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The W. Glen Ruff Collection

Collection Number	MS 336
Title	The W. Glen Ruff Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1883-1962
Collection Size	1 linear foot
Creator	Unknown
Scope and Content	A collection of sheet music, guides, books, and other materials related to W. Glen Ruff and his music shop.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University.
Languages	English
Biographical Note	Walter Glen Ruff (1904-1989) was born in Kansas and graduated from Fort Hays State Teachers College. He earned a masters degree from the University of Kansas in 1940. Following this, he taught instrumental and vocal music on both the high school and college level. Ruff served with the American Red Cross in India and Ceylon during World War II. Afterwards, he was head of the music department at Western Carolina Teachers College. In 1950, he moved back to Kansas and opened Ruff's Music Shop in Pittsburg. The store operated for 20 years. After Ruff sold it, he continued to repair musical instruments. Ruff was married twice, first to Bessie Adelaide Peterson (1903-1936) and to Nora Nadine Nolan (1908-2001). W. Glen Ruff passed away in 1989.

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Processing Note

Papers processed in December 2020

Content Description

This collection is comprised of primary sources and includes the following series:

1. Books
2. Music Sheets
3. Publications & Correspondence
4. Basics

Detailed Description of Collection:

Books

Andersen, Arthur Olaf. *The Second Forty Lessons in Harmony*
Chadwick, G.W. *Harmony: A Course of Study*, 1897
Cornell, J.H. *The Theory and Practice of Musical Form*, 1883
Musique pour Clarinette
Prout, E. *A Treatise on Instrumentation*

Music Sheets

Alphabetical order, including Bach, Beethoven, and Schubert.

Publications and Correspondence (1962|1940)

Basics: Instruments

Various care guides for various instruments

Basics: Music

Various exercises and guides for various instruments