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FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER COLLECTION 13-056

Creator:
Petrilla, Robert (d. September 1, 2020)

Type of Material:
Music fan club newsletters

Physical Description:
.5 liner feet of manuscript material

Languages:
English

Dates:
1957-1989

Repository:
Center for Popular Music, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132, (615) 898-2449.

Access/Restrictions:
The collection is open for research use. All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Preferred Citation:
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Provenance and Acquisition Information:
Book dealer and owner of A & R Petrella donated these fan club newsletters along with some sheet music and photographs to Center in March 2014 by mail.
Subject/Index Terms:
Country Music
Fan Clubs
Music Fan Clubs
International Fan Club Organization

Agency History/Biographical Sketch:
R & A Petrella of Roosevelt, NJ was established in 1970. From the company website: “trade in unusual books, documents, and manuscripts in various fields of interest”

Scope and Content:
This collection consists of various country music fan club newsletters that Petrella acquired through book dealing.

Arrangement:
The Collection is arranged alphabetically by name of artist. There appeared to be no original order when donated.

Collection Contents (Folder/Box List):

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Folder 7  International Fan Club Organization (IFCO)  
     May 1973, Jan 1972

Folder 8  General Country  
     Fan Club directory [1990s]; Second Annual Awards Dinner 1969  
     CWMPO; Country Tune-Up March 1971; Country News K-Bar-T  
     Country May 1967

Folder 9  Promos & Advertisements  
     Pee Wee King; Merle Haggard; The Country Cavaleers; Don Williams; Advertisements for labels

**Materials Cataloged Separately:**  
This donation included 116 photographs (mostly of Rex Allen), 68 pieces of sheet music and 12 tunedex cards that have been cataloged separately for ease of access. All separated items can be searched in the archival catalog by accession number.

**Location:**  
These materials are located in the manuscripts section of the archival stacks, filed chronologically by accession number.

**Related Materials:**  
The Center for Popular Music holds various other materials relating to fan clubs, country music and the topics and artist of this collection including video, photographs, posters and other programs that can be found by searching the archival database.

Processed by Olivia M. Beaudry, CA, April 2024