

Collection Name:

Cornelia Cleophas Bjorlee papers, 1901-2003

Collection Number:

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Extent:

2.4 cubic feet (6 archive boxes)

Biography/History:

Cornelia C. Bjorlee was born in Kensett, Iowa, and in 1911 studied music in Vienna, Austria, under Otokar Sevcik until 1914. At the outbreak of World War I, Cornelia returned to the U.S. and continued her studies at the Juilliard School of Music from 1915 to 1916. Cornelia married Ignatius Bjorlee, who graduated from St. Olaf College in 1909. She helped her husband with his work at the Maryland School for the Deaf in Frederick, Maryland. The couple retired to their farm in Albert Lea, Minnesota. He passed away in 1968, and she moved to Northfield, Minnesota, in 1978.

Scope and Content:

Correspondence, pamphlets, clippings, and photographs that document the life of Cornelia C. Bjorlee.

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Bibliographic Citation:

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Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Biographical information, 1984 Includes: Newspaper article titled, "Versatile Cornie Bjorlee to turn 99."
1	2	Chicago Musical College, 1901-1908 Includes: Pamphlets and books promoting the Chicago Musical College.
1	3	Personal ephemera, 1898-1933 Includes: Cornelia's club memberships; Notebooks of Cornelia Bjorlee's music scores and writing books; Newspaper articles that include Cornelia Bjorlee.
1	4	Violin concerts and music items, 1900-1948 Includes: Articles on the violin & how to teach violin; Cornelia Bjorlee's address book.
2	1	Advertisements, 1909-1925

		Includes: Journals, "The Music News"; Newspaper articles including Cornelia Bjorlee.
2	2	Programs, 1902-1909 Includes: Programs for concerts at the Chicago Musical College.
2	3	Performances - Sister, 1908-1916 Includes: Books, "Lewis Institute Bulletin: Alumni Number" including Cornelia Bjorlee and her sister Gertrude Cleophas; Journals, "Music News."
3	1	Auditorium Theatre, Chicago, 1902-1909 Includes: Pamphlets and programs for the Auditorium Theatre, Chicago.
3	2	Music Hall, Chicago, 1903-1909 Includes: Pamphlets advertising concerts at the Music Hall, Chicago.
3	3	Orchestra Hall, Chicago, 1906-1909 Includes: Pamphlets advertising concerts at the Orchestra Hall, Chicago.
3	4	Studebaker Theatre, Chicago, 1907-1909 Includes: Pamphlets advertising concerts at the Studebaker Theatre, Chicago.
3	5	Miscellaneous programs, Chicago, 1906-1909 Includes: Pamphlets & programs advertising concerts at various locations in Chicago.
3	6	Programs in New York, Maryland, Washington D.C., 1907-1950 Includes: Programs for concerts in New York, Maryland, and Washington D.C.
3	7	Programs, Minneapolis, MN, 1910-1911
3	8	Miscellaneous publications, 1905-1927 Includes: Cornelia's song books and music scores; Concert programs in various locations.
4		Letters and envelopes to and from Cornelia Bjorlee, 1901-1910
5 **	1	Gertrude photos, 1906-1985 Includes: Photos of Gertrude Cleophas, Gertrude Cleophas and her family, Gertrude Cleophas playing the piano, and Gertrude Cleophas' room.
5 **	2	Cornelia photograph, 1903-1980 Includes: Photos of Cornelia Bjorlee playing the violin, with her family and in nature, in a car; A group photo of the students of Sevcik.
5 **	3	Family photos, 1915 Includes: Cleophas family photo, photo of Cornelia and her sister Gertrude.
5 **	4	Non-family photos, 1916-1957 Includes: Photos of Constance Hansen, Margaret Elizabeth Albough, Bjorlee, Anna Holtke, Professor Sevcik, Estelle Gray-Liebling, a group of children, Mr. & Mrs. Holmes, and Tom at a cemetery & Henry Rothmarm.
6 **	1	Miscellaneous clippings, 1914-1967 Includes: Newspaper clippings about World War I & World War II; Newspaper clippings of various famous musicians.
6 **	2	Musical digest, 1925 Includes: Musical Digest newspaper from December 1, 1925.
6 **	3	Music News, 191-1920 Includes: Four journals of Music News from 1919 & 1920.

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Musical Courier, 1920-1923

Includes: Musical Courier newspapers from 1920 & 1922; Articles from the Musical Courier 1923.