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ACCESSION SHEET

Accession #: SCM87-37/MG 333
Title: Edmund T. Jenkins Collection
Approximate inclusive dates: 1898-1980
Date of receipt: 1982
Volume on arrival: 1 pkg
Received from: Jeffrey P. Green
Number of boxes (after reboxing): 1 a.b.
Restrictions: None

Description:

Edmund Thornton Jenkins, 1894-1926, born in Charleston, SC was a composer and musician. He began his musical career during his childhood with the Jenkins Orphan Band, which was founded by his father, the Rev. Daniel Jenkins.

The Jenkins Orphanage was established by Daniel Jenkins in 1891 in Charleston. To raise money for the orphanage, Rev. Jenkins formed the band with boys in the orphanage. They performed jazz and ragtime in numerous cities in the U.S. and England and were the largest single source of revenue for the orphanage.

Jenkins received his musical training from the musical directors of the Jenkins Orphan Band, at Morehouse College, and at London's Royal Academy of Music (1914-1921). Jenkins remained in Europe - London and Paris - after his studies, with an occasional trip to the U.S. He built his career as a musician in London and Paris performing in concerts during his student days, and later performing with bands, making jazz recordings and eventually leading the Ermitage Orchestra.

The collection consists of three series: letters and documents related, for the most part, to Jenkins's death in 1926; letters, programs and playbills, and financial papers related to the Jenkins Orphanage; research material gathered by Jeffrey Green, the donor and author of *Edmund Thornton Jenkins: The Life and Times of an American Black Composer, 1894-1926* (Greenwood Press, 1982).

The research material includes photocopies of programs from the Royal Academy of Music, London, 1914-1919 and Green's correspondence and interviews with people who knew Jenkins.

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Date: 9/12/87

Container List

Box	Folder	
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	1	Itemized Lists of Documents in ETJ Collection
		Personal And Professional Papers
	2	Professional Correspondence, 1923-1926
	3	Professional Correspondence, 1917-1923 (Include letter from Will Marion Cook on Clef Club Letterhead)
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		Family Papers
	7	Letters re Death of E.T. Jenkins, 1926-1928
	8	Documents re Death of E.T. Jenkins, 1926-1928
	9	Daniel and Eloise Jenkins - Documents
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