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# **Guide to the Eileen L. Sears papers, 1912-1993**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University Archives and Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Sears, Eileen L.
<b>Title</b>	Eileen L. Sears papers
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1912-1993
<b>Extent</b>	0.7 Linear feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Papers of music and physical education instructor, Eileen L. Sears, who also served as director of the student union in the 1950s. This small collection includes photographs, correspondence, performance programs, clippings, and research and draft manuscripts of Sears' published Civil War novel, <i>Born a Rebel</i> (1990).

### Preferred Citation

[Item title]. Eileen L. Sears papers, 1912-1993. University Archives and Special Collections, University of Dayton Libraries, Dayton, Ohio.

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## Biography of Eileen L. Sears

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Eileen Lancaster Sears was a music and physical education instructor at the University of Dayton from 1944-1947, director of the student union in the 1950s, and a music educator in the Dayton Public Schools for 40 years. For many years she and Dr. Maurice Reichard, then chair of the Music Department, staged a Christmas pageant on campus. She also served as educational director and director of the children's and chapel choir at Christ Episcopal Church in Dayton. In 1990, Mrs. Sears published the Civil War novel, *Born a Rebel*.

Mrs. Sears received a B.S. in Education from the University of Missouri in 1922 and an M.A. in Music from The Ohio State University in 1931. She also completed studies at the Devinshawn School of Dancing in Los Angeles (Summer 1925) and the McPhail Conservatory of Music in Minneapolis (Summer 1928). Her husband, H. Troy Sears, was a 1940 graduate of the University of Dayton.

Troy and Eileen Sears donated \$4.7 million to the University of Dayton to establish the H. Troy and Eileen L. Sears Scholarship Fund for students and \$1.3 million in 1992 to construct the 183-seat H. Troy and Eileen L. Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center on campus. Mr. Sears died in 1999 at the age of 91, and Mrs. Sears died on September 12, 2005 at the age of 103.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Eileen L. Sears papers include research materials and draft manuscripts of her 1990 Civil War novel, *Born a Rebel*, programs of plays and musicals that she directed, photographs, correspondence, newsclippings, and materials pertaining to her education and her marriage to H. Troy Sears.

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## Arrangement

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The Eileen L. Sears papers are alphabetically arranged at the folder level.

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Access to Materials**

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### **Acquisition Information**

The Eileen L. Sears papers were acquired in two donations from the University of Dayton Development Office. The first (accession 1993-016) was received on September 13, 1993, and the second (accession 2000-004), on May 12, 2000.

### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed on July 31, 1995 and December 22, 2010.

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## **Search Terms**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- University of Dayton. Dept. of Music

## **Personal Name(s)**

- Sears, Eileen L.

## **Subject(s)**

- College teachers--Ohio--Dayton
- Faculty papers
- Music
- Music--Instruction and study
- Performing arts
- Poetry
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- Universities and colleges--Faculty
- University of Dayton--Faculty

## Collection Inventory

Box	Folder	
1	1	<i>Born a Rebel: A story based on the events in the life of Jimmy Belle Shanks</i> . New York: Vantage Press, 1990
1	2	Born a Rebel manuscript, undated
1	3	Born a Rebel manuscript, 1989
1	4	Civil War research materials, 1958-1959
1	5	Clippings, 1961-1992
1	6	Correspondence, 1936-1993
1	7	Eileen Sears student and class reunion records, 1924-1991
1	8	"Meditations of Life and Love: Poems of Three Generations" by Eileen Lancaster (Sears), undated
1	9	Oklahoma Land Grant to William H. Lamb, 1912
1	10	Papers and articles written by or about Eileen Sears, undated
2	1	Performance programs, 1924-1955
2	2	Photographs, undated
Map-case		Pleasant Hill High School diploma (Hazel Eileen Lancaster), May 16, 1918
	Folder	
2	3	Research material on Robert Wilmot, 1989
2	4	Troy and Eileen Sears materials, undated
2	5	University of Dayton brochures and contract, 1943-1993