

MS-542: Kenneth Middaugh Scrapbook

Collection Number: MS-542

Title: Kenneth Middaugh Scrapbook

Dates: circa 1920-1924

Creator: Middaugh, Mildred A. (Bartlett), 1903-2000

Scope and Content Note:

This scrapbook was created by Middaugh's wife for his birthday in 1924. It highlights his activities as a jazz musician in the early 1920s. The Middaugh family is from New Paris, Preble County, Ohio. Kenneth played in a jazz orchestra which performed in Dayton at the Greystone Ballroom, Cincinnati, Terre Haute, and other locations. He also was employed at Wilbur Wright Field. The scrapbook includes pictures of the recording studio he used in Indiana, and Wilbur Wright Field and Country Club.

Quantity/Physical Description: 0.5 linear foot (1 scrapbook)

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The scrapbook was donated to Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by James Middaugh, son of Kenneth Middaugh, in October 2016.

Accruals: No additions are expected.

Custodial History:

The creator, Kenneth's wife Mildred, gifted the item to Kenneth for his birthday in 1924. The item then passed to their son, James Middaugh. He donated the item to Starr-Gennett Foundation

in Richmond, Indiana. Starr-Gennett thought Wright State University should have it, and therefore James Middaugh and Lynn Johnstone, representative of Starr-Gennett, donated it to WSU.

Existence and Location of Copies:

Prior to donation, the scrapbook was digitized by Rafael Rivera of Richmond, Indiana; however, a digital copy is not currently in possession of Special Collections and Archives.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms542.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

The collection resides in a flat box. The scrapbook is a black covered album that is bound with a black string. Inside there are photographs and newspaper clippings. This scrapbook is interleaved with archival paper.

Related Material:

Duncan P. Schiedt Photograph Collection ([NMAH.AC.1323](#)) at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History (includes information about Marion McKay Orchestra)

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Abbey Search, August 2019.

Arrangement:

The collection consists of a single scrapbook arranged in original order.

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Middaugh family was from New Paris, Preble County, Ohio. Kenneth Middaugh was born December 1, 1901, at New Paris, to Edwin and Pearle (Hinmon) Middaugh. He married Mildred Bartlett on June 25, 1924, in Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. Kenneth and Mildred Middaugh had two sons, Richard and James. Kenneth was a jazz musician who played piano and who was a part of Marion McKay's orchestra, sometimes referred to as the Greystone Orchestra, and he was a part of a few other musical groups that borrowed the names of places they performed at. Kenneth took over management of the Trianon in Terre Haute, after he left Dayton and the Greystone Amusement Company. Kenneth performed in a variety of places such as Canton, Ohio, and Indian Lake. Later in life, Kenneth worked as a traveling salesman. In 1930, he lived in Syracuse, New York, and sold caskets; and in 1940, he lived in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, and worked as a salesman for a folding box company. Kenneth died February 3, 1982, in Richmond, Indiana. He was buried in Springlawn Cemetery, New Paris, Ohio.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Middaugh, Kenneth, 1901-1982
Middaugh, Mildred A. Bartlett, 1903-2000
Middaugh, Richard Edwin, 1925-2009
Middaugh, James Douglas, 1929-
McKay, Marion
Lange, Henry

Organizations/Corporate Names

Lange-McKay Orchestra
Starr-Gennett Recording Studio

Places

Dayton (Ohio)
Terre Haute (Ind.)
Forest Gables (Dayton, Ohio)
Greystone Ballroom (Dayton, Ohio)
Trianon (Terre Haute, Indiana)

Subjects (General)

Jazz musicians – Ohio
Jazz musicians – Indiana

Material Types

Scrapbook
Photographs
Newspaper clippings

Occupations

Musicians

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Scrapbook	circa 1920-1924