



The New York Public Library  
Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound

Guide to the

**Gilbert W. Chapman collection of sound recordings [sound recording]**

ca.1900-1962

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## Summary

**Creator:** Chapman, Gilbert W.

**Title:** Gilbert W. Chapman collection of sound recordings [sound recording]

**Date:** ca.1900-1962

**Size:** 17 sound discs, analog; 17 sound discs, analog; 11, analog aluminum and glass-based acetate, 10 in.; 11, analog aluminum and glass-based acetate, 10 in.; 6, analog aluminum-based acetate, 12 in.; 6, analog aluminum-based acetate, 12 in.

**Abstract:** Gilbert W. Chapman was a business executive in New York City who served as Director of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The New York Public Library. The collection consists of noncommercial sound recordings including performances by Jascha Heifetz and Larry Adler of popular chamber music; a performance of Aaron Avshalomoff's Symphony no. 2 by the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra conducted by Thor Johnson; a speech by Mrs. Gilbert Chapman broadcast in 1943 promoting the American Women's Voluntary Services; and radio and television interviews with Gilbert W. Chapman and dancer Alexandra Danilova. The interviews with Chapman were recorded from 1956 to 1962 and concern literacy and education in the United States. Notable television and radio programs represented in the collection include the Tex and Jinx television program; a Monitor radio program; and a Lee Graham television interview. Also included is the opening address (given by Mr. Chapman) of the New York Public Library 50th anniversary convocation, and a radio program featuring a story about the WNYC book festival.

## Conditions Governing Access:

Access to original acetate discs restricted.

**Preferred citation:** Gilbert W. Chapman collection of sound recordings [sound recording], Rodgers and Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound, The New York Public Library

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## **Key Terms**

### **Titles**

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert W. Chapman  
Tex and Jinx show (Television program)

### **Subjects**

Libraries and education -- United States  
Literacy -- United States  
Radio programs  
Women and war -- United States

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Sound recordings

### **Names**

Chapman, Gilbert W.  
Adler, Larry  
Avshalomov, Aaron, 1894-1965  
Chapman, Gilbert W., Mrs  
Danilova, Alexandra, 1907-1997  
Danilova, Alexandra, 1907-1997  
Graham, Lee  
Heifetz, Jascha, 1901-1987  
Johnson, Thor  
American Women's Voluntary Services  
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra  
New York Public Library  
WNYC (Radio station : New York, N.Y.)