

Register of the
Blythe Owen Papers
Collection 186

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Berrien Springs, Michigan 49104-1400
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Scope and Content:

Blythe Owen, distinguished composer, teacher, pianist and musician was born in 1898. In 1919 she began her professional career as a piano teacher at Walla Walla College. This marked the beginning of 60 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist church. In 1941 she earned her bachelors degree in music from Chicago Musical College, her masters in 1942, and a doctorate from Eastman School of Music in 1953.

Her compositions gained numerous national and international awards, and she has been included in several editions of *Who's Who*. Scores of her students are accomplished artists. Some of her students are Sheldon Harnack, writer of lyrics for *Fiddler on the Roof*, Leonard Richter, chairman of the piano department at Walla Walla College, Patty Clarke voted best woman entertainer in Chicago, and James Hanson of the Chicago Symphony.

The Blythe Owen papers include a collection of her diaries, several articles about her, facts relating to her teaching career, her business transactions, and her musical contest entries. Included also are many of her original musical compositions in manuscript form and hundred of letters, mainly to her mother.

Arrangement:

The eight boxes of Blythe Owen materials are arranged topically and chronologically. See the following inventory for further details. Published editions of Dr. Owen's compositions may be found in the Andrews University Music Material's Center.

Provenance

The papers were donated by Dr. Owen via her personal representative in April of 1997.

Use

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Inventory

I. Personal and Biographical

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| Bx1 Fld 1 | Biographical |
| | Diaries |
| Bx1 Fld 2 | Minnie Owen's 1963 diary |
| Bx1 Fld 3 | Blythe Owen's diaries |
| | 1954 |
| | 1955 |
| | 1956 |
| | 1957 |
| | 1958 |
| | 1960 |
| | 1961 (January to early June, September to December) |
| | 1961 (June to September—while in Europe) |
| | 1962 |
| | 1963 |
| | 1964 |
| | 1965 |
| Bx 1 Fld 4 | Address Book & Bank Book (Probably Minnie Owen) |
| Bx 2 Fld 1 | Articles about Blythe Owen |
| Bx 2 Fld 2 | Diploma |
| Bx 2 Fld 3 | Awards and Recognitions |
| Bx 2 Fld 4 | Programs |
| Bx 2 Fld 5 | Associates of Blythe Owen |
| Bx 2 Fld 6 | Photographs |

II. Work

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| Bx 2 Fld 7 | Teaching |
| Bx 2 Fld 8 | Business Transactions |
| Bx 2 Fld 9 | Submissions to contests and Publishers |

III. Correspondences

Bx 2 Fld 10	Miscellaneous
Bx 2 Fld 11	No Date
Bx 2 Fld 12	1919
Bx 2 Fld 13	1920
Bx 2 Fld 14	1921
Bx 2 Fld 15	1925
Bx 2 Fld 16	1926
Bx 3 Fld 1	April to June 1926
Bx 3 Fld 2	August to October 1926
Bx 3 Fld 3	November to December 1926
Bx 3 Fld 4	January to February 1927
Bx 3 Fld 5	March to June 1927
Bx 3 Fld 6	September to December 1927
Bx 3 Fld 7	January to April 1928
Bx 3 Fld 8	April to July 1928
Bx 3 Fld 9	August to September 1928
Bx 4 Fld 1	October to December 1928
Bx 4 Fld 2	January to February 1929
Bx 4 Fld 3	March to April 1929
Bx 4 Fld 4	May to June 1929
Bx 4 Fld 5	1932
Bx 4 Fld 6	January to March 1933
Bx 4 Fld 7	April to June 1933
Bx 4 Fld 8	July to September 1933
Bx 4 Fld 9	October to December 1933
Bx 4 Fld 10	January to March 1934
Bx 4 Fld 11	April to July 1934
Bx 4 Fld 12	August to October 1934
Bx 4 Fld 13	March to August 1935
Bx 4 Fld 14	September to November 1935
Bx 4 Fld 15	January to May 1936
Bx 5 Fld 1	June to September 1936
Bx 5 Fld 2	October to December 1936
Bx 5 Fld 3	1937
Bx 5 Fld 4	June to May 1938
Bx 5 Fld 5	June to April 1938
Bx 5 Fld 6	October to December 1938
Bx 5 Fld 7	January to May 1939
Bx 5 Fld 8	June to December 1939
Bx 5 Fld 9	January to May 1940
Bx 5 Fld 10	June to December 1940

Bx 5 Fld 11	January to April 1941
Bx 5 Fld 12	May to September 1941
Bx 5 Fld 13	October to December 1941
Bx 6 Fld 2	May to August 1942
Bx 6 Fld 3	September to December 1943
Bx 6 Fld 4	May to June 1943
Bx 6 Fld 5	August to October 1943
Bx 6 Fld 6	May to August 1943
Bx 6 Fld 7	November to December 1943
Bx 6 Fld 8	January to April 1944
Bx 6 Fld 9	August to December 1944
Bx 6 Fld 10	January to March 1945
Bx 6 Fld 11	April to July 1945
Bx 6 Fld 12	August to November 1945
Bx 6 Fld 13	January to March 1946
Bx 6 Fld 14	April to August 1946
Bx 7 Fld 1	September to December 1946
Bx 7 Fld 2	January to May 1947
Bx 7 Fld 3	June to December 1947
Bx 7 Fld 4	January to May 1948
Bx 7 Fld 5	June to October 1948
Bx 7 Fld 6	November to December 1948
Bx 7 Fld 7	January to June 1949
Bx 7 Fld 8	July to December 1949
Bx 7 Fld 9	January to May 1950
Bx 7 Fld 10	June to December 1950
Bx 7 Fld 11	January to April 1951
Bx 7 Fld 12	May to July 1951
Bx 7 Fld 13	August to December 1951
Bx 7 Fld 14	January to March 1952
Bx 8 Fld 1	April to July 1952
Bx 8 Fld 2	August to December 1952
Bx 8 Fld 3	1953
Bx 8 Fld 4	1954
Bx 8 Fld 5	1955
Bx 8 Fld 6	1963
Bx 8 Fld 7	1964
Bx 8 Fld 8	May to December 5, 1962
Bx 8 Fld 9	December 6 - 14, 1962
Bx 8 Fld 10	December 15 - 18, 1962
Bx 8 Fld 11	December 19 - 24, 1962
Bx 8 Fld 12	1982 - 1990

IV. Compositions

Bx 8 Fld 13 Compositions: written work
Bx 8 Fld 14 Compositions Listings

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