

**SARA HOLROYD
WORLD WAR II
AND
GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS
COLLECTION**

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Biographical Note

Sara Holroyd , from Selma, Alabama, came to Peabody to study music. While a student at George Peabody College for Teachers she was awarded many honors and was elected President of the Student Body and “Miss Peabody” in her senior year. She was a member of the college choir, orchestra, and band, and sang with the Peabody Madrigalians. She graduated in 1946. In 1951 she received a M.A. from Columbia, and afterwards she had a career in education as a Professor of Music at the University of Kentucky at Lexington. Sara Holroyd still lives in Lexington, Kentucky, and her interview for the *Vandy Goes to War World War II Remembered Oral History Project* is included in that important archive of Vanderbilt’s history.

Scope and Content Note

This small collection (.42 linear feet) contains letters, programs, and newspaper clippings collected by Sara Holroyd, a 1946 graduate of George Peabody College for Teachers. (Peabody merged Vanderbilt University in 1979.). Ms. Holroyd was a student leader and a musician while at Peabody, and many of the programs feature her as a student musician. This collection also chronicles the end of WWII and activities at Peabody College during that time.

File Listing

Correspondence

1. Outgoing—Sara Holroyd to her mother on the end of WWII, Aug. 15, 1945; on election to “Miss Peabody” May 23, 1946
2. Incoming—Evelyn Stephenson with accompanying news article “The Four Melodears” Jan. 16, 1984

Personal and Biographical

3. As Officer and President of the Peabody Student Body—newspaper clippings
4. Sara Holroyd, musician, including the script for the Gay Nineties Revue and newspaper clippings
5. Sara Holroyd “Miss Peabody” June 1946—newspaper clippings
6. Sara Holroyd “Miss Peabody” June 1946—newspaper clippings
7. Honors and awards
8. Peabody graduation awards and honors for Sara Holroyd—newspaper clippings
9. Graduation from Peabody, including official invitation
10. Graduation from Peabody—Prom cards and other items
11. Graduation from Peabody—letters and telegrams
12. Peabody Band—newspaper clippings
13. Peabody College friends, teachers, and events—newspaper clippings
14. Peabody College—newspaper clippings
15. Certificate—Mary Mildred Sullivan Scholarship, March 19, 1945

16. Certificate—Sigma Alpha Iota—May 10, 1947

Programs

17. George Peabody College--Graduation—June 7, 1946; August 23, 1946; June 6, 1947
18. George Peabody College—featuring Sara Holroyd—Dec. 12, 1943—Aug. 19, 1946
19. George Peabody College—Christmas/Messiah—Dec. 11, 1943—Dec. 11, 1945
20. George Peabody College—Graduate, Faculty, and other recitals—Dec. 6, 1943—August 6, 1946
21. George Peabody College—Student Recitals—Dec. 9, 1943—July 31, 1946
22. George Peabody College—Music and Dance—June 6, 1944—June 5, 1947
23. George Peabody College—Peabody Choir and Madrigalians—April 23, 1945
24. George Peabody College—Chamber Music—March 31, 1944—July 29, 1946
25. George Peabody College—College Band—Nov. 21, 1944—July 2, 1946
26. George Peabody College—Miscellaneous—Feb. 18, 1944—Aug. 18, 1946
27. George Peabody College—Bulletin—Division of Music, 1944-1945; 1945-1947; Music at Peabody Oct., 1944
28. George Peabody College—Bulletin—Division of Music, 1947-1949; 1949-1951
29. Fisk University—Festival of Music and Fine Arts, Sara Holroyd, trumpet—April 19-22, 1944
30. Peabody Demonstration School—May 5, 1944--May 24, 1946
31. Ryman Auditorium—V.E. Day First Anniversary, May 8, 1946

Miscellaneous

32. *Peabody Reflector*, June 1945—Alumni and Student News
33. *Peabody Reflector*—Miscellaneous Articles
34. *Peabody Reflector*—Miscellaneous Articles
35. *Peabody Reflector*—Miscellaneous Articles

Photographs

36. Sara Holroyd “Miss Peabody” and with other Peabody musicians