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Overview of the Collection

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Creator: Dallmeyer Russell (1886-1972)

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Notes on the Collection

Abstract

Historical Note

Dallmeyer Russell was a concert pianist and piano instructor. He was the founding director of Pittsburgh Musical Institute (PMI) and head of the piano department at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. He was also a past president of both the Musicians Club of Pittsburgh and the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association. He was born in Allegheny (now Pittsburgh) in 1886. He frequently performed with his wife Romaine Smith Russell, a soprano, and piano duets with his daughter Lucretia Russell Maracino. Mrs. Romaine Smith Russell taught singing at PMI and became the president of the Tuesday Musical Club in 1961.

Scope and Content Note

- 3 scrapbooks of music programs that Russell performed as a pianist or attended in Pittsburgh and Germany.
- Correspondence
- Music manuscript
- Music programs (loose)
- Family photographs

Container List

Box 1 -

- **Manuscript**
 - Exile – for soprano and piano
- **Scrapbook #1** – Primarily Pittsburgh music programs 1896-1909.
 - Music programs of operas performed in Pittsburgh
 - Grand Opera, March - June 1904, The Nixon
 - Music programs of recitals by Dallmeyer Russell in Germany and Pittsburgh, PA.
 - Pittsburgh Programs:
 - Concert program: Dallmeyer Russell, pianist, May 28, 1907, Perrysville Ave. M.E. Church
 - Concert program: Dallmeyer Russell, pianist; Luigi von Kunits, violin, May 31, 1907, Pennwood Club
 - Concert program: Mozart Club (Dallmeyer Russell, pianist), May 4, 1909, Carnegie Music Hall
 - Concert program: Four song recitals by pupils of James Stephen Martin (Evelyn Lippa, Beulah Martin, Howard White, Dallmeyer Russell), May - June 1907, Conservatory Hall
 - Concert program: Dallmeyer Russell, George Bob Wick, Oct. 4, 1907, Second Presbyterian Church of Butler

Box 2

- **Scrapbook #2**
 - Programs attended by Dallmeyer Russell while studying in Germany, England and Portugal 1905-1909.

Box 3

- **Scrapbook #3**
 - Programs attended by Dallmeyer Russell while studying in Germany 1908-1909
 - Letter to Russell's mother from Lisbon, 1908
 - Pittsburgh programs featuring Dallmeyer Russell

- Concert program: Tuesday Musical Club Instrumental Ensemble Program (includes piano duets by Lucretia and Dallmeyer Russell) March 8, 1955, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial.
- Concert program: Musicians Club of Pittsburgh, May 17, 1958, Chatham College Chapel.
- Concert program: Friends of the Music Library Benefit Concert, Dallmeyer and Lucretia Russell, Jan. 30, 1961, Carnegie Lecture Hall.
- Concert program: Art Society of Pittsburgh, Duo-Pianists Dallmeyer and Lucretia Russell, March 8, 1943, Carnegie Music Hall.
- Concert program: Tuesday Musical Club, Two-piano recital by Dallmeyer and Lucretia Russell, Oct. 17, 1961, Stephen Collins Foster Memorial.
- Letters from Pablo Casals, Rudolf Serkin, Isadore Freed, Marshall Bidwell, Jeanne Steffler,
- Calling card, signed: Professor Dr. Carl Reinecke
- Family photographs

Box 4

- **Folder 1**

- Publicity booklet for Dallmeyer Russell, concert pianist
- Newspaper articles from Pittsburgh and Germany featuring Russell, 1909
- Music Programs
 - Pupils of Dallmeyer Russell, June 9, 1910, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Dallmeyer Russell and Luigi von Kunits, May 19, 1910, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Dallmeyer Russell and the Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra, Apr. 1, 1910, Carnegie Music Hall
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Nov. 16, 1909, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Dec. 16, 1909, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Paul Kennedy Harper and Charles W. Cadmen, Jan. 17, 1910, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Feb. 1-3, 1910, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Nov. 5, 1910, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Mar. 6, 1911, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Mar. 28, 1911, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Jan. 18, 1912, Rittenhouse
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Mar. 28, 1912, Rittenhouse
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Romain Smith Russell, Dec. 7, 1912, Lecture Hall, Carnegie Institute
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Jan. 13, 1913, Lecture Hall, Carnegie Institute

- Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Mar. 28, 1913, Lecture Hall, Carnegie Institute
 - Pupils of Dallmeyer Russell, May 4, 1914, Lecture Hall, Carnegie Institute
 - Pupils of Dallmeyer Russell, June 26, 1911, Rittenhouse
 - Pupils of Dallmeyer Russell, June 21, 1911, Rittenhouse
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Nov. 10, 1911, Rittenhouse
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Dec. 14, 1911, Rittenhouse
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Dec. 15, 1910, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Historical piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Feb. 1, 1910, East End Studio, Ivy Street
 - Piano Recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Mar. 11, 1930, Hotel Schenley Ball Room
 - Piano Recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Dec. 8, 1920
 - Dallmeyer Russell and Luigi von Kunits, May 31, 1907, Pennwood Club
 - Dallmeyer Russell, pianist, May 28, 1907, Perrysville Ave. M.E. Church
 - Dallmeyer Russell and Josephine Steinback, Jan. 22, 1909, Leipzig
 - Piano recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Sept. 26, 1907, Buhl Club, Sharon, PA.
 - Concert, Dallmeyer Russell and Josephine Steinback, Apr. 20, 1909, Waldorf-Astoria, NY
 - Mozart Club, Dallmeyer Russell and Florence Hinkle, May 4, 1909, Carnegie Music Hall
 - Monday Musical Club, Jun. 8, 1909, Bellevue, PA.
 - Woman' Alliance, Oct. 20, 1909, First Unitarian Church, Pittsburgh
 - Tuesday Musical Club, Feb. 10, 1911,
 - Chopin recital, Dallmeyer Russell, Feb. 4, 1910, Home of Mrs. Wilbur E. Mathews
 - Concert, Dallmeyer Russell, Luigi von Kunits, Charles W. Cadmen, May 7, 1910, Rittenhouse
 - Benefit concert for Omaha Indian Reservation Hospital, Charles Cadmen and others, May 27, 1910, Lecture Hall, Carnegie Institute
 - Benefit concert for Church of the Redeemer, Wightman St., Pittsburgh, Jun. 2, 1910
- **Folder 2**
 - **Correspondence**
 - From Adolph M. Foerster - 11 letters (1909-1912)
 - From Jose Vianna da Motta - 8 letters (1909-1911)
 - From Emil Liebling - 9 letters (1910-1911)
 - From F. Busoni - 1 letter (1910)
 - Postcard from Luigi von Kunits - 1 postcard (1911)
 - Letter – unidentified

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