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Scope and Contents

Archives of an eminent folklorist and professor of English at West Virginia University. Manuscripts include field folklore collections, lecture notes, book manuscripts, correspondence, student papers, and folksong arrangements. There are also materials regarding Gainer's position as director of South Atlantic USO activities during World War II and a journal of a folksong collecting trip to Ireland in 1961. Also two hundred and ninety-three audio tapes containing vocal and instrumental folk music, folklore and oral history, recorded in West Virginia and in Scotland and Ireland. Nearly half of the material is performed by Gainer himself. The collection also includes news clippings relating to folklore and Gainer's career, as well as a variety of photographs, film clips, and personal awards and memorabilia.

Additional information about the folk music recordings is available in: West Virginia University, and John A. Cuthbert. *West Virginia Folk Music: A Descriptive Guide to Field Recordings in the West Virginia and Regional History Collection*. West Virginia University Press, 1982.

Separated Materials

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Baltzell, Isaiah and E. S. Lorenz. *The Master's Praise*. Dayton, Ohio: W. J. Shuey, 1891.

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Elderkin, George D., editor. *The Finest of the Wheat*. Chicago: R. R. McCabe and Co., Publishers, 1890.

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Hall, J. H., E. T. Hildebrand and J. H. Ruebush. *The Messenger of Song*. Dayton, Virginia: The Ruebush-Kieffer Co., 1893.

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Lincoln, H. N. *Sacred Song King*. Dallas, Texas: Songland Company, 1901.

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Randall, R. H. *The Key-Letter*. Marion, Ohio: R. H. Randall, ca. 1891.

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[hymnal and instruction book] 123 pages. 6 in. x 9 1/2 in. First page: "Elementary Department".

[hymnal] 214 pages. 7 3/4 in. x 5 1/4 in. ca. 1893. First page: "No. 11 The Holy of Holies".

[hymnal] 193 pages. 5 1/4 in. x 6 3/4 in. First page: "Index of Subjects".

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