

**Title:** Ulbricht Family Papers

**Reference Code:** Mss-2386

**Inclusive Dates:** 1886 – 1932, 1973 – 1993

**Quantity:** 0.3 cu. ft.

**Location:** CV, Sh. L003

**Abstract:** Oswald H. Ulbricht was born in Milwaukee in 1858. He worked for several companies, primarily in the building/general contracting business. In 1912, he helped organize the Master Builders' Association of Wisconsin and also served as secretary of the Milwaukee Music Society. His daughter, Elsa, enjoyed a long life and distinguished career as an artist and teacher. She trained as a kindergarten teacher at the State Normal School in Milwaukee, graduating in 1906. While she worked as a teacher from 1907 to 1909, she studied art at the Wisconsin School of Art. She furthered her studies at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, earning a degree in art education in 1911. She returned to Milwaukee and joined the faculty of the State Normal School. Until 1955, when she retired, she taught painting, clay modeling, basketry, and bookbinding to scores of students. She was also an accomplished artist, a member of the Wisconsin Players theater group, and helped organize the Milwaukee Handicraft Project during the Great Depression to teach unemployed women to work with their hands. She passed away in 1980 just days before her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of programs, pamphlets, sheet music and other ephemera pertaining primarily to Elsa Ulbricht.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** The collection was donated by Jeune Nowak Wussow, August 1996, and Gretchen Wussow, July 2005.

**Arrangement:**

Contents	Box #	File #
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Letter from Oskar Burkhardt to Oswald Ulbricht, 1895</li><li>- Milwaukee Musical Society program for 1904-1905 season</li><li>- Concert program, 1910</li><li>- 5 tenor sheet music books, 1899</li><li>- Sheet music for "Columbus!," 1886</li><li>- Newspaper articles and booklet re Elsa Ulbricht and her work</li><li>- Series of music-related pamphlets by Henry J. Klahn, 1929</li><li>- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee calendar featuring Elsa Ulbricht's artwork</li></ul>	1	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prospectus for Milwaukee Art Student League and Wisconsin School of Art</li> <li>- Membership card for Milwaukee Art Society</li> <li>- Charles and Tillie Paeschke Golden Wedding anniversary booklet, 1932</li> </ul>		
<b>PHOTOS: SEE M-202</b>		
<b>AUDIO RECORDINGS (Transferred to Multimedia Collection)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- #118 Ulbricht Family. Mexican duets and solos, n.d. Reel 7"</li> <li>- #119: Ulbricht Family. Sen. Eugene McCarthy, Sydney Hymen, Dr. Wm. White, and Mr. Wayward commenting on Lyndon Johnson becoming President. Reel 5"</li> </ul>		