WALKER, GEORGE.  
George Walker papers

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Abstract: Papers of African American composer George Walker including correspondence, original manuscript scores, photographs, posters, clippings, programs, awards, and audio-visual material.  
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Collection Description

Biographical Note
George Theophilus Walker (1922-), African American composer and winner of the first Pulitzer Prize in Music by an African American.

Scope and Content Note
The collection contains the personal papers of George Walker. The papers include printed and original manuscript scores, photographs, correspondence, clippings, programs, posters concerning performances of his works, plaques and awards, subject files concerning his Pulitzer Prize, a painted portrait, and audio-visual material.

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Music (scores, reductions, sheet music, etc.)
OP1 A Babe is Born (1975)
OP2 A Red, Red Rose (no date)
OP3 Abu (2003)
OP4 Address for Orchestra (1959; rev. 1991)
OP5 An Eastman Overture (1983)
OP6 And Wilt Thou Leave Me Thus (2002)
OP7 Antiponys (1968)
OP8 Bauble (1979)
   - Bell Fantoms [See Sonata No. 3]
   - Bequest [See Emily Dickinson Songs and Five Songs]
OP9 Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (no date)
OP10 Cantata (1982)
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   - Chorale & Fughetta Fantoms [See Sonata No. 3]
   - Chorale: Jesus, wir sind hier [See Music for Brass]
OP14 Concerto for Piano and Orchestra (1974)
OP15 Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra (1957)
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   - Dance [See Music for Brass]
OP16 Dialogus (1976)
   - Elevation [See Three Pieces for Organ]
OP17 Emily Dickinson Songs (1986) [includes I. Wild Nights; II. What if I say I Shall Not Wait; III. I Have No Life but This; IV. Bequest]
OP18 Ev'ry Time I Feel de Spirit (no date)
   - Fantoms [See Sonata No. 3]
OP19 Five Fancies (1975)
OP20 Five Songs (no date) [includes I. Wild Nights; II. What if I Say I Shall Not Want; III. I Have no Life but This; IV. Bequest; V. Nocturne [See also Emily Dickinson Songs and Softly, Blow Lightly]]
OP21 Folksongs for Orchestra (1990)
OP22 Give Thanks Unto the Lord (no date) [variant title: Hymn III]
OP23 Gloria in Memoriam (1963)
OP24 Guido's Hand (1986)
OP25 Hey Nonny No [See also Nine Songs]
OP26 Hoopla (2005)
OP27 I Got a Letter from Jesus (no date)
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   - I Never Saw a Moor [See Three Songs]
-    -  I Went to Heaven [See Nine Songs]
OP28  Icarus in Orbit (2003)
-    -  Improvisation [See Two Pieces for Organ]
-    -  In Time of Silver Rain [See Three Songs]
-    -  Invokation [See Music for Brass]
-    -  Invokation [See Three Pieces for Organ]
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sind hier; IV. Dance] (1975)
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OP38  Nine Songs (rev. 1991) [includes I. Response; II. So We'll Go No More A-
Roving; III. Hey Nonny No; IV. The Bereaved Mind; V. I Went to Heaven:
IV. Sweet, Let Me Go; VII. With Rue My Heart is Laden; VIII. Lament; IX.
Leaving]
-    -  Nocturne (1983) [See Five Songs and Softly, Blow Lightly]
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