Guide to the Edward G. Levy
Collection of Papers Relating to Music

GEN MSS 955

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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 955

**CREATOR:** Levy, Edward G., 1898-1990

**TITLE:** Edward G. Levy collection of papers relating to music

**DATES:** 1859–1970

**BULK DATES:** 1880–1910

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.63 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** Chiefly in English; some materials in German or French.

**SUMMARY:** Contains manuscript and printed music, and scrapbooks, photographs, printed material, and other materials relating to nineteenth-twentieth century American and European music, collected by Edward G. Levy. Four scrapbooks made by Helen D. Love Scranton, genealogist and daughter of Edward Gurley Love (1850-1919) and Lucy Cleveland Prindle, contain advertisements, programs, tickets, and manuscript notes relating to performances of opera, musicals, plays, orchestral music, chamber music, vocal recitals, children’s concerts, dance, and non-Western music in New York City, Bayreuth, Berlin, Paris, and London, 1895-1910, including materials relating to the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, the Symphony Society of New York, the Philharmonic Society of New York, German opera in New York City conducted by Walter Damrosch, the Bayreuth Festspielhaus, the Kroll Opera, and the Berliner Philharmoniker. Music includes an unidentified fragment, autograph manuscript, signed, by P. A. Tirindelli, 1894, and clippings of songs and keyboard music published in magazines, 1886-1888 and undated. Photographs include images of American singer and actress Lillian Russell, on Sweet Caporal Cigarette cards (Kinney Bros., New York), circa 1880s-1890s; and Italian actress Giannina Chiantoni, in Italian theater productions, circa 1910. Printed material includes clippings of newspaper advertisements for theater performances in the Howard Athenaeum, Boston, 1859 and undated, and the Wagner Opera House, Bradford, Pennsylvania, 1884-1885. Other materials consist of articles by Marion Thede and Harold Preece, circa 1970s, about American cowboy songs, typescript with printer’s annotations, possibly published in Real West magazine; and buttons and paper fans advertising American businesses and organizations relating to music, circa 1900.

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To order reproductions from this collection, please send an email with the call number, box number(s), and folder number(s) to beinecke.images@yale.edu.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:
- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Conditions Governing Access
The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use
The Edward G. Levy Collection of Papers Relating to Music is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

Preferred Citation
Edward G. Levy Collection of Papers Relating to Music. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

Processing Information
This collection consists of materials formerly classed as Uncat MS Vault 854. In 2013, the collection received a baseline level of processing, including rehousing and minimal organization.

Edward G. Levy (1898-1990)
Edward G. Levy received his LL.B from Boston University in 1921 and joined his brother’s New Haven law practice. In 1939 he was sentenced to a year in jail for his participation in a kickback scheme led by the mayor of Waterbury. In later years he and his wife, Hortense R. Levy, collected autographs and dime novels and made substantial donations of these materials to several libraries. Edward G. Levy died in 1990.

Scope and Contents
Contains manuscript and printed music, and scrapbooks, photographs, printed material, and other materials relating to 19th-20th century American and European music, collected by Edward G. Levy. Four
scrapbooks made by Helen D. Love Scranton, genealogist and daughter of Edward Gurley Love (1850-1919) and Lucy Cleveland Prindle, contain advertisements, programs, tickets, and manuscript notes relating to performances of opera, musicals, plays, orchestral music, chamber music, vocal recitals, children’s concerts, dance, and non-Western music in New York City, Bayreuth, Berlin, Paris, and London, 1895-1910, including materials relating to the Metropolitan Opera, German opera in New York City conducted by Walter Damrosch, Carnegie Hall, the Symphony Society of New York, the Philharmonic Society of New York, the Bayreuth Festspielhaus, the Kroll Opera, and the Berliner Philharmoniker. Music includes an unidentified fragment, autograph manuscript, signed, by P. A. Tirindelli, 1894, and clippings of songs and keyboard music published in magazines, 1886-1888 and undated. Photographs include images of American singer and actress Lillian Russell, on Sweet Caporal Cigarette cards (Kinney Bros., New York), circa 1880s-1890s; and Italian actress Giannina Chiantoni, in Italian theater productions, circa 1910. Printed material includes clippings of newspaper advertisements for theater performances in the Howard Athenaeum, Boston, 1859 and undated, and the Wagner Opera House, Bradford, Pennsylvania, 1884-1885. Other materials consist of articles by Marion Thede and Harold Preece, circa 1970s, about American cowboy songs, typescript with printer’s annotations, possibly published in *Real West* magazine; and buttons and paper fans advertising American businesses and organizations relating to music, circa 1900.

**Arrangement**

### Collection Contents

**Series I. Helen D. Love Scranton Scrapbooks**

1 linear foot (4 boxes)

Arranged chronologically.

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<td>Scrapbook Contains materials relating to music and theater in New York City</td>
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*0.14 linear feet (0.33 box)*

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<td>Music for voice and piano. Clippings From <em>The Young Ladies Journal</em> (London)</td>
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<td>b. 5, f. 5</td>
<td>Chiantoni, Giannina&lt;br&gt;Photographs of Chiantoni in Italian theater productions</td>
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*0.21 linear feet (1 box)*

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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.

Subjects
Cowboys -- Songs and music
Piano music
Songs with piano

Geographic Names
New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs --
19th century
New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs --
20th Century

Genres / Formats
Buttons (information artifacts) -- United States -- 20th Century
Cigarette cards -- United States -- 19th century
Fans (costume accessories) -- United States --
20th Century
Photographs -- Italy -- 20th Century
Photographs -- United States -- 20th Century

Names
Chiantoni, Giannina, 1881-1972 (Portraits)
Damrosch, Walter, 1862-1950
Levy, Edward G., 1898-1990
Preece, Harold, 1906-
Russell, Lillian, 1861-1922 (Portraits)
Scranton, Helen D. Love (Helen Douglas Love),
1879-1968
Thede, Marion
Tirindelli, P. A. (Pier Adolfo), 1858-1937

Corporate Bodies
Berliner Philharmoniker
Carnegie Hall (New York, N.Y.)
Festspielhaus (Bayreuth, Germany)
Howard Athenaeum
Kinney Bros
Krolloper
Metropolitan Opera (New York, N.Y.)
Philharmonic Society of New York
Symphony Society of New York
Wagner Opera House (Bradford, Pa.)