

DeKalb History Center

Marion Reinhardt Collection

Scope and content: The Marion Reinhardt Collection is a varied collection of scrapbooks, photo albums, newspaper clippings and extensive photographs. There are documents on Avondale Estates, where she lived, including her family's home, and copies of her 1981 obituary in the Atlanta newspapers. Reinhardt was a dancer, so sheet music and vinyl records are also part of the collection.

Provenance: Gift of Terry Martin-Hart, 2001. ACC#2001.37

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item; the Marion Reinhardt Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives.

Processed by Jill Sweetapple, Archivist, 2010.

Size: Four document boxes, plus two scrapbook boxes. Additionally, several items removed to museum storage and two vinyl LPs moved to basement archives storage.

Biographical Sketch of Marion Reinhardt: Marion Charlotte Reinhardt was born in New York and her parents bought their first home in Avondale Estates in 1925. She began ballet, tap and banjo lessons at the age of three and by the time she was 10, she had performed around Atlanta and traveled to Warm Springs to play for President Franklin D. Roosevelt. At 17 she became a Rockette and performed for several years at Radio City Music Hall. She returned to Avondale Estates and formed Miss Reinhardt's School of Dance in Decatur. Reinhardt performed on Bob Hope's USO tour when he came to Fort McPherson and also performed at Fort Benning near Columbus, Georgia during World War II. She also served as President of the Avondale Historical Society.

Description: The Marion Reinhardt collection contains a large number of photographs, including family photographs, publicity shots of Reinhardt and other performers and performances that she participated in, either as a performer or as a dance teacher. There are several scrapbooks and photo albums, including a graduation scrapbook, a small scrapbook on the first Dogwood Festival in Atlanta, and of her freshman year at Oglethorpe University. There are files from the Avondale Historical Society, of which Reinhardt was president, and many newspaper clippings on the Avondale area. There are handwritten memoirs by Reinhardt, sheet music, vinyl records and several copies of *Stars of Tomorrow* magazine, with features on Reinhardt's students.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main entries: Reinhardt, Marion

Subject/Added entries: Avondale Estates (Ga.)
 Rockettes (Dance company)--1930-1940.
 Oglethorpe University, Atlanta (Ga.)
 Avondale Historical Society
 World War II, 1939-1945
 Fort Benning (Ga.)
 Avondale High School (Atlanta, Ga.)
 Oglethorpe University (Atlanta, Ga.)

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	<i>Aladdin and the Wonderful Lamp</i>
	2	Avondale Woman's Club
	3	Certificates
	4	Children's Civic Theater
	5	Correspondence 1 of 2
	6	Correspondence 2 of 2
	7	Delta Zeta Songbook
	8	Drawing tablet
	9	Items removed to museum storage
	10	Memoirs written by Marion Reinhardt
	11	Miscellaneous documents
	12	Miss DeKalb Pageant
	13	Newspapers, original <i>Decatur DeKalb High School News</i> December 23, 1964 <i>The Shavetail</i> October 4, 1945
2	1	Newspaper clippings
	2	Obituaries
	3	pages from photo album
	4	Pamphlets
	5	<i>Parachute School Bulletin</i> Sep 15, 1944 and Sep 29, 1944
	6	Photographs 1 of 8
	7	Photographs 2 of 8
	8	Photographs 3 of 8
	9	Photographs 4 of 8
	10	Photographs 5 of 8
	11	Photographs 6 of 8
	12	Photographs 7 of 8
3	1	Photographs 8 of 8
	2	Postcards

- 3 Professional Organizations
- 4 Programs 1 of 2
- 5 Programs 2 of 2
- 6 Sheet music
- 7 Sleeved photographs
- 8 *Stars of Tomorrow* magazine 1 of 2
- 9 *Stars of Tomorrow* magazine 2 of 2
- 10 vinyl records, 45 rpm, two
Sugar Shack/Daisy Petal Pickin' by Jimmy Gilmer
Jingle Bell Rock/Captain Santa Claus by Bobby Helms

- 4 1 Avondale map, 1969
- 2 Avondale Community Club
- 3 *Avondale Estates* by Martin-Hart
- 4 *Avondale Estates The Early Years*, 2 copies
- 5 Avondale Historical Society
- 6 Avondale Schools materials
- 7 Book and lecture notes and drafts
- 8 Martin-Hart book materials
- 9 Miscellaneous Documents
- 10 National Register materials
- 11 Newspaper clippings
- 12 Stationery examples

- 5 Brown scrapbook from the 1950-1960s
Black scrapbook on freshman year at Oglethorpe University, with pressed corsages, dance card with pencil attached, football tickets, 1938-1939
Green scrapbook, 1932-1939, clippings mostly 1936-1939
Green photo album, Avondale in the 1930s and 1940s
Large format photocopy of George F. Willis Avondale Scrapbook

- 6 1980s magnetic photo album, see missing pages in box 2, folder 3
Tan photo album, 1940s-1950s
1937 graduation album
Atlanta's First Dogwood Festival scrapbook, 1936

Removed to museum storage

Small round photograph of Marion Reinhardt at 1 ½ years old
Avondale Estates plaque
4 round framed photographs

Removed to basement archives storage

2 vinyl LP records, *Music for the Ballet* and *Perry Bechtel Banjo*