

E. R. Alexander Collection of Sheet Music

Ernest Raymond Alexander  
(1919-1960)

Ernest Raymond Alexander was born in Dixon Springs, Tennessee on June 21, 1892. After Alexander graduated from Pearl High School in 1910, he attended Fisk University. He completed his Bachelor of Arts in Science at Fisk University in 1914, and five years later completed his medical degree at the University of Vermont in 1919. As the only Black student in his class at the University of Vermont, he graduated with the university's top honors, "Honor Man in Medicine," the first prize for "Special Merit in Medicine," and the Woodbury Prize for "Clinical Proficiency in Medicine."

Dr. Alexander began his medical practice in the summer of 1920. In that same year, he joined the staffs of Bellevue Hospital and Harlem Hospital. He became a specialist in the fields of dermatology and syphilology. He was a member of many professional medical organizations, including the American Medical Association. Dr. Alexander was also the author of several articles in medicine.

As a leader of the Black community in Nashville, Dr. Alexander was a major contributor to the Nashville Chapter of the NAACP. Also, he was a member of the Fisk University board of trustees. In January 1945, Mrs. Lillian Alexander donated the E.R. Alexander Collection of Negroana to the Fisk University Library, in honor of her husband. The doctor and his wife also give the university five thousand dollars to support the collection.

Scope Note

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The E. R. Alexander Collection numbers seven manuscript boxes of biographical data; correspondence; collected sheet music and miscellaneous items. The collection was donated to Fisk University by Lillian Alexander, in honor of her husband, in January 1945.

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Box 1

- f. 1--Biographical Data
- 2--Correspondence  
Sheet Music
- 3--Accoe, Will - Bivins, Nathan
- 4--Blake, Eubie - Bland, James
- 5--Blane, Mary - Brymn, James

Box 2

Sheet Music

- f. 1--Burleigh, H.T.
- 2--Burleigh, H.T.
- 3--Burleigh, H.T.
- 4--Burleigh, H.T.
- 5--Burleigh, H.T.

Box 3

Sheet Music

- f. 1--Cannon, Hughie - Cole, Bob
- 2--Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel
- 3--Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel
- 4--Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel

Box 4

Sheet Music

- f. 1--Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel
- 2--Coleridge-Taylor, Samuel
- 3--Cook, Will - Dabney, Ford T.
- 4--Davis, Gussie - Dett, Nathaniel R.
- 5--Edmonds, Shepard - Gottler, Archie
- 6--Handy, Will - Hillman, Charles

Box 5

Sheet Music

- f. 1--Hogan, Earnest - Johns, Al
- 2--Johnson, Billy - Johnson, J.C.
- 3--Johnson, J. Rosamond
- 4--Johnson, J. Rosamond
- 5--Johnson, J. Rosamond
- 6--Johnson, Jimmy
- 7--Johnson, Haven - Josslin, Cuffy

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Box 6

Sheet Music

- f. 1--Layton, Turner - Liscombe, Frede
- 2--Lucas, Sam - Lyons, Fred
- 3--Perrin, Sidney - Roberts, C.L.
- 4--Smith, Chris
- 5--Smith, Hilbert E. - Williams, Smart

Box 7

Sheet Music, Program & Handbill, and Collected Item

- f. 1--Waller, Thomas - White, Clarence
- 2--Williams, Bert
- 3--Williams, Clarence - Willet, Chappie
- 4--Work, John W.
- 5--Miscellaneous Music
- 6--Program & Handbill
- 7--Collected Item--"Our Memorial--In Honor of General U.S. Grant"