

Fonds: Gorman family fonds

Reference code: F 24

Dates of creation: [1960]

Physical description:

- 2 audio reels (59 minutes)
- 134,580 KB of digital files (MP3 files)

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of the original audio recordings, as well as converted digital recordings that Gorman family members state were created by Charles Barrett Gorman. Included in the recording is audio of: Charles' mother Amy Gorman reading the lyrics to the hymn Make me a Channel of Your Peace; fiddle music and dancing at a neighbor's kitchen party; music playing on the radio; individuals reading instructions on how to use the audio equipment; as well as a reference to Charlie B. Gorman's sister Inez and her husband Art Lawlor.

Fiddle tunes in the recording (that at times have harmonica accompaniment) include the Orange Blossom Special, St. Ann's Reel, as well as a number of unidentified waltz and strathspey tunes. The recording also includes a woman singing the English Ballad Mary of the Wild Moor, as well as a group singing Alouette, Let Me Call You Sweetheart, and You are my Sunshine.

Songs recorded from the radio include: Let Me Go, Let Me Breathe; Softly, Softly (sung by the Irish vocalist Ruby Murray); and Dream a Little Dream of Me (sung by the Nat King Cole Trio).

Classical music included in the recordings consist of British conductor and composer Annunzio Paolo Mantovani's Only a Rose, It Happened in Monterey, Love Everlasting, Love's Dream After the Ball, and The Little Swiss Waltz.

Additional radio commentary references CBC's Off the Record Show and School Broadcasts, Rudolf Friml's Rose-Marie, and that thousands of Canadian polio victims in need of rehabilitation training;

Biographical sketch:

Amy Gorman (1877-1956), from Margate Road near Kensington, PEI, married James Thomas (Tom) Gorman on January 29, 1907, in St. Mary's, Indian River. Tom (1907-1930) was the son of Donald Gorman and Mary Brennan.

Amy and Tom had seven children: (1) Daniel Joseph (1908-1933); (2) Inez Elizabeth (1910-2001); (3) George Edwin (1911-1986); Gerald Francis (1913-1943); (4) Lewis Emmett (1918-1997); (5) David Peter (1922-1947); and Charles Barrett (1926-1998).

Amy and Tom's youngest child Charles married Christine MacPherson Rutherford on November

22, 1958, in St-Jean-d'Iberville, Quebec. Charles was the Life President of the St. Dunstan's University Class of 1951.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition:

The records were donated by Charles Gorman's daughter's Christine MacKinnon and Anne Lorimer in June of 2026.

Related Material:

n/a

Associated Material:

n/a

Accruals:

No further accruals are expected.

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Finding Aid:

No file list.

Authority Records:

Family:

Gorman family

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