

Finding Aid for the Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel Papers,
1923 1985



Collection Number: RG 62/1

Archives and Special Collections

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Descriptive Summary

- Title:** Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel
- Record Number:** RG 62/1
- Accession Number:** UA 2005.41
- Extent:** .7 cubic feet (2 boxes)
- Abstract:** Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel entered Dana's Musical Institute as a student in 1918 and then joined the faculty in 1922. Her interests range from literature to music to chemistry. She belonged to numerous organizations at the local and national levels.

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel
- Preferred Citation:** Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel Papers, 1923-1985, RG 62/1, Archives and Special Collections, William F. Maag Jr. Library, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.
- Restrictions:** None
- Processing Information:** Processed by Sharon Monigold, January 2007.
- Finding Aid:** Written by Sharon Monigold
- Revised Edition:** Written by Lisa Marie Garofali, January 2010

Biographical Sketch

Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel was born in Steubenville, Ohio. She moved to Warren, Ohio in 1909 and entered The Dana's Musical Institute as a student in 1918. She became an assistant to Rei Caristopher and then replaced him when he left the faculty in 1922. In 1925 she married Raymond Dehnbostel, also a graduate of The Dana's Musical Institute.

She went on to receive five degrees from both the Dana school and Kent State University. When the Dana school became part of Youngstown State University, Mrs. Dehnbostel continued her career there. She served as Assistant Dean of the Dana school for many years and eventually went on to teach biology as an Associate Professor. Mrs. Dehnbostel also composed original music, some of which was preformed in programs at Youngstown

State. She retired from teaching in 1969. She was posthumously honored with a Heritage Award in 1982.

Scope and Content

This collection was created and compiled by Nellie Dehnbostel. It was given to Alvin Skardon for possible use in his research into Youngstown State University. The materials were transferred to the Maag Library by Alvin Skardon upon the completion of his book Steel Valley University. Debra Beronja gained custody over the documents in 1993 and transferred them to the archives in 2004.

The materials in this collection are best described as personal memorabilia from Nellie Dehnbostel. Her interests did cover a wide range from music to politics in local to national. The focus of most of the collection is music related, but there are some other interests including church work and newspaper clippings relating to personal interest and the expansion of Youngstown State in the 1970s. The materials encompass programs for local music performances, newspaper clippings, personal correspondence, Warren Music Association programs and church related items.

Colophon

This collection was processed in 2007 by archival intern, Sharon Monigold under the direction of former Head of the YSU Archives and Special Collection, Vic Fleischer. She was in the process of attaining her MLIS degree from Kent State University. Since the processing of this collection, Series IV has been added as well as the information in folders/files 25-26. The additional information was given by Debbie Beronja.

The revision of the Finding Aid and writing of this colophon is by Lisa Marie Garofali, a History graduate student with over three years experience working full time in the YSU Archives as of October 2010. Added to this Finding Aid during revision is the description of the series listed above the corresponding folders to that series, the related materials has been updated, the author of the Finding Aid and author of the revision has been added in the Administrative section. All materials in this collection have also been scanned and digitized during the writing of this colophon.

Series Description

Series I:	Scrapbook
Series II:	Correspondence
Series III:	Publications
Series IV:	Programs
Series V:	Subject Files
Series VI:	Newspaper Clippings

Related Materials

See: Dana Music Institute Collection (Dana School of Music)

The Musical Dana's of Warren, Ohio by John Turk

Oral History 0002. History of Youngstown College/Nellie Dehnbostel.

The John Turk Papers, RG 62/3

Dana Concert Series located in the Archives and Special Collections. Call Number ML 28 .Y6 Y62

Index Terms

Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel
Dana Institute of Music
Dana School of Music
Maag Library
Bliss Hall
Warren Music Club
Youngstown State University Women's Club
Jean Louis Gil

BOX 1

SERIES I: SCRAPBOOK

Mrs. Nellie Dehnbostel's scrapbook contains various types of information including : thank you notes, post cards, letters, invitations to various events (such as weddings and anniversaries), prayer cards, service programs, commencement programs, and musical programs. Most of the items are dated 1975-1976.

Folder	Contents
1	Photo Album Scrapbook Containing Correspondence and Programs, 1976

BOX 2

SERIES II: CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 2 details correspondence to Mrs. Dehnbostel from various Youngstown State University personnel. A majority of the correspondence is either procedures for ceremonies or a show of appreciation to Mrs. Dehnbostel for either a musical performance or monetary contributions to university funds. Folder 3 contains correspondence which is music related. One from 1930, is a handwritten letter from Milano, Italy from Margaret (former student studying overseas) asking for assistance

with her orchestrations. The second correspondence, which is from 1952, is from Arthur Wise, who is looking for information on a book he is writing. Folder 4 contains correspondence from 1976-1977. Most of the items are personal letters, thank you cards, and invitations. Folder 5 contains a correspondence from 1930 informing Mrs. Dehnbostel that she has been accepted into the American Guild of Organists. Folder 6 contains the envelopes which contained some of the various correspondence.

Folder	Contents
2	Correspondence, Youngstown State University, 1951-1977
3	Correspondence, Incoming, music related, 1930-1952
4	Correspondence, Incoming, Personal letters and cards, 1976-1977
5	Correspondence, Incoming, Professional Association letter, 1930
6	Envelopes n.d, 1951

SERIES III: PUBLICATIONS

This series includes various publications Mrs. Dehnbostel was involved in or collected for personal interest. Dates vary from 1937-1985. The first publication, folder 7, is a copy of an oral history interview with Mrs. Dehnbostel by William Manser. Topic includes the history of Youngstown College. Folder 8 contains information of the professional organization's, Composers Authors and Artists of America, newsletters and correspondence. Folder 9 contains the publications *The Holton Fanfare* from April 1961 and a report entitle *The Status of Women in College Music: Preliminary Studies* from the College Music Society. Folder 10 corresponds to newspaper clippings Mrs. Dehnbostel collected. Subjects focus on the local area, especially Warren, Ohio, musical productions from Dana, and the groundbreaking of Bliss Hall. Folder 11 is copies of newspaper clippings discussing the dedication and opening of Maag Library, 1976. The pamphlets in Folder 12 contain a Fine Arts Calendar for the Spring 1973 from radio station WYSU FM, information on The Trumbull Art Guild at the Gillmer House and the Historic Hopewell Church established in 1808. Folder 13 contains music sheets of the following songs : “Any Bonus Today” by Irving Berlin, “Ev'rybody Ev'ry Payday” by Tom Adair and Dick Uhl, and “Soldiers All” by Tom Adair and Dick Uhl. The last folder in this series contains an article written by Jacklin Bolton Stopp entitled, “ A.N.Johnson, Out of Oblivion.”

Folder	Contents
7	Oral History Transcript and handwritten notes, 1977
8	Newsletters from musical convention, 1956-1977
9	Reports and prospectus, 1961-1975
10	Various newspaper clippings, Bliss, Warren, 1937-1977
11	Copies of Vindicator clippings, opening Maag Library, 1976
12	Pamphlets local tourism, n.d.
13	Sheet music, 3 pieces, 1941-1942
14	Jacklin Bolton Stopp, A.N. Johnson article, 1985

SERIES IV: PROGRAMS

This series includes various event programs most of which Mrs. Dehnbostel participated in. Folder 15 includes programs from the Warren Music Club from 1923-1939. The programs includes the clubs various events as well as a copy of its revised Constitution and Bylaws. Folder 16 is a continuation of the previous folder with programs from the Warren Music Club with years dating 1939-1962. Folder 17 has a program of Original Compositions by Nellie Gwynne Dehnbostel which was preformed December 28, 1967. Folder 18 is made up of program notes written by Ronald Gould. Folder 19 contains a program from the YSU Women's Club International Night which took place April 16, 1977. Folder 20 hold various musical program from the years 1928-1977. Some of the programs included are the V.F.W Boys' Band (Directed by Raymond Dehnbostel) and programs from the events given by the Warren Civic Music Association. The last folder in this series contains an assortment of church programs from 1927, 1973, and 1977. Included is the dedication of the First United Presbyterian Church in Warren, Ohio, a service program from Christ Episcopal Church in Warren, Ohio, and an organ performance, featuring Jean-Louis Gil, sponsored by the Central Christian Church and the Youngstown Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Folder	Contents
15	Warren Music Club, 1923-1939
16	Warren Music Club, 1939-1962
17	Original Compositions, 1967
18	Program Notes Ronald Gould, n.d.
19	Youngstown State University Women's Luncheon, 1977
20	Assorted Music Programs, 1928-1977
21	Assorted Church Programs, 1927-1977

SERIES V: SUBJECT FILES

Subject Files contains various information, most of which are undated, which correspond to Mrs. Dehnbostel but do not fit into the previous series. Folder 22 is comprised of the various recognitions and awards given to Mrs. Dehnbostel. Included in this file is the Youngstown State University Heritage Award, Mrs. Dehnbostel's listing in the Dictionary of International Biography, and her listing in **Ohio lives**; the Buckeye State biographical record. Folder 23 contains information on Youngstown College's National Music Fraternity, the Sigma Alpha Iota, of which Mrs. Dehnbostel was a member. Folder 24 contains bible studies information. Most of the material in this folder is handwritten with a few typed pages. The file in folder 26 contains the Certificate or Graduation for Mrs. Nellie Dehnbostel. The size of the item prohibits it from being kept with the rest of the collection. It is now located in Flat File 2, Drawer 1 of the Archives. The final folder in this series is the program from the service of Mrs. Dehnbostel's funeral, February 26, 1980.

Folder	Contents
22	Recognition and awards, n.d., 1982

- 23 Sigma Alpha Iota, 1929, n.d.
- 24 Bible Studies, handwritten lessons, n.d.
- 25 Certificate of Graduation (in Flat File 2, Drawer 1)
- 26 Funeral Program, 1980

SERIES VI : NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

This series contains various newspaper clippings arranged by subject matter. Folder 27 contains articles which feature Mrs. Dehnbostel and have various dates from 1947-1979. Folder 28 contains a variety of articles which were of interest to Mrs. Dehnbostel including local articles on Warren Ohio and a Hummel Festival. The last folder of the collections pertains to newspaper clippings dealing with the topic of music. Dates are throughout the 1970s and cover performances to educational topics.

Folder	Contents
27	Nellie Dehnbostel
28	Interest
29	Music