

# The Helen Wright Papers

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Gilmore Music Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** MSS 2

**CREATOR:** Wright, Helen Madeline

**TITLE:** The Helen Wright Papers

**DATES:** 1906-1954 (inclusive)

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** Materials chiefly in English.

**SUMMARY:** The Helen Wright Papers consist primarily of letters from Myra Hess and Teresa Carreño. They also contain photographs, clippings, and miscellaneous items.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/music.mss.0002>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/music.mss.0002>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Helen Wright Papers were established in the Music Library of Yale University by Mrs. Arnold Hall, ca. 1961.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The Papers are open to researchers by appointment. There are no restricted materials in the collection. Please contact the Special Collections staff to schedule an appointment.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

The Helen Wright Papers are the physical property of the Irving S. Gilmore Music Library of Yale University. Copyrights belong to the composers and authors, or their legal heirs and assigns.

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## **Preferred Citation**

MSS 2 The Helen Wright Papers in the Irving S. Gilmore Music Library of Yale University.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The Helen Wright Papers consist primarily of correspondence written to Wright by her piano teachers Myra Hess (1890-1965) and Teresa Carreño (1853-1917). The Papers also contain signed photographs of Hess and Carreño, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items.

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## **Arrangement**

In 4 series as follows: I. Correspondence. II. Miscellaneous items. III. Photographs. IV. Printed matter.

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**Collection Contents**
**Series I: Correspondence, 1907-1954**

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|------------|--|-------------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | Hess, Myra<br><i>5 autograph letters signed</i>        | 1931-1949   |
| b. 1, f. 1 | Hess, Myra<br><i>2 typed letters signed</i>            | 1945-1947   |
| b. 1, f. 1 | Hess, Myra<br><i>3 cards</i>                           | 1937-1949   |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Hess, Myra<br><i>6 autograph letters signed</i>        | 1951-1953   |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Hess, Myra<br><i>typed letter signed</i>               | 1952 Jan 28 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Hess, Myra<br><i>3 cards</i>                           | 1950-1954   |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Hess, Myra<br><i>typed schedule of tours in U.S.A.</i> | 1954        |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Davis-Chase, Anita<br><i>4 typed letters signed</i>    | 1946-1953   |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Davis-Chase, Anita<br><i>autograph letter signed</i>   | 1953 Feb 24 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Wright, Helen to Myra Hess<br><i>telegram</i>          | 1953 May 11 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Carreño, Teresa<br><i>3 autograph letters signed</i>   | 1907-1915   |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Tagliapietra, Giovanni<br><i>typed letter signed</i>   | 1946 May 11 |

## Series II: Miscellaneous Items

b. 1, f. 5

Miscellaneous Items  
*15 unidentified items*

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## Series III: Photographs

b. 1, f. 6      Hess, Myra  
*2 signed photographs*

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b. 1, f. 7      Carreño, Teresa  
*6 signed photographs, 2 photographs*

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**Series IV: Printed Matter**

|               |  |             |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| b. 1, f. 8    | "Dame Myra Hess"<br><i>autographed book</i>                    | 1945 Jun 14 |
| b. 1, f. 8    | "National Gallery Concerts", London<br><i>autographed book</i> | 1945        |
| b. 1, f. 9-10 | Hess, Myra<br><i>newspaper clippings</i>                       |             |
| b. 1, f. 11   | Carreño, Teresa<br><i>newspaper clippings</i>                  |             |



## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Pianists -- Correspondence

### **Names**

Carreño, Teresa, 1853-1917

Davis-Chase, Anita

Hess, Myra, Dame, 1890-1965

Tagliapietra, Giovanni, 1846-1921

Wright, Helen Madeline