COLLECTION FINDING AID

Collection number: Univ. 9.6.1.1
Title: Inez Day Richards and Daniel Richards collection
Dates: 1925-1997
Creator/collector: Blake Library, University of Maine at Fort Kent
Extent: 4 folders (.20 cubic feet)
Provenance: Sheet music were acquired from Eric K. Richards, 2002, in memory of his brother, Daniel, and in honor of his grandmother, Inez Day Richards; song, "God Give Me Strength" and "My Cup of Tea and I" were acquired from Brenda Richards, 2003; photograph and poem, "Christmas Cheer" were acquired from Eric Richards (son of Eric K.), 2006.
Language: English.
Conservation notes: Not applicable.
Access restrictions: No restrictions on access.
Physical restrictions: None.
Technical restrictions: A CD-ROM/CD player is required to access a portion of this collection.
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Location of originals: Original photograph and some original manuscripts remain with the donors.
Location of copies: Not applicable.
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Inez Elizabeth Day was born in circa 1885 in Benton, New Brunswick, Canada. She married Kenneth Richards of Prince Edward Island in circa 1904; the marriage ended in either divorce or dissolution. Inez and her son, Eric Kenneth (born in Woodstock, N.B., in circa 1918), emigrated to the United States in November 1927. On her immigration manifest from Houlton, Maine, Inez is listed as a Canadian resident of Irish descent living in St. John, New Brunswick. At the time of their emigration, Kenneth Richards is listed on Eric's manifest as residing in St. John, N.B. The 1930 U.S. Census has Inez listed as widowed (rather than divorced). She is listed as living in Market Square, Houlton Village, in Houlton town with her 12 year-old son, Eric K. Richards. According to the census, her father was also born in Canada, but her mother was born in Maine. She was a teacher and listed her profession as "tutor" in the census.

Daniel T. Richards was Inez Day Richard's grandson, the son of Eric K. and Martha Camp Richards. He was born on December 13, 1945 in Salisbury, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of Maine at Fort Kent in 1967 with a bachelor of science degree in education; he then completed his master of science degree in library science at the University of Wisconsin. While a student a UMFK, he worked as a library assistant in Blake Library. Daniel was serving as the director of biomedical libraries at Dartmouth College at the time of his death in 1995. Daniel Richard's estate endowed Blake Library at UMFK with $40,000 to be used in memory of his grandmother, Inez, who funded his education at the university. The Inez Day Richards fund is used by the library to purchase materials on music and American poetry.

This collection consists of sheet music (both published and unpublished) by Inez Day Richards, as well a copy of an original poem. Also included are a photograph of Inez Day Richards and a compact disc of audio recordings of her songs, played by UMFK professor Scott Brickman. The collection also contains a folder on Daniel Richards, which includes two articles written by him, a memo concerning a celebration of his life in 1996, and a copy of the Saint John Valley Times article (Feb. 12, 1997) announcing his endowment to the Blake Library at UMFK.

The audio recordings contained on the compact disc are also available on the Inez Day Richards website created by Blake Library. The music can be accessed through the individual song titles listed on the site: [http://www.umfk.maine.edu/infoserv/library/about/history/inezday/default.cfm](http://www.umfk.maine.edu/infoserv/library/about/history/inezday/default.cfm)

**Inventory:**

Sheet music and poetry.  

"A Faded Rose." Words and music by Inez Day Richards. I.D. Richards, Houlton, Me. Copyright 1925.  

"Oh Mother Dear (A Mother's Day Song)." Words and music by Inez Day Richards. Published by the author, Houlton, Maine. c1935. Inscribed "To M.E.D."

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Sheet music and poetry (cont'd)  

"Because of Thee." Words and music by Inez Day Richards. I.D. Richards, Houlton, Maine. Copyright 1937. Inscribed "To J.S."  

"I'm Drifting to Heaven with You." Waltz song. Words and music by Inez Day Richards. Published by Inez Day Richards, Houlton, Maine. Copyright 1938.  


Photograph of Inez Day Richards, undated.  

Daniel T. Richards  


