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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** Misc. Ms. 427

**CREATOR:** Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976

**TITLE:** The Charles Henry Kauffman Collection of Materials Relating to Charles Ives

**DATES:** 1920-2000

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

**LANGUAGE:** InEnglish

**SUMMARY:** Chiefly materials pertaining to Charles Ives, from his friend Charles Henry Kauffman

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/music.misc.0427>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/music.misc.0427>.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Acquired in 2000 from Ralph Braibanti, the son-in-law of Charles Henry Kauffman.

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### 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

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## Biographical / Historical

Born in Pennsylvania, Dr. Charles Henry Kauffman practiced osteopathic surgery in Brookfield, Connecticut. Kauffman was a close friend of Charles Ives. The two first met in the 1920s through Ives's brother, Judge J. Moss Ives, and his brother-in-law, the Rev. Joseph Twichell. Dr. Kauffman treated both Charles Ives and his mother for various illnesses, and remained in contact with Ives throughout their lives.

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## Scope and Contents

Much of the collection pertains to the composer Charles Ives. It includes letters between Kauffman and Ives (as well as other correspondents), published writings and music by Ives, articles concerning Ives, poetry by Kauffman, and a commemorative coin issued in honor of Ives.

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## Arrangement

Organized into 5 series: I. Correspondence. II. Writings and Music. III. Clippings. IV. Programs. V. Miscellaneous.

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**Collection Contents****Series I: Correspondence, 1931-1974**

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|------------|--|-------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1931, March 3<br>Ives, Charles<br>Date from postmark.  | 1931, March 3     |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1932, January 3<br>Ives, Charles<br>Date from postmark.  | 1932, January 3   |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1932, October 8<br>Ives, Charles<br>Postcard from Paris. Date from postmark.   | 1932, October 8   |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1942<br>Ives, Charles<br>With typed transcription. Date supplied by Kauffman?  | 1942              |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1938, January 6<br>Ives, Charles<br>To President Franklin Roosevelt. Copy of Ives's memoranda concerning the Ludlow bill. Also includes his suggestion for a 20th amendment to the Constitution. | 1938, January 6   |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1967, October 6<br>Ives, Harmony T.  | 1967, October 6   |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1969, January 25<br>Ives, Bigelow ("Speck")  | 1969, January 25  |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1974, February 25<br>Jones, Emily G.   | 1974, February 25 |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1966, October 1<br>Kirkpatrick, John   | 1966, October 1   |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1969, July 15<br>Maas, Martha  | 1969, July 15     |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1967, December 21<br>Pickett Real Estate<br>Signed "Ray and Deb."  | 1967, December 21 |
| b. 1, f. 1 | 1936, April 21<br>Unidentified correspondent to Edgar Varese<br>Copy of original letter.   | 1936, April 21    |

**Series II: Writings and Music, 1920-2000**

|             |  |            |
|-------------|--|------------|
| b. 1, f. 2  | Essays Before a Sonata. -- New York : Knickerbocker Press.<br><i>124 p.</i><br>Ives, Charles, 1815-1880<br>Inscribed "to Dr. Charles Kauffman from Charles E. Ives. Sep. 27, '25."   | 1920       |
| b. 1, f. 3  | 114 Songs.<br><i>1 score (259, [3]p.)</i><br>Ives, Charles, 1815-1880<br>Note on flyleaf from Kauffman to Lex and Claire, Sept. 15, 1967.  | 1921       |
| b. 1, f. 4  | A Connecticut Yankee in Music.<br><i>32 p.</i><br><i>Typescript.</i><br>Fletcher, Lucille, 1912-2000<br>"This article was accepted by New Yorker mag., but Ives refused permission to allow publication. Told to me by Ives' nephew Bigelow Ives. Sept. 30, 1965." | 1939       |
| b. 1, f. 5  | Writings concerning politics.<br><i>13 p.</i><br><i>Photocopy of typescript.</i><br>Ives, Charles, 1815-1880<br>Includes a copy of his proposed 20th amendment to the Constitution.  |            |
| b. 1, f. 6  | Notes concerning Ives's purchase of property in Brookfield.<br><i>2 p.</i><br><i>Typescript.</i><br>Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976   | ca. 1965   |
| b. 1, f. 7  | Charles Ives: The Man.<br><i>21 p.</i><br><i>Typescript.</i><br>Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976<br>Version 1.   | Late 1960s |
| b. 1, f. 8  | Charles Ives: The Man<br><i>13 p.</i><br><i>Typescript.</i><br>Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976<br>Version 2.  | Late 1960s |
| b. 1, f. 9  | Charles Ives: The Man.<br><i>33 p.</i><br><i>Typescript with handwritten corrections.</i><br>Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976<br>Version 3. Includes appendix.   | Late 1960s |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Selected Poems of Charles Henry Kauffman. Compiled and introduced by Lucy Kauffman Braibanti and Ralph Braibanti.<br><i>250 p.</i><br>Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976   | 2000       |

Clippings  
Series III

|             | Concerning music<br>A.                     | 1965-1974     |
|-------------|--|---------------|
| b. 1, f. 11 | 1965<br><i>6 items</i>                     | 1965          |
| b. 1, f. 12 | 1966, no date<br><i>2 items</i>            | 1966, no date |
| b. 1, f. 13 | 1967<br><i>9 items</i>                     | 1967          |
| b. 1, f. 13 | 1968<br><i>1 item</i>                      | 1968          |
| b. 1, f. 13 | 1969<br><i>1 item</i>                      | 1969          |
| b. 1, f. 14 | 1971<br><i>2 items</i>                     | 1971          |
| b. 1, f. 14 | 1974<br><i>2 items</i>                     | 1974          |
| b. 1, f. 15 | No date<br><i>9 items</i>                  | No date       |
|             | Concerning extra-musical information<br>B. | 1930-1981     |
| b. 1, f. 16 | 1930<br><i>1 item</i>                      | 1930          |
| b. 1, f. 16 | 1965<br><i>2 items</i>                     | 1965          |
| b. 1, f. 17 | 1966<br><i>6 items</i>                     | 1966          |
| b. 1, f. 17 | 1967<br><i>2 items</i>                     | 1967          |
| b. 1, f. 18 | 1968<br><i>7 items</i>                     | 1968          |
| b. 1, f. 19 | 1970<br><i>1 item</i>                      | 1970          |
| b. 1, f. 19 | 1971<br><i>1 item</i>                      | 1971          |
| b. 1, f. 19 | 1973<br><i>1 item</i>                      | 1973          |
| b. 1, f. 19 | 1981<br><i>1 item</i>                      | 1981          |

B. Concerning extra-musical information (continued)

b. 1, f. 20

No date  
*21 items*

No date

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Programs  
Series IV  
*5 items*  
b. 1, f. 21

Miscellaneous  
Series V

|             |  |             |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| b. 1, f. 22 | Charles Edward Ives. -- New York : James T. White & Company.<br>Offprint from <i>The National Cyclopedia of American Biography</i> . | 1942        |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Medallion honoring Charles Ives.<br>Danbury (Conn.) Coin Club  | 1967        |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Yale.<br>Yale alumni magazine, with cover story on Charles Ives.   | 1968, April |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Report.<br>Yale University. School of Music. Oral History, American Music<br>Report concerning the Ives oral history project.        | 1975, April |

## **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**

Ives, Charles, 1874-1954

Kauffman, Charles Henry, 1890-1976