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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale University Music Library  
120 High Street  
PO Box 208240  
New Haven, CT 06520  
musicspecialcollections@yale.edu  
https://guides.library.yale.edu/MusicSpecialCollections

**CALL NUMBER:** MSS 95

**CREATOR:** Bilger, Hans L., 1896-1968.

**TITLE:** Hans L. Bilger Papers

**DATES:** 1918–1939

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** Music by the American composer Hans L. Bilger (1896-1968)

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/music.mss.0095

Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box  
- f. folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

The Hans L. Bilger Papers were established in the Music Library of Yale University by Bilger’s niece, Linda Murray Berzok, in 2005.

**Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open to researchers by appointment. There are no restricted materials in the collection. Please contact the Special Collections staff to schedule an appointment.

**Conditions Governing Use**

The Hans L. Bilger Papers are the physical property of the Irving S. Gilmore Music Library of Yale University. Copyrights belong to the composers and authors, or their legal heirs and assigns.

**Preferred Citation**

Biographical / Historical
The American composer Hans L. Bilger (1896-1968) received the B.M. degree from the Yale School of Music in 1920. He was active in Connecticut in the 1930s. Further biographical information is not available.

Scope and Contents
The Hans L. Bilger Papers consist chiefly of Bilger’s compositions, both published and in manuscript. They also include music by other composers, song lyrics, two concert programs, and drawings of historical musical instruments.

Arrangement
Organized into two series: I. Music. II. Miscellaneous.
## Collection Contents

### Series I. Music

Music by Hans L. Bilger  
Call Number: Sub-Series I.A

**Instrumental Music**  
Call Number: Sub-Series I.A.1

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8 ms. p. of music; 31 cm.  
Holograph in ink. |
10 p. of ms. music; 35 cm.  
Holograph in ink. |
4 ms. p. of music; 34 cm.  
Holograph in ink.  
On t.p: Yale University, June 1918. |
1 ms. score (51 p.); 34 cm.  
Holograph in ink, annotations in colored pencil. |
1 ms. score (47 p.); 35 cm.  
Holograph in pencil.  
At end: Yale Univ. 1920 |
24 ms. parts (71 p. total); 32 cm.  
Ms., in part holograph in ink. |
| b. 1, f. 6 | [Overture, C minor; arr.] Overture - C minor / H. L. Bilger.  
9 ms. p. of music; 32 cm.  
Holograph in ink.  
Arr. for piano solo. |
13 p. of ms. music; 35 cm.  
Holograph in pencil and ink.  
Arr. for piano, with annotations and additions for organ. |
| b. 1, f. 8 | [Scarecrow dance] Intro - scare-crow dance.  
1 ms. score (2 p.); 35 cm.  
Holograph in pencil.  
Cues for piano and organ. |
b. 1, f. 9  
1 score (12 p.) ; 35 cm.  
Holograph in ink.  
Score only, lacks separate violin part.

b. 1, f. 10  
The sun worshippers : Zuni Indian melody.  
2 ms. p. of music ; 31 cm.  
Holograph in pencil.  
For piano solo.

b. 1, f. 11  
Sunday morning / music by H. L. Bilger. – 1927.  
8 p. of ms. music ; 35 cm.  
Holograph in ink.  
For piano solo.  
Identified on typescript list of works as Sunday Morning at Dusseldorf.

b. 1, f. 12  
4 p. of ms. music ; 34 cm.  
Holograph in ink.  
At top: Free Composition, Feb. 5, 1919.

b. 1, f. 13  
Wooden shoe dance / H. L. Bilger.  
3 p. of ms. music ; 31 cm.  
Holograph in pencil and ink.  
For piano solo.

Songs  
Call Number: Sub-Series I.A.2

b. 1, f. 14  
All in all / words by Bliss Carmen ; music by H. L. Bilger. – Philadelphia : Theodore Presser, c1930.  
1 score (5 p.) ; 32 cm.  
For voice and piano.

b. 1, f. 15  
1 score (3 p.) ; 31 cm.  
For voice and piano.

b. 1, f. 16  
1 score (5 p.) ; 31 cm.  
For voice and piano.

b. 1, f. 17  
1 ms. score (3 p.) ; 35 cm.  
Holograph in pencil.  
For voice and piano, in E-flat.
b. 1, f. 18
If I were not a little girl / lyric by Violet Alleyn Storey; music by H. L. Bilger. – New York: Edward Morris Music Pub., c1927.
1 score (3 p.); 31 cm.
For voice and piano.

b. 1, f. 19
1 score (5 p.); 32 cm.
For voice and piano.

b. 1, f. 20 
[Lonely things]
1 ms. score (2 p.); 35 cm.
Holograph in pencil.
For voice and piano, in F minor.

b. 1, f. 21
1 ms. score (3 p.); 35 cm.
Holograph in ink.
For voice and piano, in F minor.
At end: Poem published in Harper’s Magazine.

b. 1, f. 21
The Lord of glory / words and music by H. L. Bilger. – Philadelphia: Theodore Presser, c1932.
1 score (5 p.); 31 cm.
For voice and piano.

b. 1, f. 22
1 ms. score (3 p.); 35 cm.
Holograph in pencil.
For voice and piano, in B-flat.
At top: To Mebane Hunt.
Publisher information written onto bottom.

b. 1, f. 22
1 score (5 p.); 31 cm.
For voice and piano, in D.

b. 1, f. 23
1 score (5 p.); 31 cm.
For voice and piano.

b. 1, f. 24
1 score (5 p.); 31 cm.
For voice and piano.
b. 1, f. 25
A poor unfortunate / lyric by F. L. Stanton; music by H. L. Bilger.
1 ms. score (6 p.); 35 cm.
Holograph in ink.
For voice and piano, in E-flat.
At end: Roanoke, Va., December 1926.
At end: Printed in The Atlanta Constitution.

b. 1, f. 26
[Song the grass sings] Encore song: A song the grass sings / lyric by Charles G. Blanden; music by H. L. Bilger. – c1931.
1 score (3 p.); 35 cm.
Holograph in pencil.
For voice and piano, in F.
At end: Feb, 1929, Roanoke, Va.

b. 1, f. 26
A song the grass sings / poem by Charles G. Blanden; music by H. L. Bilger. – Boston: Oliver Ditson, c1932.
1 score (5 p.); 31 cm.
For voice and piano, in F.

b. 1, f. 27
When I was one and twenty / words by A. E. Housman; music by H. L. Bilger. – Philadelphia: Theodore Presser, c1927.
1 score (5 p.); 32 cm.
For voice and piano.

Music by Other Composers
Call Number: Sub-Series I.B

b. 1, f. 28
2 ms. p. of music; 27 x 34 cm.
Byrd, William, 1542 or 3-1623.
Copyist’s ms. in ink.

b. 1, f. 29
Sunny Sue / Walter Donaldson; arr. by B.
1 ms. score (3 p.); 35 cm.
For voice and piano.
At end: New York City, Dec. 1921.

b. 1, f. 30
Red Godwin’s wooing: dramatic ballad for male voices and solo voice / by William E. Haesche.
1 ms. score (43 p.); 35 cm.
Possibly holograph, in pencil, ink, and colored ink.
Series II. Miscellaneous

b. 1, f. 31  Typescript poems for use as lyrics.  
10 p. total.

b. 1, f. 31  Programs

b. 1, f. 31  Typescript list of compositions, with annotations (1 p.)

b. 1, f. 32  Drawings of historical musical instruments and chant, hand-colored.  
15 p. total; various sizes.
Copied from pictures in magazines such as Harpers New Monthly Magazine and The Musician (Boston)
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.

Names