

A Guide to the Oscar L. Wallace Collection, 1979-1985

Collection #: SIM-14

Title: Oscar L. Wallace Collection

Creator: Oscar L. Wallace

Dates: 1979-1985

Extent: 1 linear foot

Abstract: Materials in this collection documents the life and career of Oscar L. Wallace, a Merchant Marine and musician who retired to Staten Island.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Oscar L. Wallace Collection, Archives & Special Collections, Department of the Library, College of Staten Island, CUNY, Staten Island, New York.

Acquisition

This collection was donated to the CSI Archives & Special Collections by Rosemarie Dressler

Processing Information

Collection inventory done by Katie Fernandez. Collection processing and finding aid by Rachel Jirka

Restrictions

Access

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Biographical Sketch

Oscar L. Wallace was born in Argentina. As a teenager, he studied at a conservatory in Buenos Aires, learning piano, organ, accordion, melodic, guitar, trumpet, and ukulele. He joined the Argentinean Merchant Marines and worked on his musical career when he was not at sea. Wallace moved to the United States in 1960; he joined the United States Merchant Marines and

furthered his musical career by composing. One of his well-known works was entitled “Jackie,” and was dedicated to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. He left the Merchant Marines in 1977 and retired to Staten Island, where he took classes at the College of Staten Island and sang at venues around the island, including the Holiday Inn in Graniteville, Staten Island.

Arrangement

The materials in this collection are arranged individually by type of material. The scrapbooks and cassette tapes are included at the end of the collection.

Index Terms

This collection is indexed under the following terms. Manuscript collections are not included in the College of Staten Island's library catalog at this time.

Subject Names

Onassis, Jacqueline Kennedy, 1929-1994.

Subject Topics

Composers -- Staten Island (N.Y.)

Merchant marine -- Argentina.

Merchant marine -- United States.

Musicians -- Staten Island (N.Y.)

Musicians -- South America -- Argentina.

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Container Listing

[The following box/folder inventory is in the form of a table. If you are visually impaired and using a pdf reader you may need assistance and should contact the Archives at 718-982-4128.]
Box 1

Folder 1:	Newsclipping – “Argentinean native croons through career” <i>Staten Island Advance</i> Letter- T.J. Chesson, U.S. Navy to Mr. Wallace regarding sheet music donation, 1980 Letter- Thomas N. Altringer U.S. Army to Mr. Wallace regarding sheet music donation, 1981
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Folder 2: Sheet Music-“Only You” (Solo Tu), recorded by Carol Vasquez with Oscar Wallace and Allen Berk Band

Sheet Music- “Jackie,” recorded by Oscar Wallace with Allen Berk Band

Sheet Music- “Be a Volunteer,” words & music by Lt. Col. Oscar L. Wallace

Sheet Music- “I’ll Raise This Song to MY Lord Jesus-Christ,” words & music by Oscar L. Wallace

Folder 3: Book- Poems and Poesias: A Bilingual Book – English and Spanish by Oscar L. Wallace, 1992

Bound Scrapbook- 30 Melodies by Oscar L. Wallace ASCAP- Member

Bound Scrapbook- Teoria Musical (Solfeo) by O.L. Wallace American Spanish Music CO. INC.

Cassette – The Romantic Songs of Oscar Wallace featuring Carol Vasquez

Cassette - Album II The Romantic Songs of Oscar Wallace