoffman. O Lovely night barcarolle; for four-part chorus (mixed voices) and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1910.
Printed score; 7 p.
Music by Jacques Offenbach; English version by Louise Baum.
Arranged by Max Spicker.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Ponce, Manuel M.
Little star; song for voice (high) and piano. New York: G. Ricordi & Co., Inc., 1923.
Printed piano-vocal score and vocal part; 4 p.
Music by Manuel M. Ponce; arranged and translated by Frank La Forge.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Ponchielli, Amilcare.
La Gioconda. Cielo e mar = Lo! sky and sea; aria for voice (low) and piano. New York: Carl Fischer, Inc., 1927.
Printed piano-vocal score; 8 p.
Music by Amilcare Ponchielli; text by Tobia Gorrio, with English translation by Margaret Churchill.
Edited by N. Clifford Page.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Pritchett, Le Roy, and Jean Stor.
The Leader; song for voice and piano.
Manuscript piano-vocal score; 4 p.
Music and words by Le Roy Pritchett and Jean Stor.
"Dedicated to our President Franklin D. Roosevelt."
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Puccini, Giacomo.
Tosca. Vissi d'arte, vissi d'amore = love and music, these have I lived for, Act II; aria for voice (high) and piano. New York: G. Ricordi & Co., 1909.
Printed piano-vocal score; 5 p.
Music by Giacomo Puccini; with English translation by W. Beatty-Kingston.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Ramos-Harris, Ethel.
There'll be a jubilee!; voice and piano. New Kensington, Pennsylvania: Ramos-Harris Music Publishing Co., 1953.
Printed piano-vocal score; 5 p.
Words and music by Ethel Ramos-Harris.
Dedicated to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
Adopted at the grand convention Delta Theta Sorority, Cleveland, Ohio, December 1952.
Inscribed to Mary Cardwell Dawson from the composer.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Salter, Mary Turner.
The City of Rachel; for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1905.
Printed piano-vocal score; 7 p.
Music by Mary Turner Salter; words by Lisette Woodworth Reese.
[Fragile].
Two copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Sanderson, Wilfrid.
Until; song for voice and piano. New York: Boosey & Hawkes, Inc., 1927.
Printed piano-vocal score; 5 p.

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- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Music by Wilfrid Sanderson; words by Edward Teschemacher.
Schubert, Franz.
Ständchen = Serenade; duet for soprano and tenor (or alto) and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1940.
Printed piano-vocal score; 7 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Music by Franz Schubert; text by H. F. L. Rellstab; English text revised by Willis Wager.
Scott, Cyril.
Two Pierrot pieces. No. 1. Lento; for piano. New York: Boosey & Hawkes, Inc., 1931.
Printed piano-vocal score; 5 p.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Speaks, Oley.
Morning = Le Jour; song for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1931.
Printed piano-vocal score; 5 p.
Music by Oley Speaks; words by Frank L. Stanton, french version by Suzanne d'Astoria Jackowska.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Stor, Jean.
Vision! opus 45; song for baritone, chorus (mixed voices) and piano. [S.l.] : Jean Stor], [194-]
Printed piano-vocal score; 16 p.
Music by Jean Stor; text from a poem by Robert G. Ingersoll.
Includes additional typed page containing the text.
Inscribed to Mary Cardwell Dawson by the composer, September 20, 1942.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/3** Strauss, Johann.
Springtime; for four-part chorus (mixed voices) and piano. Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania: John Church Co., 1893.
Printed score; 12 p.
Music by Johann Strauss; words by "H. R. F".
Arranged by H. R. Palmer.
Two copies (one copy is missing pages 11-12).
- BOX-FOLDER 42/4** Vanderpool, Frederick W.
Come, love me; song for voice and piano. New York: M. Witmark & Sons, 1921.
Printed piano-vocal score; 3 p.
Music by Frederick W. Vanderpool; lyric by Elsie Jean.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/4** Verdi, Giuseppe.
Aïda. Fu la sorte dell' armi., scene and duet, Act II; duet for soprano and mezzo-soprano and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1926.
Printed piano-vocal score; 19 p.
Music by Giuseppe Verdi; edited by Max Spicker.
Fragment only (pages 3-18 missing).
- BOX-FOLDER 42/4** Verdi, Giuseppe.
Ave Maria; song for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1903.
Printed piano-vocal score; 19 p.
Music by Giuseppe Verdi; English version by Theodore Baker.
Fragment only.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/4** Verdi, Giuseppe.
Don Carlo. O don fatale; tenor or soprano voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1879.
Printed piano-vocal score; 9 p.
Music by Giuseppe Verdi; libretto by Joseph Méry and Camille du Locle.
Includes one full page of penciled notes.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/4** Verdi, Giuseppe.

- Rigoletto. Bella figlia dell' amore = Fairest daughter of the graces, Act III*; quartet (mixed voices) and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., 1940.
 Printed piano-vocal score; 19 p.
 Music by Giuseppe Verdi; libretto by Francesco Maria Piave.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/4** Verdi, Giuseppe.
Trovatore. Love, fly on rosy pinions (Miserere), Act IV; duet for soprano and tenor, chorus of men's voices and piano. Philadelphia: Oliver Ditson Company, [n.d.]
 Printed piano-vocal score; 15 p.
 Music by Giuseppe Verdi; libretto by Salvatore Cammarano.
 Two copies.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/5** White, Clarence Cameron.
Five songs, opus 39; songs for voice and piano. New York: Sam Fox Publishing Company, 1949.
 Printed score; 15 p.
 Music by Clarence Cameron White; texts various authors.
 Autographed by the composer.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/5** White, Clarence Cameron.
Ouanga; a Haitian opera in three acts. New York: Sam Fox Publishing Company, 1939.
 Printed piano-vocal score; 164 p.
 Music by Clarence Cameron White; libretto by John Frederick Matheus.
 The complete copy is autographed by the composer (title page).
 Two copies (one copy fragmentary).
- BOX-FOLDER 42/5** Wooler, Alfred.
Consider and hear me; sacred song for voice and piano. Philadelphia: Oliver Ditson Company, 1907.
 Printed score; 7 p.
 Music by Alfred Wooler; text taken from Psalm XIII.
- BOX-FOLDER 42/6** [Unidentified compiler]
[Unidentified collection of classical songs]; sacred and secular, for voice and piano. New York: G. Schirmer, Inc., [194-]
 Printed score; 198 p.
 Fragmentary; title pages missing.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/1** Dett, R. Nathaniel.
The Ordering of Moses; Biblical folk scene for soli, chorus and orchestra.
 Manuscript scripts and synopses.
 Text based on Scripture and folk lore, compiled and set to music by R. Nathaniel Dett.
 Typed and handwritten pages
- BOX-FOLDER 43/2** [Various].
Miscellaneous scripts, synopses, vocal texts and radio scripts.
 Manuscript scripts and synopses.
 Typed and handwritten pages.
- BOX 43** **Books, 1889-1955**
 (8 folders)
 Includes books, a serial and a yearbook.
 Arranged alphabetically by author.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/3** Alabama State College. Department of Music. *Tones and overtones*, vol. 2, number 3, Spring 1955. Montgomery, Ala.: Alabama State College, 1955.

Books, 1889-1955

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- BOX-FOLDER 43/4** Bartholomew, E. F. *Relation of Psychology to Music*, second edition, revised. Rock Island, Ill.: New Era Publishing Company, 1902.
Inscribed by Mary L. Cardwell; annotated.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/5** Cole, Samuel W. *New England Conservatory Course in Sight-Singing (Solfeggio)*. Boston: New England Conservatory of Music, 1903.
Inscribed by Mary L. Cardwell; annotated.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/6** Cutter, Benjamin. *Exercises in Harmony*. Boston: New England Conservatory of Music, 1899.
Inscribed by Mary Lucinda Cardwell.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/7** Elson, Louis C. *Students' Note-Book and Syllabus of the Annual Course of Lectures in Musical History*, 14th edition. Boston: New England Conservatory of Music, 1896.
Inscribed by Mary L. Cardwell.
Includes 30 handwritten lectures written (by Mary L. Cardwell?) between 1919-1920.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/8** Lenom, Clément. *Thirty Lessons in Solfeggio*. Boston: New England Conservatory of Music, 1925.
Annotated.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/9** National Council of Negro Women. *Women United - Souvenir Year Book*. Washington, D.C.: National Council of Negro Women, 1951.
Inscriptions by Vivian Carter Mason and N. W. Maise.
Programs and announcements from the 19th annual convention (1954) laid in.
- BOX-FOLDER 43/10** Wade, L. T. *The Quincy Course of Study in Music*. Boston: Silver, Burdett & Co., Publishers, 1889.
Business card pasted in: Compliments of L.T. Wade.
Inscribed by Flora M. Smith, Deposit, NY.
Several pages of notes and musical manuscripts laid in.

BOX 44-62

Realia, circa 1928-1961

(16 folders)

275 metal print plates and blocks. The metal printing plates are arranged into two subseries: the first contains 19 plates that lack backing and the second contains 256 plates with wood blocks attached as backing. The majority of the plates contain reverse photographic images of vocalists, ensembles, and operatic choruses, and were used for newspaper articles, reviews, concert programs, brochures, printed publications, and other publicity purposes. The rest of the plates contain reverse images used for box advertisements from sponsors that were published in National Negro Opera Company concert programs and brochures.

BOX 44

Metal Printing Plates (without wood mounts), circa 1928-1941

- BOX-FOLDER 44/1** Metal Printing Plate (Mary Cardwell Dawson), circa 1928-1938
- BOX-FOLDER 44/2** Metal Printing Plate (Mary Cardwell Dawson), circa 1939
- BOX-FOLDER 44/3** Metal Printing Plate (Si Lita Haley), circa 1941
- BOX-FOLDER 44/4** Metal Printing Plate (Cardwell Dawson Choir), Late 1930s
- BOX-FOLDER 44/5** Metal Printing Plate (Unidentified Chorus), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/6** Metal Printing Plate (Rebecca Anderson), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/7** Metal Printing Plate (New York Chapter, NNOC), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/8** Metal Printing Plates, undated
Two unidentified plates.
- BOX-FOLDER 44/9** Metal Printing Plates, undated
Two unidentified plates.
- BOX-FOLDER 44/10** Metal Printing Plate, undated
Unidentified.

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- BOX-FOLDER 44/11** Metal Printing Plates (William Starks; unidentified second plate), undated
Two plates.
- BOX-FOLDER 44/12** Metal Printing Plate (Bernice Austin), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/12** Paper Printing Plate (Seymour Brown), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/13** Metal Printing Plate (Gertrude Johnson), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/14** Metal Printing Plate (Unidentified Chorus), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/15** Metal Printing Plate (NNOC Advertising montage), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 44/16** Metal Printing Plate (Cardwell Dawson Choir, Forbes Field, Pittsburgh) late 1930s
- BOX 44-62** **Metal Printing Plates (with wood block mounts), circa 1928-1961**
Contains 256 wood-backed metal printing plates.
- BOX 63, 67** **La Julia Rhea Gift, 1930s-1989**
(15 folders)
Includes autobiographical and biographical material, a large clippings page, scrapbooks containing clippings documenting Rhea's vocal career, and a 1943 Town Hall concert program.
Arranged by type of item.
- BOX-FOLDER 63/1** Autobiographical article, circa 1950
[*see also* Correspondence: Rhea, La Julia](#)
[*see also* Photographs: Rhea, La Julia](#)
- BOX-FOLDER 63/2** Biographical publication, circa 1970
Inscribed to Wayne Shirley (Library of Congress Music Division music specialist) by Rhea.
- BOX 67** Clippings, February 26, 1986
Chicago Tribune article that details Rhea's career.
- BOX-FOLDER 63/3** Program, November 9, 1943
- BOX-FOLDER 63/4-7** Scrapbooks, 1930s-1980s
- BOX-FOLDER 63/8** Miscellaneous papers, 1988-1989
- BOX 64, 66** **Walter M. Dawson Papers, 1925-1970**
(15 folders)
Walter M. Dawson was Mary Cardwell Dawson's husband. These materials primarily relate to his career as a master electrician from around 1930 to 1968. Walter Dawson was the NNOC's publicity chairman, and later served as the organization's comptroller. Items include address books, diplomas, awards, certificates, clippings, correspondence, contract forms, his obituary, publications related to the electrical trade, including a copy of the proposed 1963 Washington, D.C. Electrical Code, realia such as 1950s-1960s metal buttons and name badges, and a 1941-1943 Timeshift record book.
Arranged by type of item or subject.
- BOX-FOLDER 64/1-2** Address books, circa 1952-1963
Two books.
- BOX-FOLDER 64/3** Association of Electricians, Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Various materials, 1957-1964
- BOX-FOLDER 64/4** Business cards, work cards, 1939, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 64/5** Calendar, 1926
- BOX-FOLDER 64/6, 66/7** Certificates, Awards, Diploma, 1925, 1930, 1963-1968
Box 66 contains Mr. Dawson's college diploma, dated 1925.
- BOX-FOLDER 64/7** Clippings, 1940, 1955-1962

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BOX-FOLDER 64/8	Correspondence, 1940-1942, 1962-1966 see also Correspondence: Dawson, Walter M. Includes a letter (dated January 23, 1940) signed by Senator Joseph F. Guffey, Pennsylvania, a member of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee.
BOX-FOLDER 64/9	Dawson Electric Contracting Company. Contracts, 1962, undated Most are blank forms while there is one example of a contract for specified work.
BOX-FOLDER 64/10	Electrician Trade Publications, 1970
BOX-FOLDER 64/11	Obituary, 1970 Photographs, 1925, 1927, 1934, 1941-1964, undated see Photographs: Dawson, Walter M. see Photographs: Dawson, Mary Cardwell - with others see Photographs: Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. see Photographs: Interdenominational Ushers Union (church ushers organization) see Photographs: Handy, W. C. Other images of Walter M. Dawson can be found throughout the various group photographs of the various NNOC/NNOF Guilds and committees.
BOX-FOLDER 64/12	Realia, 1950s-1960s Consists of a large linen 1962 wall calendar that has six metal buttons and four name badges attached.
BOX-FOLDER 64/13	Timebook. Nightshift, 1941-1943
BOX-FOLDER 64/14	Washington, D.C. Electrical Code. Draft, 1963
BOX-FOLDER 64/15	Miscellany, undated