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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Harry A. Duffy Papers
<b>Date:</b>	1560-2005, undated
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1162
<b>Creator:</b>	Duffy, Harry A. Duffy, Duane A. Duffy, Glenn E.
<b>Extent:</b>	3 Cubic feet (9 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	Collection documents Harry A. Duffy, an appraiser and dealer in rare stringed instruments. Before opening his own shop he was taught by, and an employee of, Rembert Wurlitzer, well-known appraiser and dealer in rare stringed instruments.

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Collection donated to the Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution by Duane A. Duffy and Glenn E. Duffy, sons of Harry A. Duffy, in 2009.

### Separated Materials

Books from the Harry A. Duffy Papers were transferred to the library, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution.

### Processing Information

Initial inventory by Craig Orr, archivist, 2009. Processed by Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., archivist, assisted by Christine Windheuser, volunteer, 2021.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Harry Arthur Duffy, Jr. was born November 29, 1915 in Eureka, California the son of Harry A. Duffy and Caroline Mary Reason. His father was a pharmacist (chemist) in a drug store. According to the 1940 United States census, prior to World War II he played with a dance orchestra. His military record denotes he had four years of college. He served in World War II as a warrant officer in the United States Army. He married Clara N. Cromwell on August 12, 1941. This marriage produced two sons, Glenn E. Duffy and Duane A. Duffy.

At the close of the war he was hired by noted violin makers and dealers in rare stringed instruments, Rembert Wurlitzer, Incorporated in New York City, New York. Duffy was trained and eventually worked for Wurlitzer for decades.

Duffy opened Duffy's Rare Violin Shop, 2954 Oak Avenue in Coconut Grove, Florida in 1969. His marriage to Clara ended in divorce October 7, 1971 in Florida. Duffy married Barbara A. Lynn on October 15, 1971 in Miami, Florida. Duffy and Barbara divorced in April 1984. Duffy married Oglia Romanov in October 1989 in Hollywood, California. The couple moved to Del Mar, California where he continued appraisal work and occasional sales. Henry Arthur Duffy died on November 2, 2005 and is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Glendale, California.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection documents the career of Harry A. Duffy, an appraiser and dealer in rare stringed instruments. Included are financial and business records, correspondence, files on Duffy's certifications and appraisals, photographs, articles, printed material, and ephemera.

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## Arrangement

These papers are arranged in four series.

Series 1: Index of File Appraisals, 1984-2004, undated

Series 2: Correspondence (Dealers and Collectors), 1945-2005, undated

Series 3: Financial and Business Records and Ephemera, 1941-2004, undated

Series 4: Certification and Certificate Files, 1560-2003, undated

Subseries 4.1, Accordion Folder Files, undated

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Appraisals
- Musical instruments
- Stringed instruments
- Violin

Types of Materials:

- Certificates
- Correspondence -- 20th century

Financial records -- 20th century

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Index File of Appraisals, 1984-2004, undated

Scope and Contents: This card file contains appraisal records and specific descriptions of stringed instruments and bows. The information is typed on 4 inch by 6 inch cards. Cards seem to have been arranged according to musical instruments and bows, but appear to be out of any order. Categories given are typed on divider cards but obviously cards have been shuffled about at some point in the past.

Box 1	Violins and Cellos
Box 1	Violin Bows
Box 1	Violas
Box 1	Violoncellos
Box 1	Violin Bows
Box 1	Sold Violin Bows
Box 1	Sold Violin Bows
Box 1	Sold Violin Bows
Box 1	Sold Violas
Box 1	Sold Cellos
Box 1	Violoncello Bows
Box 1	Sold Viola Cello Bows
Box 1	Sold Violins

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## Series 2: Correspondence (Dealers and Collectors), 1945-2005, undated

Scope and Contents: Harry A. Duffy arranged his correspondence alphabetically but also included are separate folders for select dealers or clients. Duffy's original arrangement has been maintained in this series. This series also includes Duffy's memoranda, preprinted forms on which he wrote notes, loans, and other information but not in a formal letter format. The memoranda are arranged chronologically.

Box 2, Folder 1	Early Wurlitzer (Rembert Wurlitzer) letters, 1945-1959, undated
Box 2, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1984-1988
Box 2, Folder 3	A, 1985-2000, undated
Box 2, Folder 4	B, 1984-1999, undated
Box 2, Folder 5	Beare, 1986-2000, undated
Box 2, Folder 6	Brown, Barbara, 1993-1998, undated
Box 2, Folder 7	C, 1985-2003, undated
Box 2, Folder 8	Chaki, Yasukase, 1988-1990, undated
Box 2, Folder 9	Colburn, 1983-2004, undated
Box 2, Folder 10	D, 1989-2002, undated
Box 2, Folder 11	E-F, 1984-2001, undated
Box 2, Folder 12	Edmons, Jeff, 2002-2003, undated
Box 2, Folder 13	Francais, Jacques, 1988-1990
Box 2, Folder 14	G, 1987-2000, undated
Box 2, Folder 15	H-I, 1985-2002, undated
Box 2, Folder 16	Hughes, Dorothy, 2000
Box 2, Folder 17	J-K, 1987-2001, undated
Box 2, Folder 18	Katz, Edward E., 2000-2004
Box 2, Folder 19	L, 1987-2004, undated
Box 2, Folder 20	Lehman, 1985-1998, undated
Box 2, Folder 21	M, 1986-1999, undated

Box 2, Folder 22	Machold, 1999-2002, undated
Box 2, Folder 23	N, 1985-2004, undated
Box 2, Folder 24	O-P, 1984-2004, undated
Box 2, Folder 25	Popa, Georgette, 1996-1998
Box 2, Folder 26	R-S, 1997-2004
Box 2, Folder 27	S, 1981-2000, undated
Box 2, Folder 28	Sloan, William R., 1994-2003
Box 2, Folder 29	Szabados, Ernest D., 1961-2005
Box 3, Folder 1	T, 1987-1997, undated
Box 3, Folder 2	Tam, Ennio, 1992-2004
Box 3, Folder 3	U-V, 1987-2003, undated
Box 3, Folder 4	Vasselle, 2000-2001, undated
Box 3, Folder 5	Y-Z, 1984-2002
Box 3, Folder 6	Memoranda, 1991
Box 3, Folder 7	Memoranda, 1992
Box 3, Folder 8	Memoranda, 1993
Box 3, Folder 9	Memoranda, 1994
Box 3, Folder 10	Memoranda, 1995
Box 3, Folder 11	Memoranda, 1996
Box 3, Folder 12	Memoranda, 1997
Box 3, Folder 13	Memoranda, 1998
Box 3, Folder 14	Memoranda, 1999
Box 3, Folder 15	Memoranda, 2000
Box 3, Folder 16	Memoranda, 2001



Box 3, Folder 17	Memoranda, 2002
Box 3, Folder 18	Memoranda, 2003
Box 3, Folder 19	Memoranda, 2004
Box 3, Folder 20	Memoranda, 2005
Box 3, Folder 21	Memoranda, undated

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## Series 3: Financial and Business Records and Ephemera, 1941-2004, undated

Scope and Contents: This series contains financial and business records. The series also contains a variety of ephemera.

Box 3, Folder 22	Accounting for Income, notebook, 1992-1998
Box 3, Folder 23	VA Certificate Income, 1999-2004
Box 4, Folder 1	Financial and ephemera, 1971-1984, undated
Box 4, Folder 2	Items purchased, 1997-2003, undated
Box 4, Folder 3	Harry A. Duffy Violins, photographs of shop (Miami, Florida), 1971
Box 4, Folder 4	Maker Index, 1999, undated
Box 4, Folder 5	String Ensemble Players Customers, Clients, United States, Foreign, undated
Box 4, Folder 6	Violin articles, miscellaneous, 1941-1993, undated
Box 4, Folder 7	The Strad, magazine, 1972-1980
Box 4, Folder 8	Violin book, literature collection, 1996-2003, undated

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## Series 4: Certification and Certificate Files, 1560-2003, undated

Scope and Contents: This series contains certificates and related certificate files. Certificates are documents that attest to the maker and provenance of an instrument. It will often include information from other certificates and have the measurements and qualities of the instrument in question. There will also occasionally be the sale history of the instrument and prices paid. Certificates are duplicates of ones issued by Duffy, files also may contain earlier certificates related to instruments in the files, as well as correspondence and historical items pertaining to that particular maker. Files are arranged alphabetically by maker, date ranges are the manufacture dates for those certificates in the file.

Box 5, Folder 1	Bow certificates, 1966-2002, undated
Box 5, Folder 2	Albanani, 1704-1720
Box 5, Folder 3	Aman, Georg, 1993
Box 5, Folder 4	Amati, 1648-1720
Box 5, Folder 5	Ambrosi, Petrus, 1746
Box 5, Folder 6	Bagatella, A., 1749
Box 5, Folder 7	Baldantoni, 1849
Box 5, Folder 8	Balestrieri, T., 1760-1767
Box 5, Folder 9	Batelli, Alfio, 1965
Box 5, Folder 10	Baruzzo, Italo, 1945-1947
Box 5, Folder 11	Beretta, Felice, 1783
Box 5, Folder 12	Bergonzi, C., 1718-1780
Box 5, Folder 13	Bernardel, 1901, undated
Box 5, Folder 14	Bimbi, Batolomeo, undated
Box 5, Folder 15	Busan, Don, 1740
Box 5, Folder 16	Bodio, Gio, 1800
Box 5, Folder 17	Calcanius, B., 1750
Box 5, Folder 18	Calvavola, B., 1715
Box 5, Folder 19	Camilli, C., 1752

Box 5, Folder 20	Cappa, G., 1687, undated
Box 5, Folder 21	Carcassi, 1745-1757
Box 5, Folder 22	Castello, Paulo, 1778
Box 5, Folder 23	Ceruti, 1804-1860
Box 5, Folder 24	Chiocchi, G., 1860-1870
Box 5, Folder 25	Cristoforo, B., 1701
Box 5, Folder 26	Dall'Aglio, G., 1782
Box 5, Folder 27	DaSalo, Gaspar, 1560-1580
Box 5, Folder 28	D'Espine, A., 1838
Box 5, Folder 29	Dionelli, Gaetano
Box 5, Folder 30	Eve, Jacques Charles, 1778
Box 5, Folder 31	Fabris, Luigi, 1842
Box 5, Folder 32	Fent, Francois, undated
Box 5, Folder 33	French violins, 1867-1929, undated
Box 5, Folder 34	Furber, John, 1811
Box 6, Folder 1	Gabrielli, G, 1770
Box 6, Folder 2	Gagliano, 1732-1850
Box 6, Folder 3	Garimberti, Fernando, 1920
Box 6, Folder 4	Giannini, Fabrizio, undated
Box 6, Folder 5	Gigli, J.C., 1750-1760
Box 6, Folder 6	Goffriller, 1706-1734
Box 6, Folder 7	Gragnani, A., 1790
Box 6, Folder 8	Guadagnini, J.B., undated
Box 6, Folder 9	Guadagnini, J.B. (ex Ray Russell), 1737

Box 6, Folder 10	Guadagnini, J.B., 1742
Box 6, Folder 11	Guarneri, Andreas, 1662-1690
Box 6, Folder 12	Guarneri, Joseph F.A., 1704-1721
Box 6, Folder 13	Guarneri, G. del Jesu, 1731-1743
Box 6, Folder 14	Guarneri, G. del Jesu, 1726-1743
Box 6, Folder 15	Guarneri, G. del Gesu (ex Szabados), 1724
Box 6, Folder 16	Guarneri, G. del Gesu (La Font ex Ramo), 1735
Box 6, Folder 17	Guarneri, Pietro (Venice), 1721
Box 6, Folder 18	Guarneri, Pietro (Mantua), 1691-1730
Box 9, Folder 1	Klotz, Egidius, 1776
Box 6, Folder 19	Landolfi (Landolphi), 1753-1770, undated
Box 7, Folder 1	LeFebvre, J.B., 1757-1767
Box 7, Folder 2	Lavazza, A. M., 1705-1717
Box 7, Folder 3	Leman, Anatole, 1908-1911, undated
Box 7, Folder 4	Lott, John, 1830-1840
Box 7, Folder 5	Lupot, Nicolas, 1790-1814
Box 7, Folder 6	Maggini, G., undated
Box 7, Folder 7	Marchetti, E., 1900-1934
Box 7, Folder 8	Marconini, Giuseppe, undated
Box 7, Folder 9	Montagnana, D., 1715-1753, undated
Box 7, Folder 10	Nemessanyi, S.F., 1870-1880
Box 7, Folder 11	Norris and Barnes, undated
Box 7, Folder 12	Odoardi, G., 1780-1786
Box 7, Folder 13	Panormo, 1780-1820

Box 7, Folder 14	Parker, Daniel, 1714
Box 7, Folder 15	Pasta, Antonio, undated
Box 7, Folder 16	Peternella, Jago, 1927
Box 7, Folder 17	Postiglione, Vincenzo, 1874-1881
Box 7, Folder 18	Pressenda, Francesco, 1820-1840
Box 7, Folder 19	Renaudin, Leopold, 1787
Box 7, Folder 20	Rinaldi, G., 1862
Box 8, Folder 1	Rivolta, Giacomo, 1834
Box 8, Folder 2	Rocca, Guiseppe (Joseph), 1838-1857
Box 8, Folder 3	Rodiani, Giovanni, undated
Box 8, Folder 4	Rogeri, G. B., 1664-1707
Box 8, Folder 5	Ruggeri, Francesco, 1670-1695
Box 8, Folder 6	Sacchini, Sabatino, 1679
Box 8, Folder 7	Sipe, John, 1989-1992
Box 8, Folder 8	Smillie, Alexander, 1901
Box 8, Folder 9	Soliani, Angelo, 1810
Box 8, Folder 10	Spiegel, Janos, undated
Box 8, Folder 11	Staudlman, Daniel, 1736
Box 8, Folder 12	Stainer, Jacob, 1655
Box 8, Folder 13	Storioni, Lorenzo, 1779-1782
Box 8, Folder 14	Stradivari, Antonio, 1666-1698
Box 8, Folder 15	Stradivari, Antonio, 1702-1733
Box 8, Folder 16	Stradivari, Antonio (photographs), undated
Box 8, Folder 17	Techler, David, 1706-1716

Box 8, Folder 18	Testore, P.A., 1741-1756
Box 8, Folder 19	Tononi, 1686-1730
Box 8, Folder 20	Vangelisti, Pier Lorenzo, 1760
Box 8, Folder 21	Varagnola, F., 1909-1913
Box 8, Folder 22	Ventapane, Lorenzo, 1863
Box 8, Folder 23	Veronese, 1938
Box 8, Folder 24	Vuillaume, J.B., 1840-1865
Box 8, Folder 25	Wake, Harry S., 1964
Box 8, Folder 26	Zanoli, G., undated
Box 5, Folder 35	Recent Certifications, A-Z (accordion file)
Box 1, Folder 7	"Modern" Italians – Certificates & Copies
Box 1, Folder 8	Bow Certificates
Box 1, Folder 12	Bow Certificates, 1970-2003
Box 4, Folder 9	Duffy certificates (copies), 1977-2002, undated
Box 4, Folder 10	Duffy certificates (copies), 1991-2003, undated
Box 4, Folder 11	Assorted instrument certificates, 1913-1999, undated

#### Subseries 4.1: Accordion Folder Files, Undated

**Scope and Contents:** This subseries contains a variety of photographs, letters, and other miscellany arranged by Duffy alphabetically in an accordion folder. His original arrangement was maintained. Some photographs are identified. Not all files contain the same material, and it appears to have been a general file for materials that most likely would be filed in a certificate folder but in these instances was not deemed to be appropriate to include there or elsewhere.

Box 9, Folder 2	A, undated
Box 9, Folder 3	B, undated
Box 9, Folder 4	C, undated
Box 9, Folder 5	D, undated
Box 9, Folder 6	E, undated

Box 9, Folder 7	F, undated
Box 9, Folder 8	G, undated
Box 9, Folder 9	J, undated
Box 9, Folder 10	K, undated
Box 9, Folder 11	L, undated
Box 9, Folder 12	M, undated
Box 9, Folder 13	O, undated
Box 9, Folder 14	P, undated
Box 9, Folder 15	R, undated
Box 9, Folder 16	S, undated
Box 9, Folder 17	V, undated
Box 9, Folder 18	W and Z, undated
Box 9, Folder 19	Unidentified, undated

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