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Gilbert Papp Papers, 1944-2010

Collection 249

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator name: Gilbert James Raymond Papp

Inclusive Dates: 1944-2010, bulk 1971-1979

Physical Description: 4 boxes, (2.5 linear feet).

Provenance:

The Gilbert Papp Papers collection was donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives in June 2015 by Tracy Shiffer of Monticello, IL.

Access:

The records are accessible to the public within applicable copyright restrictions and limited to use at the Champaign County Historical Archives of The Urbana Free Library.

Biographical Note:

Gilbert Papp was born to Steven and Ann (Klein) Papp on January 9, 1934 in Joliet, IL. As a young man he excelled as a band member, playing the clarinet in grade school and high school in Joliet. Following high school, he enlisted in the Army in 1951. After being honorably discharged, he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Gilbert Papp taught music in Champaign-Urbana from 1959-1971 before moving to Monticello where he revitalized the marching band team, the Marching Sages, and led them to multiple award winning seasons. On the national level, his Marching Sages won the National Championship in Whitewater, WI in 1978, and later that year they played the Orange Bowl in Miami Gardens, FL.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection spans the course of Gilbert Papp's life focusing on: his youth as a clarinetist, his time in the Army, and primarily his time as a music instructor and marching band director. Materials include photocopies of three scrapbooks covering Gill Papp's instruction of the Marching Sages which are identified by the school year. A fourth scrapbook of the same nature has been placed in an oversized box. These scrapbooks are made up of photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and posters. Also present are Gilbert Papp's diplomas from UIUC, personal papers collected from his grade school years at Joliet, photocopied photographs, newspaper clippings, and personal correspondence. There is a separate box of music scores with Papp's personal notes, which has been left in its original arrangement.

Separated Materials:

Photographs were placed in the Special Collections Photograph series.



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One Hundred Years with the Fortnightly Club, 1985-1995: A Supplement to Ninety Years with the Fortnightly Club of Urbana, 1895-1985 is cataloged and located in our print materials collection.

Pulled from the collection were metal awards for Gill Papp's clarinet playing in his youth, two vinyl records, two DVDs, two CDs, and one VHS tape, all of the Monticello Marching Sages a personal notebook (blank), and a CD of Northern Colorado University Marching band music. Also pulled and placed in the Special Collection Photographs series are the photographs from this collection which cover Gill Papp's childhood, his time in the Army, his time as an instructor, and the Marching Sages members, and formations.

Arrangement:

The collection is divided into 4 series: Personal, Professional, Photographs, and Music Scores. Within each box the folders are arranged alphabetically except for the music scores which maintain their original order.

Names:

Papp, Gilbert J. (Gilbert James Raymond), 1934-2010.

Subject Terms:

Band music.

Marching bands--Champaign.

Marching bands—Monticello.

Container List:

Box 1

Series 1: Personal Materials

Folder 1: Awards, 1949-1950, 1974-1977

Folder 2: Awards (medals), 1950

Folder 3: Clarinet Music Books, undated

Folder 4: Correspondence, 1959-1979, 2003

Folder 5: Diplomas 1959, 1969

Folder 6: Grade School Joliet Music Scores, 1944-1951

Folder 7: Grade School Programs and Events, 1944-1951

Folder 8: Newspaper Clippings Joliet Events, 1947-1949

Series 2: Professional Materials

Folder 9: Contests, 1978

Folder 10: Events and Meetings, 1977-1979

Folder 11: Memorabilia Marching Sages, 1978-1979

Folder 12: Newspaper Clippings, 1978-1979, 1986, 2010

Folder 13: Photographs Marching Sages, 1978-1979

Folder 14: Scrapbook Marching Sages School Year 1973-1974, 1963, 1972-1975 [Book 1]

Folders 15-19: Scrapbook Marching Sages School Year 1976-1977, 1976-1978 (5 folders) [Book 2]

Folders 20-22: Scrapbook Marching Sages School Year, 1951-1963; 1978-1979, (3 folders) [Book 3]



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Folder 23: Yearbooks Marching Sages, 1978-1979

Box 2 [Oversize]

Series 2: Professional Materials, continued

Folder 24: Scrapbook, compiled by Tracy Shiffer as a present to her father Gill Papp, undated

Box 3

Series 3: Photographs

Envelope 1: Army, 1952-1955

Envelope 2: Grade School photos,

Envelope 3: Bands, 1960, 1975-1975

Envelope 4: Bands, 1975 [?]

Envelopes 5-6: Scrapbook Book #1 (2 folders)

Envelopes 7-8: Scrapbook #2 (2 folders)

Envelopes 9-10: Scrapbook #3 (2 folders)

Oversize folder23

Box 4

Series 4: Musical Scores

Madrigal Music

Homecoming Music

Chester

Italian Caprice

Fanfare March

Proclamation Fanfare

Percussion Features

Finlandia

Over the Rainbow

Crown Imperial

Duelin' Banjo

1812 Overture-2nd

Cadences

Marathon Floyd

Dish Rag Walk

N.S.W. Police Pipe Band

Various Arrangements

Love Theme

Sing, Sing, Sing

In the Mood

The Heavens are Telling

Pilgrim's Chorus

Movin' On

Gentle on my Mind

March from "Tannhauser"



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Theme from "Tschaikowsky"
Russian Sailors' Dance
O How Shall I
Finale- Tschaikowsky 5th
Aida
Auld Lang Syne
Die Mistersinger -Closer-
Mars- The Planets
Academic/Imperial #2
My Father's World
You'll Never Walk Alone
Summertime
If
Largo-New World
Procession-The Knights
If I Loved You
Bugler's Holiday
Stars & Stripes Forever
Finale- Beethoven 9th
Shaker Tune
Bacchanale Dance
Johnny Comes Marching
Productions
Openers
Closers
March from "Tannhauser" -Production-
Armenian Dances
Theme-Beethoven 9th (warm-up)
Barber of Seville
Academic/Imperial
Rondo-Mahler 7th
Hungarian Dance No. 5
Russian Galop
Finale-Beethoven 5th
Concerts
Finale-Mahler 7th
First Roumanian dance
Londonderry Aire