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**Historical Note:** John David Anello was long-time conductor/director of the Florentine Opera Company, which he founded in 1932-33, and was responsible for “Music Under the Stars” for more than 30 years as cultural activities director for the Milwaukee County Park Commission. He also was asked by the MPS Municipal Recreation Dept. in 1936 to form the Milwaukee Pops Orchestra, which later became the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Because of his Italian background, Anello also directed the Milwaukee Unico’s Columbus Week Concert for many years.

**Administrative Note:** The collection was donated by John Anello Jr. The collection was processed on June 8, 1996 by Steve Daily. Additional material was donated by James B. Anello on May 18, 2016. The collection was processed on June 8, 2016 by Illiana Zambrano.

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