

Dorothy Watkins Collection
(1940 – 1950)
Inventory

Material relating to the career of Canadian composer and performer Dorothy Watkins (1896-1978). Co-author with Brian Doherty of the wartime RCAF hit “Up, Up, Up We Go”, she was active with her sister Jessie MacDonald during World War II in the Active Service Canteen and the Merry-Go-Round Revue. Later she toured with “The Drunkard” and the revues “There Goes Yesterday” and “Clap Hands”. The collection includes correspondence, programmes, clippings, photographs and especially music manuscripts, parts and cues for “The Drunkard” and “There Goes Yesterday”.

1 box: 20 envelopes; .075 linear metres

Env. #1: Correspondence – 19 items

Letters to family while on tour with “The Drunkard” and 3 postcards from 1947 (unidentified tour). Written to James Watkins (husband), Joan, Sallie and Katherine (children).

Env. #2: *The Drunkard*, Clippings (1948-1949) – 7 items

Env. #3: *The Drunkard*, Photographs – 3 items

Env. #4: *The Drunkard*, Souvenir program – 1 item

Env. #5: *The Drunkard*, Music cues – 12 items

1 p. mss.; 9 pp. typescript with notes; 2 pp. mss. notes

Env. #6: *There Goes Yesterday*, Clippings and misc. (1949-1950) – 8 items

6 clippings; 1 p. typescript “Snaps” routine; letterhead envelope.

Env. #7: *There Goes Yesterday*, Programs – 4 items

Env. #8: *There Goes Yesterday*, Music cues – 16 items

5 pp. typescript with notes; 11 pp. mss. notes.

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Env.#9: *There Goes Yesterday*: “Be a Fighting Suffragette” – 2 items

Lyrics: 2 pp. typescript + notes; 1 p. music. (reverse) “Nijinsky and Pavlowa”

Env. #10: *There Goes Yesterday*: “Beggar-boy’s Song” – 1 item

Lyrics: 1 p. typescript with notes.

Env. # 11: *There Goes Yesterday*: “Camel’s Song” – 1 item

Lyrics: 1 p. typescript with notes.

Env. #12: *There Goes Yesterday*: “In the Nineties” – 1 item

Music/lyrics: 2 pp. mss. score

Env. #13: *There Goes Yesterday*: “Pale Hands I Hate” – 1 item

Lyrics: 1 p. typescript with notes

Env. #14: *There Goes Yesterday*: “Roses in the Valley” – 2 items

Lyrics: 2 pp. typescript; 1 p. mss. score

Env. #15: *There Goes Yesterday*: “That’s Spring” by Dorothy Watkins – 2 items

Lyrics: 2 pp. mss, 2 pp. typescript

Env. #16: *There Goes Yesterday*: “You’ll Come Back” by Dorothy Watkins – 1 item

Lyrics: 1 p. typescript with notes

Env. #17: *There Goes Yesterday*, music cues for performers – 3 items

Conductor 2 pp. typescript with notes

Bass 2 pp. typescript with notes

Drums 2 pp. typescript with notes

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Env. #18: *There Goes Yesterday*, music scores for medleys – 3 items

3 pp. misc. mss. score; 3 pp. mss. score for various intros and dance themes; 1 pp. mss. score
“Our Waltz”

Env. #19: *There Goes Yesterday*, misc. music, fragments, etc. – 5 items

4 pp. mss. scores; 1 book mss. scores, lyrics, keys etc.

Env. #20: Sheet Music – 1 item

“Up We Go” (1940) by Dorothy Watkins (music) and Brian Doherty (lyrics). 2 pp. + mimeo.
lyrics laid in. Dedication to Ted Watkins (son of Dorothy Watkins) by the authors.

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