

Local programs box inventory

This box contains 118 programs, cuttings, advertisements, and miscellaneous pieces from mostly musical programs which took place from 1899-1914. Many of the items refer to Arthur H. Stoddard first shows up in 1895 as a professor of music at the Steinmann Institute, which campus was to the north of what is now Assembly Park. Contemporaneously with that and continuing until the early 1920s he gave private lessons in his home and at various locations downtown. He gave lots of lectures and recitals, and gave discounts on lessons to school-age kids, especially during school vacations. Other items including all of the handwritten ones have Clinton Fahrney's name on them. It is assumed, but known for certain that these items once belonged to Clinton Fahrney. Fahrney was a general music and piano teacher in Dixon during the first few decades of the 20th Century and was a student of Stoddard's. Fahrney had a studio in one of the units in the Opera Block.

Item number	Title	Location	Date	Featured Artists/Ensemble	Notes
1	Pianoforte Lecture-Recital	Chamberlin	December 16, 1899	Edward Baxter Perry	
2	Musicale	Home of Mrs. Edwards, 114 E. Chamberlin	June 14, 1900	A.H. Stoddard	2 copies, location comes from research by James Higby
3	Innes's band	Dixon Opera House	December 10, 1900	Innes' band	Date comes from research by James Higby
4	Organ Opening Concert	First Presbyterian Church	February 13, 1903	Louis Falk	
5	Dedicatory	Presbyterian Church	February 15, 1903		
6	Six Pipe Organ Recitals	First Presybyterian Church	March 13, 1903	A.H. Stoddard	
7	Organ Recital	St. Luke's Church	April 24, 1903	Harrison M. Wild, organist	
8	Program of First District Convention	Churches of Christ, Rockford	June 10, 1903		Finis Idleman, Secretary and Treasurer, Dixon
9	Organ recital	St. Luke's Church	October 6, 1903	Reginald Martin, Lorna Dement, Mr. Seaberg	Date comes from research by James Higby
10	Christmas Services	First Presybyterian Church	December 27, 1903	A.H. Stoddard, organist and chorister	S.S. Cryor, pastor
11	Song recital	Presbyterian Church	October 3, 1904	Alfred Hiles Bergen	Date comes from research by James Higby
12	Musical		March 4, 1905	Advanced students of A.H. Stoddard	2 copies
13	Pupils' Musicale	Home of Clinton Fahrney	April 6, 1905		handwritten
14	Pianoforte Lecture-Recital	Presbyterian Church	January 5, 1906	Edward Baxter Perry	Program, Auspices Phidian Art Club, location known from other document
15	Edward Baxter Perry, Concert Pianist and lecturer	Presbyterian Church	January 5, 1906	Edward Baxter Perry	Brochure
16	Egypta	Sterling IL	February 15, 1906		Program. Under the auspices of Grace Church, location comes from research by James Higby
17	Egypta	Sterling IL	February 15, 1906	William D. Chenery	Libretto, performed locally on date given, location comes from research by James Higby
18	You Never Can Tell	Dixon Opera House	February 19, 1906	Arnold Daly's Company	Date comes from research by James Higby
19	Program	Dixon Opera House	May 18, 1906	YMCA Male Chorus	
20	Piano-forte Recital	First Presybyterian Church	November 24, 1906	Mr and Mrs A.H. Stoddard	2 copies
21	Russian Musical	Residence of Mrs P.P. Starin	December 11, 1906		Auspices Phidian Art Club, 2 copies
22	Recital	Methodist Episcopal Church	February 2, 1907	Robert Ambrosius, J.B. Meyer, Horace B. Street	for the benefit of the M.E. church
23	Piano-forte Recital	Residence of Mr and Mrs M.H. Vail, 814 Chula Vista	August 30, 1907	Pupils of A.H. Stoddard	
24	Mytle Elvin	Dixon Opera House	November 5, 1907	Myrtle Elvyn	Under the auspices of Dixon College
25	Phidian Art Club Musicale	Residence of Mrs Paul Lord	October 6, 1908		
26	Otto Meyer	Dixon Opera House	February 8, 1909	Otto Meyer	2 copies, Date comes from research by James Higby
27	Advertisement	Dixon Opera House	February 8 1909	Otto Meyer	advertisement, not program, Date comes from research by James Higby
28	Phidian Art Club Musicale	Residence of Mr and Mrs W.B. Brinton	November 2, 1909		
29	Program	St Luke's Church	November 28, 1909		Organ recital, pencil notes for date and location, 2 copies
30	Piano-forte Recital	People's Church	March 12, 1910	A.H. Stoddard	Location comes from research by James Higby, the People's Church was at 123 S. Hennepin
31	Innes Orchestral Band of New York	Assembly Auditorium	October 3, 1910	Innes Orchestral Band	Under the auspices of the YMCA
32	Program	Methodist Episcopal Church	March 16, 1911		2 copies
33	Program	Mrs. John Ramsey home, Franklin Grove	June 12, 1911		handwritten
34	Musicale		July 12, 1911	Pupils of Clinton Fahrney	handwritten
35	Piano recital	Studio of Clinton Fahrney, Rodesch Warerooms, Opera Block	July 24, 1911	Myrtle Rice	2 copies, date comes from research by James Higby
36	Strong's College of Music Graduating Exercises	Family Theatre	July 26, 1911		

37	Musicale	Residence of Mrs. Louise B. Cumins	November 28, 1911		Phidian Art Club, 2 copies
38	Song recital	Dixon College Chapel	April 28, 1913	Ashley Ropps, Baritone	
39	Musicale	Home of Mrs James P. Wilson	June 14, 1913		3 copies
40		Assembly Room, Fine Arts Building	January 2, 1914	Walter Spry Music School	
41	United States Marine Band	Auditorium, Assembly Park	October 5, 1914	United States Marine Band	
42	Piano recital	College Chapel	April 28 ?????	Robert Goldbeek	
43	Recital and organ dedication	First Baptist Church	July 10 ?????	Emma Theresa Moses	
44	Organ Recital at the New Methodist Church	Methodist Episcopal Church	unknown	A.H. Stoddard	
45	Men's Meeting!	Christian Church	unknown	Rev. Finis Idleman	ticket, rather than program. Christian Church was at 415-417 W First St.
46-50	5 undated handwritten programs		unknown		
51-53	3 newspaper clippings, undated, no newspaper details		unknown		
54-60	7 various programs, cuttings with no Dixon connection		unknown		
61	Grand Complimentary Concert	Exchange Hall (3rd floor of 102 S Galena)	September 18, 1858	The Dixon Continentals	named for the Exchange Bank
62	Second Piano-forte recital		April 28, 1896	A.H. Stoddard, pianist	Before the Phidian Art Club
63	Concert at the Lutheran Church	Lutheran Church	October 15, 1896	Sadie Farley, Sue Archibald	
64	Choir Concert	Presbyterian Church	March 2, 1897	A.H. Stoddard, Director	2 copies
65	Musicale for the Benefit of the Choir Fund	St. Luke's Church	June 25, 1897		
66	Class Drill and Recitations	Christian Church	July 23, 1897		Under the auspices of Mrs A.G. Burnham. Program lists Friday July 23rd. 1897 is a possible year.
67	Church Life	St. Luke's Church	March 5, 1898	Rev. John C. Sage	
68	Twenty-third recital: Annual Concert Steinman Institute	Dixon Opera House	June 28, 1898	Music Department, Steinmann Institute	
69	Piano-forte recital	Stoddard Studio	October 13, 1898	A.H. Stoddard	Before the Phidian Art Club and Derbick Musical Literary Club (Derthick?)
70	Series of Six Pipe Organ Recitals	First Methodist Episcopal Church	November 7, 1898	A.H. Stoddard, Director of Music, Steinmann Institute, Dixon	Auspices of Epworth League
71	Lecture-Recital	Presbyterian Church	December 20, 1898	W. Waugh Lauder, pianist	
72	First Annual Concert	Presbyterian Church	April 6, 1899	Dixon Cecilian Chorus	A.H. Stoddard, Director
73	An Evening with Ethelbert Nevin	Stoddard Studio	October 17, 1899	Ethelbert Nevin, A.H. Stoddard, L.D. Dement	2 copies, before the Phidian Art Club
74	Pianoforte Lecture-Recital	Presbyterian Church	December 15, 1899	Edward Baxter Perry	
75	A Happy New Year: New Year's Reception	Young Men's Christian Association (123 E 1st St)	January 1, 1900		Dixon Public Library was also located here
76	Second Annual Concert	Presbyterian Church	April 24, 1900	Dixon Cecilian Chorus	
77	Voice Recital	Dixon College Chapel	June 6, 1900	Diona Russell Miller	Musical Conservatory, Dixon, W.F. Strong, Director
78	Commencement Exercises	Dixon College Chapel	August 13, 1900	Graduates of the Music Class	Musical Conservatory, Dixon, W.F. Strong, Director
79	May Festival, Concert and Cantata	Methodist Church	April 30, 1901	Mrs G.C. Heritage, College Chorus	Given under the auspices of the Ladies' Society
80	Recital	Residence of Miss Vilette Ayers, Amboy	July 24, 1901	Pupils of Mr. A.H. Stoddard	
81	Musicale	Baptist Church	May 28, 1903	Harry Briggs, Karl Kirk	
82	Nelson Schools Commencement Exercises	Zion Church	June 10, 1903		
83	New Year's Concert	Young Men's Christian Association (123 E 1st St)	1897		Dixon Public Library was also located here
84	Prairieville School Commencement Program		May 31, 1905	Mr Fahrney performed	
85	Anniversary of the Baptist Sabbath School	Exchange Hall (3rd floor of 102 S Galena)	December 24 ?????		named for the Exchange Bank
86	Esther	Union Hall, Dixon (3rd floor of 105-107 W 1st St)	February 29th ?????	Philharmonic Society	Mordecai played by O.B. Dodge
87	The Bakers	Union Hall, Dixon (3rd floor of 105-107 W 1st St)	January 20 ?????		
88	MacMillen	Academy of Music, Sterling	March 19 ?????	MacMillen, violinist	
89	St Agnes' Guild of St Luke's Episcopal Church present Lillian Woodward	Dixon Opera House	November 12 1909	Lillian Woodward, Edith Boyer Whiffen	Date comes from research by James Higby
90	The Civic Music Association presents Ann Ayars		unknown	Ann Ayars, Paul Berl	

91	The Civic Music Association presents Jerome Hines		1949	Jerome Hines, Lawrence Hart	
92	Symphony recital	Steinmann Institute	October 8, 1896	A.H. Stoddard, Director	2 copies
93	Third recital	Steinmann Institute	February 20, 1896	A.H. Stoddard, pianist	building was located on the north side of Dixon where Myrtle Avenue & Prescott Street. Stoddard used it sometime after the Institute closed in 1906.
94	Seventh recital	Steinmann Institute	1897	Oratory Department	newspaper clipping of program
95	Sixteenth recital	Steinmann Institute	July 14, 1897	A.H. Stoddard, pianist	
96	Seventeenth recital	Steinmann Institute	July 26, 1897	A.H. Stoddard, pianist	
97	Eighteenth recital: opening musical of studio	Rosbrook Building, 65-67 First Street	September 11, 1897		modern address is 215-217 W 1st St
98	Nineteenth recital	Rosbrook Building, 65-67 First Street	October 30, 1897		modern address is 215-217 W 1st St
99	Twentieth recital: Piano-forte recital	Rosbrook Building, 65-67 First Street	March 2, 1898	Elizabeth A. Todd	2 copies, modern address is 215-217 W 1st St
100	Twenty-second recital	Rosbrook Building, 65-67 First Street	May 18, 1898		modern address is 215-217 W 1st St
101	Twenty-fourth recital: Piano-forte recital	Steinmann Institute	July 22, 1898	A.H. Stoddard, pianist	
102	Twenty-fifth recital	Steinmann Institute	February 24, 1899		
103	Program	Steinmann College	April 27 ????		Philomathean Society
104	Program	Steinmann College	May 4th ????		Philomathean Society
105	Program	Steinmann College	April 20, 1900		Athletic Association entertainment
106	Music Department.... Steinmann Institute		unknown		Flyer for the Steinmann Institute
107	The Last Visit to America	Studebaker Theatre, Chicago	June 2, 1911	Sarah Bernhardt	