

Peggy Lee: Musician, Composer, Lyricist, and Actress

Peggy Lee was born in 1920 in Wimbledon. She received the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award in 1975 for her career as a musician, composer, lyricist, and actress. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the life and career of Peggy Lee and music in North Dakota.

Archival Collections

10547 Kathie (Ryckman) Anderson Papers

Box 7, Folder 42

Papers consist of a draft manuscript copy entitled "Dakota: The Literary Heritage of the Northern Prairie State" from which excerpts were published in North Dakota History, as well as research, notes and publications about North Dakota authors and musicians, and cassette tapes of interviews with North Dakota authors.

11275 Barnes County Historical Society Records

Consists of 8mm and 16mm films donated to the Barnes County Historical Society from various donors. Film segments include construction of churches in Valley City (N.D.), Valley City High School wrestling and basketball, swimming pools, parades, Peggy Lee, Sheyenne River scenes, weddings and anniversaries, vacations in Rome, and other town life scenes. Films are digitized.

31217 Historical Society. Administration, Agencies, Boards, and Commissions Files

Box 2, Folder 14

Consists of minutes, correspondence, memoranda, and printed material relating to the Lewis and Clark Trail Council, Garrison-Oahe-Interagency Council, Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Awards Committee, Capitol Grounds Planning Committee, Committee on Public Understanding of Archaeology, Custer Filmory Committee, Highway Hall of Honors Committee, Dale and Martha Hawk Foundation, Emergency Commission, North Dakota American Bicentennial Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Board.

31841 Governor. Roughrider Award Files.

Governor's Office. Roughrider Award Files, 1901-1993. May contain the following, 800306 ROUGH RIDER AWARD RECIPIENTS, this series contains correspondence regarding Rough Rider Award recipients.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award
- Singer
- Musician

People

- Norma Deloris Egstrom (Peggy Lee), 1920-2002
- Benny Goodman, 1909-1986

Locations

- Wimbledon, North Dakota

Journal Articles

Dance Band on the Northern Plains: Bob Calamé and His Music in North Dakota, 1949-1957

Harl A. Dalstrom and Kay Calamé Dalstrom – *North Dakota History* Vol. 46 Issue 3

Making Music: Brass Bands on the Northern Plains, 1860-1930

William G. Huey – *North Dakota History* Vol. 54 Issue 1

Books

Miss Peggy Lee: An Autobiography

1989 - Peggy Lee

Singer, composer, and actress Peggy Lee writes in her own words- without a collaborator or ghostwriter -the story of her life. The reader discovers how she went from a shy, abused little girl from Jamestown, North Dakota, to a Grammy Award winner and Oscar and Emmy Award nominee. She reveals behind-the-scenes anecdotes about her four marriages, famous friendships, and the making of several of her most well-known works, including : "Mañana," "Why Don't You Do Right?," "Fever," and the Oscar-winning score for Disney's "The Lady and the Tramp."

Call Number: 920 L477z 1989

Fever: The Life and Music of Miss Peggy Lee

2006 – Peter Richmond

Call Number: 920 L477r 2007

Miss Peggy Lee: Career Chronicle

2005 – Robert Strom; foreword by Keely Smith

Peggy Lee holds a special place in the history of American popular and jazz music. From her birth on May 26, 1920, to her final recording on August 26, 1995, to the New Yorker's obituary from February of 2002, these chronological entries cover every moment of her professional life

Call Number: 920 L477s 2005

Beauty and the Beat!

1959 – Peggy Lee

Musical sound recording

Call Number: 781.63 L477b 1959

Norma Deloris Egstrom from Jamestown, North Dakota

1972 – Peggy Lee

Musical sound recording

Call Number: 781.63 L477n 1972

It's All Over Now; Skylar, Marcotte; performed by Peggy Lee with Dave Barbour and his orchestra. *Aren't You Kind of Glad We Did?* : from the Twentieth Century-Fox picture "The shocking Miss Pilgrim;" *Gershwin, Gershwin*; performed by Peggy Lee with Dave Barbour and his orchestra

1946 – Peggy Lee

Musical sound recording

Call Number: 781.65 L477i 1946

Online Resources

[3 "A-ha" Histories Hidden in North Dakota Museum Work: Quirky Discoveries About Peggy Lee, Gannon Mystery Murals, and a Tunnel to Nowhere](#)

Kimberly Jondahl – State Historical Society of North Dakota Blog

[SHSND Photobook](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

[Digital Horizons](#)

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

[WorldCat](#)

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

External Resources

[Peggy Lee Associates, LLC](#)

Current website for Peggy Lee Associates, LLC

[Peggy Lee Will Sing Again at Valley City on March 6-7](#)

Ward County Independent article from February 23, 1950

State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email archives@nd.gov or call (701) 328-2668.



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