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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 401 GRIDER, Charles J., 1905-1987

½ box. 11 folders. 94 items. 1925-1944. Originals

1989.118.1

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Charles J. Grider was born on 26 September 1905, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Grider, Sr. He was a resident of Bowling Green, Kentucky and worked as a retail salesman and manager in notable stores such as David Rabold and Sons, Norman's, and Halls Men's Store. During his lifetime he was also a music manager who arranged for bands to perform at dances within the Bowling Green area from the 1920's to the 1940's. Grider was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 320, the Moose Lodge No. 356, and the Filson Club. He died on 25 April 1987 and is buried in Bowling Green's Fairview Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

The Charles J. Grider Collection consists of 1 box, 11 folders, and 94 items. The collection's major focus is material related to Grider's part-time career as a music manager. The items within the collection are original materials belonging to Grider which document his enlistment of bands to perform at dances within the Bowling Green area.

Materials within the collection mention notable bands such as Claude Hopkins and His Roseland Orchestra, Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra, Leon Franklin and His Orchestra, and singer Thelma Terry. One of the collection's prominent features is in Folder 8 which contains material related to the Birthday Ball for the President, specifically Franklin Delano Roosevelt, which Grider helped to organize on the local level.

The collection also includes dance invitations, lists of patrons underwriting bands for dances, band advertisements, telegrams and letters from music companies, and Grider's personal reminiscences of Bowling Green dances.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Material Related to Dances	1925-1944	94 items
Folder 1	Inventory		
Folder 2	Bowling Green Fair Hop – Dance cards and ticket	1925-1935	5 items
Folder 3	Bowling Green dance invitations	1925-1944	15 items
Folder 4	Guarantees for expenses	1926-1929	8 items
Folder 5	Contracts and/or advertisements	1926-1937	12 items
Folder 6	Telegrams	1927-1939	32 items
Folder 7	Price quotations from Music Corporation of America	1929-1935	7 items
Folder 8	Birthday Ball for the President – Correspondence	1937	3 items
Folder 9	Out of town dance invitations; one humorous postcard	1925-1943	10 items
Folder 10	Broadside about Claude Hopkins and his famous Roseland Orchestra	n.d.	1 item
Folder 11	Reminiscences about Bowling Green dances	n.d.	1 item

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

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