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Twaddell Music School Records

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North Carolina Collection Archives

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URL: <https://durhamcountylibrary.org/ncc>

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Summary Information

Repository:	North Carolina Collection Archives
Creator:	Twaddell, Vera Carr
Creator:	Twaddell Music School
Title:	Twaddell Music School records
ID:	NCC.0183
Date [inclusive]:	1923-1960
Physical Description:	0.5 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Twaddell Music School Collection contains photographs, clippings, and miscellaneous material related to the lives and careers of William P. Twaddell and wife Vera Carr Twaddell and a music school which Mrs. Twaddell operated in Durham from 1934 to 1966.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

William Powell Twaddell, a native of Philadelphia, became director of music in Durham City Schools in 1921 at a time when music education in public schools was expanding, especially in cities. He also became organist at Durham's First Presbyterian Church. From 1924 to 1946 he led a Durham Junior Choir, which included opera singer Lucielle Brown Somers. He died in 1949. Vera Carr Twaddell was a native of Durham, daughter of William A. and Jennie Lyon Carr. From 1926 to 1933 she was music director for Durham County Schools. She opened a primary school in 1934. This school became a music school, which Mrs. Twaddell operated

until 1966. She took high school glee clubs to state competitions and began the Durham Junior Choir that husband William P. Twaddell lead.

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Scope and Contents

Photographs, clippings, and other materials in the collection provide an important record of the cultural life of Durham from the 1920s to the 1960s. Unfortunately, many Twaddell students pictured in photographs are unidentified. A few clippings and photographs are related to one of the school's most accomplished students, opera singer Lucielle Brown. She married Robert D. Somers and became known by the stage name Lucielle Browning in the Metropolitan Opera during the 1930s and 1940s.

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

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Durham Historic Photographic Archives (NCC.0055)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Durham (N.C.) -- History
- Twaddell, Vera Carr
- Twaddell, William Carr
- Twaddell Music School

General

A number of collection photographs can be viewed here: <http://dcl.li/twaddell>

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
Carr, Vera, children's bible, undated	box 1
Clippings, undated, 1937-1953	box 1
Clippings-memorials to W. P. Twaddell, 1949	box 1
Photograph-May Day program, undated	box 1
Photographs-Southern Choral School, N.C. Woman's College, Greensboro, NC, undated	box 1

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Photographs-Student choral performances, ca. 1940-1960	box 1
Photographs-Students in seasonal costumes, ca. 1950	box 1
Photographs-Twaddell Choir School, 1923-1946	box 1
School history, undated	box 1
Twaddell, Vera Carr, undated	box 1
Twaddell, William P., Civic Honor Award, 1934	box 1
Twaddell, William P., composition, "Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas, Tonight", undated	box 1
Twaddell, William P., composition, "Everywhere, Everywhere, Christmas, Tonight", undated	box 1
Twaddell, William Powell, undated	box 1
