
Finding Aid for the Phillips Family Diaries ARCHIVES PHILLIPS 1

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Title: Phillips Family Diaries

creator: Phillips, Burrill, 1907-1988

creator: Phillips, Alberta, 1907-1979

creator: Basart, Ann Phillips

creator: Basart, Robert, 1926-1993

Identifier/Call Number: ARCHIVES PHILLIPS 1

Physical Description: 2.5 Linear Feet(2 cartons)

Date (inclusive): 1955-2000

Language of Material: Primarily English with some Spanish and French.

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Arrangement

Volumes are arranged by principal author in three series (I. Alberta Phillips, II. Burrill Phillips, III. Ann Phillips Basart) and chronologically under each author.

Biographical / Historical

Burrill Leroy Phillips, composer and pianist, was born in Omaha, NE, on November 9, 1907 and died in Berkeley, CA on June 22, 1988. His theory and composition teachers were Edwin Stringham at the Denver College of Music (1928-1931) and Howard Hanson and Bernard Rogers at the Eastman School of Music, where he earned a BM in 1932 and an MM in 1933. He was a faculty member at the Eastman School of Music (1933-1949, 1965-1966), the University of Illinois (1949-1964), the Juilliard School (1968-1969), and Cornell University (1972-1973), as well as served as visiting composer at other universities and as Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Barcelona (1960-1961). His early compositions were considered to have been written in a distinctly American idiom.

Burrill Phillips married Alberta Mayfield (born in Denver, CO, on August 23, 1907 and died in Branchport, NY on March 17, 1979) in Denver, CO on November 17, 1928. She later served as librettist and lyricist for several of his vocal compositions. Their daughter, Ann Phillips Basart, was born in Denver, CO, on August 26, 1931, and became known for a distinguished career as music librarian at UC Berkeley (1960-1961, 1970-1990), and as editor and publisher. She was raised in Los Angeles by her maternal grandparents who named her Ann Todd Mayfield. As Ann E. Todd, she was a child actress featured in more than twenty films. In 1954 she graduated from University of California, Los Angeles in Music History and continued her studies at UC Berkeley, earning an MLS in 1958 and MA in 1960.

Ann Mayfield married Robert David Basart on January 29, 1955 in Alameda County, California. Robert Basart was born in Watertown, SD, November 17, 1926 and died in Berkeley, CA, February 7, 1993. He studied at the University of Colorado, Stanford University, and at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned an MA in composition in 1958 and a PhD in 1970.

Sources:

Ann Basart. "Basart, Robert." Grove Music Online. Oxford Music Online. Oxford University Press, accessed September 6, 2017, <http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/subscriber/article/grove/music/A2087199>.

Mimi Tashiro. "Basart, Ann." Grove Music Online. Oxford Music Online. Oxford University Press, accessed September 6, 2017, <http://www.oxfordmusiconline.com/subscriber/article/grove/music/A2083817>.

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Custodial History

Collection purchased by John Shepard in September 2016 from Hackenberg Booksellers, El Cerrito, CA, who had acquired the collection earlier that same year from Andrew Langer, Bookseller, in Berkeley. Langer had picked up the diaries the previous year during an estate sale of contents from the Basart family home in Berkeley.

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Related Materials

Music manuscripts, recordings, notes, press clippings, and programs documenting the career of composer and Eastman School alumnus Burrill Phillips are found in Ruth T. Watanabe Special Collections of the Sibley Music Library, Eastman

School of Music, University of Rochester.

Scope and Contents

The collection of 40 volumes features 25 dated diaries, logs, and notebooks written by composer Burrill Phillips, documenting a large portion of the last 20 years of his life. Addressing day to day activities and concerns of life in western New York and in Berkeley, California, as well as travel, entries are only intermittently concerned with musical activities and composition, except for volumes described as such. Six volumes of diaries and writings by his wife, lyricist Alberta Phillips, and nine volumes by their daughter Ann Phillips Basart, both overlap and supplement the period covered by those of Burrill Phillips. One volume begins with entries by the husband of Ann Phillips Basart, composer Robert Basart. The collection does not contain manuscript or printed musical notation.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

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Phillips, Burrill, 1907-1988

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Basart, Robert, 1926-1993

Series I. Alberta Phillips

Box 1, Folder 1	December 10, 1955
Box 1, Folder 2	September 30, 1956 to December 27, 1958, "Cuaderno"
Box 1, Folder 3	September 12, 1960 to April 8, 1961 (Alberta, back to front) & September 11, 1960 to October 20, 1960 (Burrill, front to back), "Travel Diary"
Box 1, Folder 4	June 14, 1962 to December 26, 1965
Box 1, Folder 5	June 4, 1971 to July 20, 1976
Box 1, Folder 6	July 21, 1976 to December 12, 1977
Box 1, Folder 7	Loose Pages, undated

Series II. Burrill Phillips

Box 1, Folder 8	September 2, 1955 to February 5, 1956
Box 1, Folder 9	June 4, 1958 to December 22, 1959
Box 1, Folder 10	October 12, 1967 to August 24, 1969
Box 1, Folder 11	August 30, 1969 to March 6, 1970
Box 1, Folder 12	July 18, 1970 to April 1985
Box 1, Folder 13	August 23, 1970 to May 31, 1971
Box 1, Folder 14	June 1, 1971 to April 2, 1972
Box 1, Folder 15	April 3, 1972 to March 27, 1973
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Box 1, Folder 17	April 23 to December 11 & April 22 to November 14, To-Do Lists, New York, undated
Box 1, Folder 18	February 3, 1976 to December 12, 1979 & December 5, 1980, "Opera Notebook"
Box 1, Folder 19	March 3, 1976 to June 12, 1978
Box 1, Folder 20	June 13, 1978 to June 30 1981
Box 1, Folder 21	January 11, 1980 to April 30, 1980

Box 1, Folder 22	June 30, 1981 to September 26, 1983
Box 2, Folder 1	November 13, 1982 to May 7, 1983
Box 2, Folder 2	September 26, 1983 to June 5, 1984
Box 2, Folder 3	June 5, 1984 to November 3, 1984
Box 2, Folder 4	November 3, 1984 to April 10, 1985
Box 2, Folder 5	April 13, 1985 to November 23, 1985 & April 11, 1986 to July 11, 1986
Box 2, Folder 6	July 20, 1983 to July 10, 1986, "Music Journal"
Box 2, Folder 7	July 11, 1986 to November 11, 1986
Box 2, Folder 8	January 9, 1986 to April 11, 1986
Box 2, Folder 9	September 23, 1986 to May 27, 1988
Box 2, Folder 10	May 18, 1987 to March 21, 1988

Series III. Ann Phillips Basart

Box 2, Folder 11	June 30, 1957 to August 18, 1957, "Log"
Box 2, Folder 12	June 24, 1962 to July 17, 1962, "Travel Diary"
Box 2, Folder 13	June 1970 to August 1986, "Menus and Party Suggestions"
Box 2, Folder 14	January 3, 1975 to January 1, 1976
Box 2, Folder 15	May 13, 1992 to June 30, 1992 (Robert) & May 28, 1993 to September 25, 1993 (Ann)
Box 2, Folder 16	October 9, 1993 to June 25, 1994
Box 2, Folder 17	December 23, 1995 to December 29, 1997
Box 2, Folder 18	January 3, 1998 to May 15, 1999
Box 2, Folder 19	August 29, 1999 to December 23, 2000
Box 2, Folder 20	Loose pages, Biographical, 1950s