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Letters from Olive Cowell to Mrs. Popper

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Summary

Creator: Cowell, Olive Thompson, 1887-1984

Title: Letters from Olive Cowell to Mrs. Popper

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Abstract: Olive Thompson Cowell was married to Harry Cowell, father of composer Henry Cowell. Lilly (or Lily) Popper was Henry Cowell's colleague in a school of music. 4 TLS regarding Henry Cowell's arrest for a sexual offense and incarceration in San Quentin Prison. Mrs. Cowell points out that Henry will not be allowed to marry during parole, so this idea is not a solution.

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Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

Composers -- United States -- Biography

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Letters (correspondence)

Names

Cowell, Olive Thompson, 1887-1984

Cowell, Henry, 1897-1965

Popper, Lilly

American Music Collection

California State Prison at San Quentin