

Lionel Tertis and Lillian F.M. Warmington Collection (LT/LFMW)

Provenance

Unsorted collection of Lionel Tertis related materials received from Margaret Lyons of Tertis Foundation by Claire Kidwell 23 March 2017 including papers relating to Lillian F.M. Warmington (Mrs Lionel Tertis (2)).

Extent

7 archive boxes in total.

Archivists' activities

Papers were sorted into the following two groupings - papers relating to Lionel Tertis and papers relating to Lillian F.M. Warmington. Some Lionel Tertis items (e.g. photographs) may have been filed incorrectly with Lillian's archive and vice versa. The **coding (LT/LFMW)** has been designed to reflect the groupings and subgroupings. On the shelf the boxes are filed in the order of the following handlist.

Biographical history

Lillian Florence Margaret Warmington trained to be a professional cellist. She married Lionel Tertis in 1959 (his first wife died). They moved to a house in Wimbledon in 1961 and Lillian died in 2009. The papers include cuttings from her early career as well as a period with ENSA during WW2 in South Africa. The collection contains family photographs (late nineteenth century), photographic portraits of herself as well as those of notable musicians, including Casals. There are large bundles of letters and various other memorabilia which give an idea of the life of a professional musician in the twentieth century.

Summary

This collection of materials most likely derives from papers and memorabilia which Lillian had retained. It complements the documents in the Tertis-White collection and the Lionel Tertis collection (scores) which are separately housed and described. It includes a 'miniature' violin, a plan of the Tertis Violoncello and copies (some annotated) of Tertis' books.

LT/LFMW-LFMW Papers relating to Lillian F.M. Warmington = Mrs Lionel Tertis (2)

Extent: 3 archive boxes

LT/LFMW-LFMW/1. PERSONAL [BOX 1]

- Certificates and Envelopes, including some loose photographs [see also **LT/LFMW-LT-10. Miniature VIOLIN**]
- Driving licences
- Gold medal (Nottingham Music Festival 1936)
- Pocket wallet (letters, etc. inc. ENSA letter)
- Warmington Family photo album with clasp

LT/LFMW-LFMW/2. NEWS CUTTINGS [BOX 1]

- News cuttings & ephemera (including concert programmes) scrap book + photographs
- Travelogues by Lillian (in small spiral bound notebook) & 5 sheets of notes pertaining to trip
- Misc. news cuttings, concert programme, publicity brochure for Lillian as cellist
- Sothebys catalogue with details of sale of treasures found in Tertis's garden with associated news cuttings (in brown envelope)

LT/LFMW-LFMW/3. LETTERS [BOX 2]

- Bundle 1:
 - From Gordon Jacob to Lillian
 - From Edith Sitwell to Lillian
 - From Walter Legge to Lillian
 - And others to Lillian
- Bundle 2: "Lillian's letters"
 - Miscellaneous letters to Lillian
 - 4 Postcards from Lillian to her mother
 - 2 letters from Lillian to her family
 - 1 mounted photograph
- Bundle 3: "Lillian's letters" - 5 sheets (blue) and 30 (white) from Lillian to her family
- Bundle 4: "Lillian's letters" - 20 sheets (blue) and 19 (white) from Lillian to her family

LT/LFMW-LFMW/4. SABC = South African broadcasting [BOX 2]

- Contracts
- SABC magazine
- News cuttings
- Photographs
- Correspondence, including Incomplete letter from Lionel to unknown recipient

LT/LFMW-LFMW/5. PHOTOGRAPHS [BOX 2]

- Bundle 1: includes "Earlier photos of L."
- Bundle 2
 - letter from Tortelier
 - photos of Casals, annotated by him (1961)
 - 3 letters from Lionel to Lillian
- Bundle 3: brown envelope labelled "Kings Lynn with L.T." & "Earlier photos of L."
- Bundle 4: photos of group including John White and Lillian Tertis [?]
- Mounted studio photograph

LT/LFMW-LFMW/5. PHOTOGRAPHS [BOX 3]

- 5 wooden framed pictures – family, childhood, including of Casals with dedications to Lillian

LT/LFMW-LT Papers relating to Lionel Tertis

Extent – 4 archive boxes

LT/LFMW-LT/1. PERSONAL [BOX 4]

- OBE/CBE papers
- Annuity certificate in favour of LT's first wife
- Note book of repertoire (LT's handwriting)
- Framed telegram from the Queen Mother for LT's 90th birthday

LT/LFMW-LT/2. NEWS CUTTINGS [BOX 4]

- Series (loosely chronological) relating to LT's later birthdays comprising news cuttings, guest lists, etc.
 - 1950s [75th birthday]
 - 1962 [Fundraising (?) dinner]
 - 1972 [96th birthday]
 - 1970s & 1980s [85th and 90th birthday]
 - SABC transcript = tribute to 91st birthday
- Miscellaneous cuttings
- Radio broadcast transcripts and news cuttings

LT/LFMW-LT/3. CONCERTS [BOX 4]

- Kreisler-Tertis concert Mozart: *Sinfonia Concertante* reviews
- Farewell concert

LT/LFMW-LT/4. INSTRUMENTS – Tertis models [BOX 4]

- Concerts programmes & news cuttings promoting Tertis model instruments
- Tertis' script & notes for speech on Tertis Model instruments to London Philharmonic Orchestra (undated)

LT/LFMW-LT/5. LETTERS [BOX 4]

- 3 letters from Edward Elgar to Lionel Tertis (copies)
- From Frederick Delius (copy)
- From Nellie Melba (copies)
- Some relating to Tertis' book – envelopes labelled with indications where the letters should be inserted.

LT/LFMW-LT/6. PHOTOGRAPHS & DRAWINGS [BOX 5]

- Notes and 7 plans/sketches pertaining to Tertis' orchestral seating revisions trialled by the Halle Orchestra
- Bundle of miscellaneous photographs
- 5 postcards from Lionel (and Lillian) to Lillian's mother
- 1 postcard from Lionel to Lillian
- Order of service for Tertis' funeral (2 copies)
- 2 unlabelled mounted photographs (possibly one is Barbirolli)
- Mounted/boxed photograph of Barbirolli and Tertis, with dedicatory note to Lillian.

LT/LFMW-LT/7. OTHER [BOX 5]

- Programme from 2003 LT International Viola Competition
- Photocopy of 1974 Tribute to LT concert
- Columbia Records Advert

LT/LFMW-LT/8. POSTERS & PLANS

- 1981? Sunday August 31st LT International Viola Competition – 3 copies
- Lillian concert on Tertis Model cello
- Scale Plan for Tertis Model Cello

These are shelved in the OVERSIZE cabinet drawer with the TERTIS-WHITE oversize materials.

LT/LFMW-LT/9. BOOKS by LT [BOX 6]

1. Copies of books by LT some with his annotations
 - a. *Cinderella no more* – Notes slotted in
 - b. *Beauty of tone in string playing*. OUP – 2 copies, one with extensive annotations and a dedication to Lillian
 - c. iii. *My viola and I*
 - d. iv. *Autobiography* (revised *Cinderella no more*) – with extensive annotations
2. *Unashamed accompanist* / Gerald Moore [provenance and relation to LT or Lillian T unclear] book plate in name of Eileen M Merry, 160 Castle Road, Salisbury

LT/LFMW-LT/10. Miniature VIOLIN [BOX 1]

- Miniature violin packed in archive storage box
- Certificates belonging in Lillian F.M. Warmington set [Lillian's school certificates, RAM certificate & life saving certificate (in shuttlecock box!)]
- See also **LT/LFMW-LFMW/1. Personal** for more certificates

LT/LFMW-LT/11. Recordings [BOX 6]

- CD containing LT complete recordings (1919-1924) on Vocalion