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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Ivan Maxwell Gillis fonds
Reference code:	MS-5-8
Date:	1934-1951 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	2 cm of textual records and graphic material

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Ivan Maxwell Gillis (1918-1934) was born in Prince Edward Island and moved to Halifax with his parents in 1925. Blind from birth, Gillis entered school at Halifax's School for the Blind and graduated in 1934. From there he entered Dalhousie University and in specific classes designed to accommodate him he specialized in English, German, philosophy and history. He began his musical career at age 7 while at the School for the Blind, eventually taking up the organ and continuing his musical studies after he graduated from Dalhousie University in 1942. He did graduate studies at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. After he graduated he gave many recitals both at home and across Canada, often playing his own award winning compositions. His life was cut short in 1946 when he died at age 27.

Custodial history

Fonds donated to Dalhousie University January 1980. Prior to that the materials were in the care of J.M. Gillis.

Scope and content

Fonds contains copies of diplomas and scrapbooks, newspaper articles and clippings, correspondence between Gillis and others, and manuscript drafts of his music.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

Series arrangement imposed by A. Levy.

Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access. Materials created by Ivan Maxwell Gillis are in the public domain.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) (subject)
 - Correspondence (subject)
 - Manuscripts (subject)
 - Music & art (subject)
 - Music--Manuscripts (subject)
 - Photographs (subject)
 - Programs (subject)
 - Halifax (N.S.) (place)
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Collection holdings

Series: Correspondence of Ivan Maxwell Gillis

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Correspondence of Ivan Maxwell Gillis

Date: 1938-1946 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains letters written to and from Ivan Maxwell Gillis, both typed and hand written.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records 6 folders.

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 19 - Letter from Reginald Goddino to Mr. and Mrs. Gillis

Title: Letter from Reginald Goddino to Mr. and Mrs. Gillis

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 19

Date: October 20, 1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 pages (1 folder)

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 20 - Letters to Sheila Allan Gornall

Title: Letters to Sheila Allan Gornall

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 20

Date: 1939-1943 (date of creation)

Physical description: 13 pages (1 folder)

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 21 - Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Gillis from Rev. Geoffrey Parke-Taylor Jan. 8, 1946

Title: Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Gillis from Rev. Geoffrey Parke-Taylor Jan. 8, 1946

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 21

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 page 1 folder.

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 22 - Letter to Mrs. Gillis from Mary George Feb. 25, 1946

Title: Letter to Mrs. Gillis from Mary George Feb. 25, 1946

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 22

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages 1 folder.

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 11 - Correspondence to Parents 1939-1943

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Correspondence to Parents 1939-1943

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 11

Date: 1939-1943 (date of creation)

Physical description: 19 pages 1 folder

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 12 - Correspondence to Parents 1938-1939

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Correspondence to Parents 1938-1939

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 12

Date: 1938-1939 (date of creation)

Physical description: 20 pages

Series: Musical Compositions

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Musical Compositions

Date: [ca.1930-1946] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains manuscript copies of several of Ivan Maxwell Gillis' own compositions.

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 13 - Sonata for Organ

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Sonata for Organ

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 13

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages 1 folder.

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 14 - Sonata in A Minor

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Sonata in A Minor

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 14

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 8 pages

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 15 - Chorale Preludes for Organ

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Chorale Preludes for Organ

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 15

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 pages

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 16 - Preludes I-IV

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Preludes I-IV

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 16

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Physical description: 8 pages

Series: Personal papers of Ivan Maxwell Gillis

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Personal papers of Ivan Maxwell Gillis

Date: 1931-1951 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains personal papers of and relating to Ivan Maxwell Gillis. Contents include copies of a scrapbook, copies of his degrees, newspaper clippings, letters of recommendation by others, an article on Gillis by Phyllis Blakeley, and a portrait of Gillis.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records (6 folders)

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 23 - Programmes

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Programmes

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 23

Date: 1943-1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

One program for a performance by Gillis, another for a performance by Reginald Goddino.

Physical description: 4 pages 1 folder

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 24 - Letters of Recommendation

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Letters of Recommendation

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 24

Date: 1940, 1944 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Letters are from professors and colleagues recommending Gillis as an upstanding citizen.

Physical description: 2 pages 1 folder.

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 25 - Copy of Scrapbook

Title: Copy of Scrapbook

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 25

Date: 1931-1946 (date of creation)

Physical description: 44 pages 1 folder

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 26 - Newspaper Clippings

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Newspaper Clippings

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 26

Date: [ca.1944-1946] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Clippings contain stories of performances given, obituaries and memorials.

Physical description: 12 pages 1 folder.

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 27 - Article on Ivan Maxwell Gillis by Ruth Blake, 1951

Creator: Blakeley, Phyllis R., 1922-1986

Title: Article on Ivan Maxwell Gillis by Ruth Blake, 1951

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 17, Folder 27

Date: 1951 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages 1 folder.

File: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 17 - Copies of Diplomas

Creator: Gillis, Ivan Maxwell

Title: Copies of Diplomas

Reference code: MS-5-8, SF Box 15, Folder 17

Date: 1934-1943 (date of creation)

Physical description: 14 pages [1 folder]. - Photocopies

File: MS-5-8, PB Box 4, Folder 3 - Portrait of Ivan Maxwell Gillis

Title: Portrait of Ivan Maxwell Gillis

Reference code: MS-5-8, PB Box 4, Folder 3

Date: [ca.1930-1946] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 15.2 x 17.7 cm

