Paul and Jean Christian Collection
Inventory of Wellisch and Scherer Papers
National Music Museum
University of South Dakota
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Christian – Wellisch
M12 Unit 4 Shelf 2 Space 4
Box 1
Binder 1

1. Drawing of a woman playing a zither by H.A. Weiss.
2. Blank page
3. Two photographs. N. Scharff photo of a man (John Scherer?) standing next to a zither on a table. On same page is a picture of Scherer Printing Company (John C. left) 1913.
4. Copy of photos from page three.
5. Two photographs. One is a shoulder/head portrait of a man. The other picture is another copy of the man standing next to the zither. Appears as though both of these pictures are of John C. Scherer.
6. Hand written note from Nancy Hanson regarding the originals of the pictures on page five.
7. Photo of “Uncle Christ Scherer” with a zither. Back of picture also says “Minneapolis Symphony.”
8. Blank page
11. Original backing from Scherer photo. Backing says “Father of/ Mr. Floyd Scherer/5237 Woodlawn Blvd./MPLS.” More is written on the back but hard to read.
12. Blank page
13. Four separated items:
   Item A: 2-1/2” X 3-1/2” punch card for twelve lessons from John Schwemberger.

   Item B: 2-1/2” X 4-1/2” business card with “John Schwemberger, sole agent in Minneapolis for the Celebrated John Halswanter K. Hof Zithers. I cheerfully invite all friends of music to come and see and hear the wonderful zithers I received from Europe. Terms of Instructions. At your residence $15 for 20 lessons. At my hall, No. 25 S. 2nd Street, $10 for 20 lessons. Must be paid in advance at first lesson.”
Item C: A copy of items A, B, and D. Written on the page “Items found with zither #331. Label in instrument says: Made to Order for Prof. J. Schwemberger.”

Item D: 2-1/2” X 4-1/4” envelope with the following printed on it: “Important. Good Quality of “tone” can only be produced from Good Quality of “Strings.” Our line is complete and always nice and fresh. Metropolitan Music Company, formerly Minneapolis House of W.J. Dyer & Bro., 509-511 Nicollet Ave. Minneapolis, Minnesota.”

14. The backside of the above mentioned four items:
   Item A (back): Card says that the card was received October 12, 1894, for 12 lessons on a no. 330 zither.

   Item B (back): Drawing of a zither and a song or poem about zithers called “Amor Zithern.”

   Item C (back): nothing

   Item D (back): “We make a specialty of the Stetson Mandolins, Guitars & Banjos. Everything in Music.”

15. “All Material beyond this page were purchased with Wellisch Zither (#582). B&W photos (4) of Mrs. Robert Wellisch, (Emma Wellisch) circa 1920. Sepic photos (2) of Emma Wellisch (Emelia Lawrence) circa 1875.”

16. Blank Page

17. Original photos (each picture size is 6-1/2” X 5”) of Emma Wellisch (see page 15 reference to B&W photos above)

18. Original photos (each picture size is 6-1/2” X 5”) of Emma Wellisch (see page 15 reference to B&W photos above)

19. Original and copy (originals are 4”X 2-1/2” in size; the copies are each 2-1/2” X 2-1/2” in size) of two photos of Emma Wellisch as a child (Emelia Lawrence).

20. Copies of original photos on page 18 but larger size. 5” X 7”

21. **Schwarzer Zithers** Catalogue (7-1/2” X 3-1/2”) from Franz Schwarzer Zither Company, Washington, Missouri.


23. Two identical non adhesive labels (4”X 3”) “EX Libris/ Robert Bowen Wellisch”


25. Blank Page

26. Four copies of the Ilka Polka song. Two identical copies are on blue paper and 2 identical copies are on white paper.

27. Two copies of the Concert-Polka on white paper.

29. Blank Page

30. *FR. Kroll’s Opern-Album for Zither.* Owned by Amalia Lawrence.

31. Blank Page


33. *Suggestions for the Proper Care of a Zither* by Franz Schwarzer, Washington, MO.

34. Blank page.

35. *United Zither Players of America.* Published by the Sixth Congress of the United Zither Players Association of America, Minneapolis, MN, 1922.

36. Duplicate copy of *United Zither Players of America.* Published by the Sixth Congress of the United Zither Players Association of America, Minneapolis, MN, 1922. (includes a pink ribbon from the 1922 conference)

37. *Triumph der Zither* newspaper article written in German (no title of newspaper or date)

38. Blank Page

39. Four newspaper clippings from an American newspaper (none of these clippings show a date or name of the newspaper), title of each article below.

   *At Deutsche Haus: The United Zither Players’ Association of America in Concert, with Assisting Soloists.*

   *Zither Concert Friday: Fifty Players will take Part in Program at Deutches Hall.*

   *Deutches Haus: United Zither Players Association of America.*

   *United Zither Players.*

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43. Special Price List of Zithers, Guitars, All Requisites by Robert Maurer, Chicago, IL, 1890-1891.


47. Copy of *The Zither* by John C. Scherer, Editor, Minneapolis, MN, July 1922. Vol.1. No.2.


49. Blank Page

50. Sheet Music *Weihnachtsgruesse. Potpourri ueber beliebte Weihnachtslieder* by W. Boeck. (1 Zither M 1, 20.) Published by A. Kabatek, Leipzig, Germany. (no date)

51. Photocopy of cover page of *Jolly Pickanninies: Cake Walk and Two Step* by Ernst Rugeffer NY, (no date).
52. Photocopy of cover page of *Ein Virgissmimnindt (sp?) auf das grab seines theuern Freudes Otto Brix gewidmet und componirt* by Franz Schwarzer, Washington, MO (no date).

53. Sheet music *Tmmortellen eine Sammlung von vorzueglichen Werken fuer eine und mehrere Zithern.* Published by A. Kabatek, Leipzig, Germany (no date).

54. Sheet music *Originalwerke fuer Zither* by August Bielfeld. Published by A. Kabatek, Leipzig, Germany (no date).

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**Binder 2**

1. “Information in this volume from Wellisch material provides information on the young Emma Wellisch (nee Emelia Lawrence). Note early connection to Emil Geist through his sister Marie and her music school. Also, her first text book signed by zither instructor Dr. (Bernard?) Sellen in 1875. (possible misspelling of Emilia) Last Page- sheet music gift March 19, 1890 from neighbor and friend Anna Helwig given one week before Emilia was married.”

2. Blank Page

3. Photocopy of original photo of Emelia Lawrence standing by a zither on a table.


5. Photocopy of original photo of Emelia Lawrence sitting with a zither in her lap.

6. Copies of two different photos of Emeila Lawrence (one where she is standing by a zither and one where she is sitting by a zither).

7. Photocopies of two different photos of Emelia Lawrence (one where she is standing by a zither and one where she is sitting by a zither).

8. Black/White photocopies of two different photos of Emelia Lawrence (one where she is standing by a zither and one where she is sitting by a zither).


10. Sketch of a No.93 concert zither and the details of the label inside.

11. Three pictures of a No.93 concert zither.

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13. Photocopy of a picture taken of Emil Geist after the Zither Concert in the year 1887.


15. Photocopy of the back of the picture taken of Marie Geist. Information written all over the back about Marie.

16. Photocopy of a written statement about Marie Geist.

17. Continuation of written statement about Marie Geist.

18. Photocopy of program from “Miss Marie Geist’s Debut Concert” June 4, 1882.

19. Photocopy of announcement of “Marie Geist, Conservatory of Music, will open May 1, 1883.”

20. Photocopy of program of “Conservatory of Music, Thursday, June 14th, 1883. Soiree Musicale…”
21. Photocopy of a label on the back of a booklet “Compliments of Mess Marie Geist/Piano Recital/Assisted by her pupils/Monday Evening, Dec. 20th…”
22. Photocopy of an invitation to “Soiree Musicale at the Conservatory of Music” November 1, 1883.
23. Photocopies of three different items. Top of the page is an advertisement for music lessons with Marie Geist. The middle copy is of piece of note paper for Marie Geist, Principal. The bottom copy is of the business card of John B. Erd, Marie Geist’s manager.
25. Photocopy of the backside of the pamphlet about the St. Paul Conservatory of Music.
26. Photocopy of a program for “Pupils’ Recital” April 30, 1885.
27. Photocopy of Part I and Part II of the Pupils’ Recital program.
28. Photocopy of a program for “Third Chamber Concert” March 12, 1885.
30. Photocopy of three newspaper articles about Marie Geist.
   a. Saint Paul Sunday Globe (August 27, 1882)
   b. The Bee, The Lenora Austin Company. (November 24, 1882)
   c. Duluth Tribune (no date)
31. Seven newspaper articles all about Marie Geist.
   b. The Pioneer Press, Soiree Musicale. (no date)
   c. The Pioneer Press (April)
   d. The Pioneer Press, Mitford House Concert. (November 24, 1886)
   e. The Pioneer Press, The Jackson Street M.E. Church Concert.
   f. The Pioneer Press, A Chamber Concert (November 12, 1886)
   g. St. Paul Dispatch (January 16, 1897)
33. Photocopy of the inside cover of Fr. Kroll’s Opern-Album for Zither.
34. Photocopy of the cover of a book (no name on cover)
36. Zoom Photocopy of the inside cover decorated A.L.
37. Photocopy of the song “Ilka Polka.”
38. Dark Photocopy of the song “Ilka Polka.”
39. Blank Page
41. Photocopy of Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither (Part IV) by Franz Waldecker.
42. Photocopy of cover of Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
43. Photocopy of book Populaere Zitherschule by Johannes Pugh.
44. Photocopy of Vorrede from a book published 1880.
45. Photocopy of page 7 from unknown book
47. Photocopy of Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
48. Photocopy of a page from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker, Figure I, of a man playing a zither.
49. Photocopy of Figure II, Fingering chart, from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
50. Photocopy of Figure III, Fingering chart, from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
51. Photocopy of a page from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker written in English on the left and written in German on the right side of the page.
52. Photocopy of page 6, from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
53. Photocopy of page 7, from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
54. Photocopy of page 8, from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
55. Photocopy of page 9, from Praktische Zither-Schule, Practical Instruction Book for the Zither by Franz Waldecker.
56. Photocopy of a drawing from a book of a zither being played.
57. Photocopy of a fingering chart from an unknown book.
1. Zither Music from Wellisch zither material purchased with Zither #582.
6. *Srnehemittrhen Gavotte von G. Lanxhammer fuer 2 Zithern arrangirt* by F. Steiner, F. Steiner’s Musikalien-Verlag, Muenchen, Germany, (no date).
10. *Immortellen eine Sammlung von vorzüglichien Werken fuer eine und mehrere Zithern*, A. Kabatek, Leipzig (no date).
11. Manuscript Song, *Arios* (no date)
17. *Auswahl beliebter Salonstucke fuer Zither* by Friedrich Gutmann, C.F.W. Siegel’s, Leipzig (no date).
22. The Old and New World: A large collection of really favorite pieces for the Zither (Chimes of Normandy and Silver Star), Franz Waldecker & Company, Washington, D.C. (no date).
23. Loreleytoene Walzer for the Zither by F. Burgstaller, K.F. Heckel, Manneheim (no date).
24. *Potpourri aus der Oper: Der Liebestrank* arranged by E. Burgstaller, (no publisher or date). Also contains a Manuscript of the song.
27. *Seichte Vortragsstucke for Zither and Piano* (*So viel Sterne am Himmel Stehn*) arranged by Eduard Hoenes, P.Ed.Hoenes, Trier (no date).
28. Manuscript Song *Potpourri* (no date)
29. Booklet of songs pages 75-86, no cover, author, publisher, or date information.
31. Manuscript Song *Theresen Walzer*
32. *Imergrun* by F. Steiner, Engelmann & Muhlberg, Leipzig (no date).
33. Manuscript Song *Gipsy Dance*
34. *Loreleytone Walzer* by F. Burgstaller, K.F. Heckel, Mannheim (no date).
35. *Potpourri aus der Oper die weise dame von Boildieu* arranged by Alex Edlingen, (no publisher or date information).
37. Manuscript Song *Schlafwohl*
38. *Potpourri aus der Oper: Norma* arranged by Schessl, P.Ed.Hoenes, Trier (no date).
39. *Immergrun* by F. Steiner, Engelmann & Muhlberg, Leipzig (no date).
40. *Potpourri aus der Oper die weise dame von Boildieu* arranged by Alex Edlingen, K.F. Heckel, Mannheim (no date).
41. Multiple songs, no cover, author, publisher, or date information.
42. *Potpourri aus der Oper: Der Liebestrank* arranged by Eugen Burgstaller, Herrn B. Schott’s, Mainz (no date).
43. Manuscript Song *Blue Danube*
44. *Potpourri aus der Oper: Preciosa* arranged by Eugen Burgstaller, K.F. Heckel, Mannheim (no date).
45. Manuscript Song (no name)

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**Miscellaneous (not in binders)**

2. Manuscript and Printed Song Book
3. Song Book
4. Zither Journals (in German)
   1. May 1933
   2. April 1925
   3. February 1925
   4. May 1925
   5. May 1922
   6. February 1909
7. March 1909
8. October 1909
9. December 1909
5. Vacation Time (September 2, 1967)
   “Christian Tutor 116.”
8. Grand Opera (The Tales of Hoffman) by Sheehan, Charles E. Burden, New York, NY (no date).
10. Photo holder (empty)