

Collection #
SC 3461

**CLARENCE LENKER
COLLECTION, 1906–1997**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 4 photograph folders, 3 cold storage color photograph folders, 6 manuscript folders

COLLECTION DATES: 1906–1997

PROVENANCE: Butler University, Indianapolis, IN; 2000

RESTRICTIONS: Items listed as being in cold storage need at least four hours to acclimate, so patrons are advised to call ahead of their visit if they wish to view those items to allow for thawing time.

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: John E. Coletto papers, SC 2315; Fabien Sevitzky papers, SC 1865; Sevitzky and Spalding family papers, M 1209

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000.0736

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Clarence E. Lenker (18 January 1912–10 November 1998) was the son of Augustus “August” Michael Lenker and Clara Augusta Kramp. He grew up at 818 N. Tacoma Ave. in Indianapolis, Indiana, attending Arsenal Technical High School. He served in the United States Air Force beginning in 1943 as a part of the 377th Air Force Band. He married Evelyn Louise Owen on 10 July 1982 at age sixty. He was a member of the Ted Lang Band for 32 years and was a lifetime member of the Irvington Dance Club. He was also a member of the Indianapolis Musicians Union. He worked as a salesman for the Lutheran Brothers Insurance Co. for twenty-five years.

Evelyn L. Lenker (30 November 1911–11 January, 2006) was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Dr. D.W. Roberts and Minnie Wood Roberts. She attended Simpson College in Iowa. She taught music in public and private schools. Before marrying Clarence Lenker, she was at one time married to a man named Emerys Owen.

Sources:

Items in collection.

Ancestry.com, Library Edition. Indiana Marriage Certificates, 1958–2005; U.S. WWII Enlistment Records, 1938–1946; Indiana Birth Certificates, 1907–1940.

Clarence Lenker Obituary. Accessed online.
<<http://tributes.com/obituary/show/35438687>>.

Evelyn L. Lenker Obituary. Accessed online.
<<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/indystar/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=144512850>>.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains forty-one black-and-white and color photographs of different aspects of Clarence E. Lenker's life. Photographs are from his personal life, high school band days, Air Force Band days, Ted Lang Band days, and from friends' 50th anniversary party.

Manuscript materials include newspaper clippings and photocopies related to Lenker's bands, other band and music related papers, Trinity Lutheran Church papers, a story written by Lenker for Line Construction Equipment Company, Inc., and miscellaneous cards and materials.

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Ruth and Ed Ringenstein 50th Anniversary, 1995

Miscellaneous Ephemera, n.d.

Ted Lang Band and Lenker's Melody Boys, 1929;
1958

Programs, Clowes Memorial Hall (Butler University),
ca. 1991

Programs, Trinity Lutheran Church, ca. 1980s

Line Construction Equipment Company, Inc. story
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