



**THE CENTER FOR POPULAR MUSIC, MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY,
MURFREESBORO, TN**

JO ANN COCKRELL COLLECTION

12-007

Creator:

Cockrell, Jo Ann (December 9, 1926 – April 10, 2014)

Type of Material:

Manuscript Textual Materials, songbooks, sheet music, church bulletins

Physical Description:

.25 liner feet of manuscript material

Languages:

English

Dates:

1965-1990

Repository:

Center for Popular Music, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132,
(615) 898-2449.

Access/Restrictions:

The collection is open for research use. All materials in this collection are subject to standard national and international copyright laws. Center staff are able to assist with copyright questions for this material.

Preferred Citation:

(Box Number, Folder Number/Name), Jo Ann Cockrell Collection 12-007, Center for Popular Music, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Provenance and Acquisition Information:

Jo Ann Cockrell collected these items over her lifetime as an active church member and organ player. This collection was donated to the Center by Jo Ann Cockrell through her son, Dr. Dale Cockrell while he was serving as the Director of the Center for Popular Music on July 21, 2012.

Subject/Index Terms:

Church Music
Hymnals
Gaither Family

Agency History/Biographical Sketch:

Mrs. Cockrell, born December 9, 1926, lived all but her final few months in McCracken County, most of which was on the family farm just outside West Paducah. Mrs. Cockrell was an active lifelong member of Olivet Baptist Church, which she served in many capacities. Most notably, she was the church organist for more than thirty years. When the church doors were open, she was at the Hammond C-3 organ filling the sanctuary with her music; and on Christmas morning, when the Christmas bells rang out through the community, it was Jo Ann who had arisen early to announce the celebration of Christ's birth. She was fond of saying that "There are two books in the church—The Bible and the hymnbook—and you should be able to read both!" - Obituary

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of church music related materials. The church bulletins list songs and hymns performed at the Olivet Baptist Church in Paducah, KY from 1965-1990. The songbooks collected by Mrs. Cockrell represent her repertoire as church organist and avid gospel singer.

Arrangement:

The original arrangement was kept in the processing of this collection. The songbooks have been separated for ease of access in Center policy.

Collection Contents (Folder/Box List):

Box # Folder # Description

Box 1:	Manuscripts	
Folder 1	Church bulletins	
Folder 2	instructional and clippings of songs	
Folder 3	Gospel score books	
	Treasury of Praise Fifty Gospel Classics Bill and Gloria Gaither	
	More Treasury of Praise Fifty Gospel Classics Bill and Gloria Gaither	
	Lift Him Up A Songbook for Today's Christians	

Materials Cataloged Separately:

Gospel songbooks, hymnals and other books have been separated for ease of access in the broader Center collection. For a complete list of separated materials contact the archivist.

Location:

These materials are located in the manuscripts section of the archival stacks, filed chronologically by accession number.

Related Materials:

The Center for Popular Music holds various other materials relating to church music and hymnals and the topics and artist of this collection including video, photographs, posters and other programs that can be found by searching the archival database.

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