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W. Oliver Strunk was a musicologist and served as a professor of music at Princeton University from 1937-1966. During his tenure he was enormously influential for both his students at the university and for American musicology at large.

The collection consists chiefly of some correspondence of Strunk, lecture notes for his Princeton classes (Music 302, 402), and other notes about music and opera. Included are thirty-seven letters by Strunk to his friend Mrs. Rosamond McGuinness, some of which refers to his father's 1918 book The Elements of Style; eighteen letters to Strunk from Paul Hindemith, in both English and German; and one photograph of Strunk with Louis Bagger.

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Provenance and Acquisition

The Hindemith correspondence was a gift of W. Oliver Strunk in 1966.

The Rosamon McGuinness correspondence was a gift of Rosamon McGuinness in 2000.

Additional papers were the gift of Professor Kenneth Levy in 2011.

Appraisal

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Subject Headings

· Hindemith, Paul, 1895-1963--Correspondence.
· McGuinness, Rosamond--Correspondence.
· Music teachers--New Jersey--Princeton--20th century.
· Correspondence--20th century.
· Lecture notes--20th century.
· Music
Letters and Notes from Paul Hindemith to Strunk, 1937-1948
   Acquisition and Appraisal: AM 18827
   Box: 1 Folder: 1

35 TLsS to Rosamond McGuinness and 2 ANsS by Mildred Strunk to Rosmond, 1968-1979
   Acquisition and Appraisal: AM 2000-97
   Box: 1 Folder: 2

Photo of Oliver Strunk with Louis S. Bagger, 1953
   Acquisition and Appraisal: AM 2001-44
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Binder Filled with Notes on Music, undated
   Box: 1 Folder: 4

Kastoria Manuscripts (Photocopies), undated
   Box: 2 Folder: 1

Notes on Kastoria, undated
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Latin Chant and Notes, undated
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Music 302 Notes and Papers, 1959
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Miscellaneous Notes on Music I, undated
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Miscellaneous Notes and Handwritten Music, undated
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Binder of Autograph and Typed Notes, 1958-1972
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