

Mrs. Culver Orswell:

An Inventory of Her Opera and Music Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Orswell, Culver, Mrs.
Title:	Mrs. Culver Orswell Opera and Music Collection
Dates:	1850-1919, undated
Extent:	10 document boxes (4.20 linear feet)
Abstract:	The Mrs. Culver Orswell Opera and Music Collection contains piano-vocal scores of operas, opera librettos, oratorio piano-vocal scores, song collections, vocal exercise books, and sheet music.
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Biographical Sketch

Mrs. Culver Orswell was a Texan art collector. She donated a collection of opera music (mostly Italian) and packets of American and British popular music to the Harry Ransom Center in 1965.

Scope and Contents

The Mrs. Culver Orswell Opera and Music Collection, 1850-1919, undated, contains piano-vocal scores of operas, opera librettos, oratorio piano-vocal scores, song collections, vocal exercise books, and sheet music. The collection is arranged in three series: I. Opera Scores and Librettos, 1850-1911, undated; II. Song Collections and Exercise Books, 1880-1897, undated; and III. Sheet Music, 1865-1919, undated.

Separated Material

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 - Volume II, number 9, September 1892
 - Volume II, number 10, October 1892
 - Volume III, number 3, March 1893
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