

# Eugene Gash Papers and Photographs, 1939 - 1953

Renowned Piano Virtuoso

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The collection of a personal scrapbook pages and photos were donated by J. Rene Gash.

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These donated items are added to the earlier collection of Eugene Gash's papers given to the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library branch by Rene Gash.

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**Biographical note:**

Eugene Gash was born in Denver on 26 June 1921 to Mrs. and Mr. Hiram Gash. He started playing the piano at the age of nine years. He first studied with Helen Cuno Calogeras.

Gash moved to San Francisco (date unknown) to study with E. Robert Schmitz and his wife Germaine Schmitz. He worked for 14 years at the Schmitz studio.

Eugene made his first New York City appearance in 1941 at the Town Hall. Shortly after his appearance at Carnegie Hall in November 1949, he was awarded both a Fulbright and a John Hay Whitney Fellowship to study in Europe. He made his European debut in 1950 as a soloist for the Mozarteum Orchestra in Salzburg, Austria. He played internationally, largely in Europe and Canada.

He also worked as a journeyman ship fitter.

**Scope and Content:**

The Eugene Gash Papers and Photographs (1 Box) are comprised of concert programs from 1939 to 1953 as well as reviews of Gash’s concerts given in Denver. The additional donation includes family photographs, newspaper clippings, and scrapbook pages of recital programs and newspaper clippings.

**Container Listing:**

- FF1** Programs from piano concerts in Denver, Colorado and New York City; newspaper clippings
- FF2** Gash family Photographs

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Photograph	n.d., Hiram Telford Gash and Ann Dorsey Gash
Program	n.d., A Piano Recital by Eugene Gash, Sunday, 13 June
Program	The Town Hall Program, Season 1940-1941
Photograph	Portrait of Eugene Gash, 1940
Photograph	Bert Gore, Bertha Hymez, Gene Gash; Paris, 1951
Photo collage	Portrait of Eugene Gash in his uniform, signed "To Mother & Dad, Xmas "43"; n.d., East High graduation portrait; picture at Rams Horn Village Resort; and, seated at a desk
Photo collage	n.d., graduation portrait; three youths; young girl picture; black & white picture of Ethel Myers, 1950s
Photograph	n.d., John and Virginia Hall
Photograph	n.d., Rene, John, Virginia, Eugene, Lee seated on a sofa eating
Portrait	n.d., Tony Gash, cousin
Portrait	Ann Virginia Gash, 1800s
Portrait	Hirahm Gash, 1800s

- Portrait n.d., Signed "To A Wonderful-Sweet Girl,  
Love Jerome (Biffel)
- Portrait Ann Virginia Gash, 1800s
- Portrait High school graduation portrait of Virginia Ann  
Gash, 1950s
- Portrait Emmett Webster, 1800's, (grandma's brother)
- Portrait Ann Gash, 1950
- Photograph n.d., black & white of Lee, Thelma, Rene, Lee K. and  
Bobby at 2355 Williams Street
- Photograph n.d., Rene Metoyer and John Hall, in color
- Photograph n.d., Eugene Gash, Rene Gash, John Hall, in color
- Photograph n.d., Lee K; wedding to Tom Maxey
- Portrait Copy of portrait of Hiram Gash; Born 14 November, 1880 and  
died January 14, 1967
- Photograph Lee Webster (3 yrs.); Joseph Emmett (5 yrs.); Virgil Eugene  
(7 yrs.); Hiram Telford (9 yrs.); called by the underscored name  
dated August 1927
- Photograph Ann Virginia Webster Gash and Hiram Gash; 50th wedding  
anniversary, 1950s
- Portrait Copy of Ann Virginia Gash, Gibson Girl, 1800s
- Portrait Copy of Ann Virginia Gash, Gibson Girl, 1800s; profile
- Photograph Rene and Lee Kathryn at LK's wedding, May 1994; in color
- Portrait Chas E. Summers, K. D. Summers, D. S. Webster, W. H.  
Bousfield; Denver, Colo., August 13, 1892
- Diploma Denver High School, East Side: Lucy Virginia Webster,  
6 June 1907
- Photograph Eugene Gash and Virginia Gash (brother & sister), mid 1900s,  
in color
- Photograph n.d., Eugene Gash, in color
- Photograph n.d., copy of photograph submitted by Joseph Gash;  
printed by the Rocky Mountain News newspaper;  
black & white
- Program The Schmitz School of Piano Summer Master Session of 1949.  
Piano Recital, Frederick Burk Auditorium, San Francisco,  
July 26, 1949
- Article n.d., Wayne, Frances. "Denver's Eugene Gash Shows Genius  
at Piano". The Denver Post  
newspaper

### FF3 Scrapbook Pages

- Page 1 Eugene Gash, Young American Pianist, First New York Recital, Town

	Hall, Tuesday Evening, 8 October 1940
Page 2	3 newspaper articles from 1940 on Eugene Gash, young pianist; Citizens' Cooperating Committee 7th New Year Classic Concert, Friday, 3 January 1941
Page 3	Newspaper announcements of Eugene Gash's performances, 1940
Page 4	Newspaper articles about Eugene Gash, 1940
Page 5	Newspaper articles about Eugene Gash, 1940
Page 6	Newspaper articles about Eugene Gash, 1940
Page 7	Young American Artist Town Hall Concert, Saturday Afternoon, 19 October 1940
Page 8	California Commission for the Golden Gate International Exposition Program Young Artists Concert, 21 August 1939; Music Arts Association, Wednesday, 8 March 1944; Winner certificate, Young Artists Auditions, National Music Arts Association, Wednesday, 8 March 1944; Winner certificate, Young Artists Auditions, National Federation of Music Clubs
Page 9	Newspaper articles about Eugene Gash, 1940; Rocky Mountain News newspaper advertisement for Denver Symphony Concerts, Sunday, 7 October 1945
Page 10	Newspaper articles about Eugene Gash, 1940; New York debut as 19 year old
Page 11	Museum Theatre, Toronto, Canada, 4 November 1949
Page 12	Carnegie Hall, New York; 6 November 1949
Photograph	Gene Gash, pianist; Bronislaw Gimple, violinist: Concert at the American Embassy Theater, Paris, France, 12 December 1950
Program	Eugene Gash Recital, Zion Baptist Church, Denver; Thursday, 2 August 1945

## Newspaper articles and clippings

n.d. "Eugene Gash Thrills Town Hall Audience"

n.d. "N.Y. Hals Gash"

"Concerts: Many Debuts", Musical America. 25 October 1940.

"Eugene Gash". New York Herald Tribune. November 1949.

"Gash, Pianist, Gives Town Hall Recital. The New York \_\_\_\_\_. 20 January 1954.

"Eugene Gash Wins Whitney Fellowship". The New York Times, Thursday, 25 May 1950.

n.d., "Catching Spirit of Season". Photo for The Rocky Mountain News by Joseph Gash.