



## The New York Public Library Music Division

Guide to the

### **Barton Cantrell correspondence**

1902-1980 [bulk 1960-1980]

JPB 16-15

### **Summary**

**Author:** Cantrell, Barton

**Title:** Barton Cantrell correspondence

**Date:** 1902-1980 [bulk 1960-1980]

**Abstract:** Barton Cantrell (1930-1985) was a musicologist of American classical music who dedicated much of his time to studying, and recovering rare music manuscripts and collections. This collection consists primarily of correspondence written to Cantrell, and some copies of the letters Cantrell wrote himself. The collection also includes a few biographical documents related to the American composers that Cantrell researched.

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**Language of the Material:** English

### **Creator History**

Barton Cantrell was a musicologist who specialized in American classical music. Cantrell was born in 1930 in Dallas, Texas to Robert Jefferson Cantrell and Mattie Sue Cantrell. Cantrell was involved with music from a young age, having played the cello in his high school orchestra, and winning state-wide piano competitions at the age of 17. He went on to attend North Texas State College School of Music as a member of the class of 1951

Around 1953, Cantrell moved to New York City where he spent the next thirty years. After working for Tiffany and Co. for a short time and touring as an accompanist for a concert singer, he lived off of a small inheritance. Cantrell devoted his time to studying and travel as he went to meet the family members and heirs of late composers. Cantrell assisted The New York Public library by sharing his knowledge of American classical music, working with scores and providing rare material. Specifically, he located and recovered the extensive collections of both Henry Holden Huss and Caryl Florio (William James Robjohn). Cantrell contributed brief articles to The New Grove Dictionary about Peter Albrecht von Hagen Jr. and Howard Brockway, and donated items to the New York Public Library including the book, "Americana." He also compiled copies of his own extensive research notes titled: "Guide to Some American Music" and "Guide to some American Operas", copies of which are located

in the Library of Congress and the Dallas Public Library. Cantrell was instrumental in assembling the collection of works by Caryl Florio which he sold to the New York Public Library. In 1972, Cantrell delivered an address at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

Barton Cantrell died on July 27, 1985 in Dallas, Texas.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Barton Cantrell correspondence are chiefly a collection of letters. Included are a few concert programs and newspaper clippings which accompanied particular letters.

The bulk of the collection consists of correspondence between Cantrell and composers as well as family members of deceased composers between the years of 1960 and 1980. Many of these letters demonstrate that Cantrell took a personal interest in not only music and compositions, but also the lives of those he corresponded with. For several of Cantrell's subjects including Gardner Read and Howard Hanson, the collection includes biographical information or catalogues of the composers' works. Primarily, Cantrell sought to locate scores and manuscripts from composers and their families, often requesting copies for the collection of the New York Public Library.

In a few cases, individuals included letters received from others. These include the cluster of letters sent by Alfred Arthur, James Monroe Deems, Gerold [last name unknown], Gerrish [last name unknown], Max Gottschalk, and William Henry Pommer. Cantrell had also grouped five items with the heading "Colorado Composers"; that grouping has been preserved.

Cantrell's papers also include correspondence with other libraries across the country as he sought rare scores and manuscripts.

**Arrangement:** The Barton Cantrell correspondence consists of a single series and is arranged alphabetically by the author or subject of the letters.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Music -- United States

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Personal correspondence

### **Names**

Cantrell, Barton

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Allen, Paul Hastings 1943-1980 (9 items.)
- b. 1 f. 2 Appleton, Adeline 1960 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 2 Archer, Frederic 1960, 1967 (1 item. Includes 2 items from Thomas Whitney Surette)
- b. 1 f. 2 Armstrong, W. Dawson 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 3 Arthur, Alfred 1967-1970 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 3 Beck, Johann 1967 (5 items.)
- b. 1 f. 3 Grossman, F. Karl 1967 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 3 Puehringer 1967 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 4 Avery, Stanley 1977 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 4 Ayres, Frederic 1906, 1972 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 4 Bach, J. Maurice 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 4 Barlow, Samulel Latham Mitchill [1968?] (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 5 Beach, Amy 1945-1970 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 6 Beach, John Parsons 1970-1971 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 6 Bechtel, Frederick 1967-1970 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 7 Boise, Otis 1874-1978 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 7 Bonner, Eugene 1963-1970 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 7 Briane, Robert 1960 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 8 Brockway, Howard 1895, 1963-1978 (18 items.)
- b. 1 f. 9 Bucharoff, Simon 1952-1960 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 9 Burleigh, Cecil 1978 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 10 Cadman, Charles Wakefield 1961 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 10 Carbonara, Liebling 1961-1962 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 10 Carter, Ernest Trow 1977 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 10 Case, Henry Lincoln 1971 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 10 Coerne, Louis Adolphe [1900?-1922?] (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 10 Cole, Rossetter 1963 (3 items.)
- Colorado Composers
- b. 1 f. 11 Cadman, Charles Wakefield 1915 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 11 Gower, John H 1915 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 11 Houseley, Henry 1939 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 11 Stevenson, Frederick 1915 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 12 Conterno, Giovanni 1970 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 12 Converse, Charles C 1962-1968 (6 items.)
- b. 1 f. 12 Deems, James Monroe 1967 (4 items.)
- b. 1 f. 12 Furst, W. W 1967 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 12 Moeller [?] 1967 (1 item.)  
Name could also be Muller.
- b. 1 f. 12 Pratt 1968 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 12 Szemelenyi 1967-1968 (2 items.)

Deems, James Monroe (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 12 Williams 1967-1968 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 13 DeLamarter, Eric 1978 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 13 Diebels 1970 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 13 Dunn, James McPhilip 1970 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 13 Engel, Lehman 1980 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 13 Enna, Emil 1951 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 14 Farwell, Arthur 1962-1975 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 15 Ferrata, Giuseppe [undated] (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 15 Fickenscher, Arthur 1959-1971 (6 items.)
- b. 1 f. 16 Foote, Arthur 1961-1976 (14 items.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Forrest, Hamilton 1964-1971 (5 items.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Gerold 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Griffiths 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Titindelli 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Gerrish 1967 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Furst, Theodora 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Pashmore 1970 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Zech 1902, 1973-1979 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Gerson, Robert, A 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 17 Gilchrist W. W 1967 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 18 Gleason, Frederic 1960-1967 (13 items.)
- b. 1 f. 19 Gottschalk, Max 1967-1970 (5 items.)
- b. 1 f. 19 Heink, Felix 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 19 Pommer, Wm. Henry 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 19 Griffis, Elliot 1960 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 20 Hanson, Howard 1957-1967 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 21 Harling, W. Franke 1978 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 21 Hart, Frederic 1960 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 21 Heinrich, Anthony 1972 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 21 Hindman, John J 1974 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 21 Hinrichs, Gustav 1972 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 21 Hommann, Charles [or Carl] 1960-1977 (5 items.)
- b. 1 f. 22 Hopkins, Charles Jerome 1962 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 22 Howland, William Legrand 1967-1968 (4 items.)
- b. 1 f. 22 Hugo, John Adams 1967-1970 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 22 Hull, Alexander 1963-1970 (5 items.)
- b. 1 f. 23 Huss, Henry Holden 1963-1972 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 24 Jarvis, C.H. and C.W 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 24 Jordan, Jules 1960-1970 (5 items.)
- b. 1 f. 24 Knowlton, E. Bruce 1952 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 24 Kroeger, Ernest, R 1965-1980 (2 items.)

- b. 1 f. 24 Loomis, Clarence 1970 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Maquarre, André 1960-1961 (4 items.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Mayer, Carl 1968 (4 items.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Menges, Edward E 1970 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Middleschulte 1976 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Mokrejs, John 1968, 1978 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Mollenhauer, Edward 1967-1973 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Moore, Homer 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 25 Newberry Library [undated] (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 26 Paine, John Knowles 1961-1971 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Parker, J. C. D. (James Cutler Dunn) 1978 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Patterson, Frank 1960 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Peters, Wm. C 1962 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Phelps, Ellsworth 1962 (4 items.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Pommer, W. H. (William Henry) 1967-1970 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Krohn, Ernst C 1970 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Lieber, Arthur 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 27 Powell, John 1963-1980 (5 items.)
- b. 1 f. 28 Pratt, Silas G 1962-1973 (11 items.)
- b. 1 f. 29 Read, Gardner 1972 (4 items.)
- b. 1 f. 29 Reese, Theodore Rudolph 1960 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 29 Reiser, Alois 1970 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 29 Reistrup, James 1976, 1978 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 29 Runcie, Constance Owen Faunt Le Roy 1941-1967 (6 items.)
- b. 1 f. 30 Schoenefeld, Henry 1917-1969 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 30 Schroeder, William A 1970 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 30 Seymour, John Laurence 1963 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 30 Shapleigh, H. Loomis 1960 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 30 Shelley, Harry Rowe 1960 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 31 Sherwood, William H 1972-1974 (7 items.)
- b. 1 f. 31 Sobolewski, E. (Eduard) 1967 (3 items.)
- b. 1 f. 32 Sowerby, Leo 1963-1971 (11 items.)
- b. 1 f. 32 Spelman, Timothy Mather 1970 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 32 Stearns, Theodore 1964-1967 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 32 Stratton, G. W. (George William) 1967 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 33 Strelezki, Anton 1968 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 33 Taylor, Deems 1972 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 33 Taylor, Raynor 1975 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 33 Toning, Gerard 1913-1920 (9 items.)
- b. 1 f. 33 Tracy, George Lowell 1967 (2 items.)
- b. 1 f. 34 Valentine, May 1960 (1 item.)

- b. 1 f. 34 Vinatieri, F. (Felix Villiet) 1961-1968 (8 items.)
- b. 1 f. 34 Wayditch, Gabriel 1977 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 35 Whiting, George E. (George Elbridge) 1962-1963 (10 items.)
- b. 1 f. 36 Yarnold, Benjamin 1960 (1 item.)
- b. 1 f. 36 Zeckwer, Camille W 1979 (2 items.)