

## VIOLA RUTH MUSIC COLLECTION-MSS 98

Records: 1910-1964

No. of Items: 5 boxes, 2.5 cu. ft.

The Viola Ruth Music Collection is about the life of Viola Ruth, Arizona fiddling champion, 1926- 1949. "Mom" Ruth was the subject of Ralph Edwards, "This Is Your Life" television program on April 13, 1955. Mrs. Ruth offered instruction in violin, mandolin and voice at the Ruth School of Western Music in Phoenix.

Material consists of "This Is Your Life" scrapbook, correspondences, newspaper clippings, assorted music books--some from the 1800s, and sound recordings consisting of reel-to-reel as well as wire recordings.

The Viola Ruth Music Collection was donated to the Arizona Historical Foundation by her daughter and fellow musician, Marie Ruth.

Condition: Good.

Volume: 5 Hollinger boxes: 2.5 cu. ft.

### Box 1

Folder 1 Viola Ruth - "This Is Your Life," scrapbook/script, Apr. 13, 1955

Folder 2 Correspondence, contracts, 1954-55

Folder 3 Newspaper clippings, newsletters, 1952-61

**Box 2-6** Miscellaneous song books and sound recordings. 1800s-1964

Note: Several music books by Scottish musician, Robert Holliday, contain hand-scored Scottish aires, reels and polkas, 1800s- 1962.

In addition, one snapshot of Viola Ruth and her daughter, Marie, at home. One 8 x 10 photograph of Ruth and others in front of Ruth's Western School of Music.

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