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### Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

February 11-1946  
New York-

Dear Mama,

I am arriving on March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Henri and I are meeting in Chicago.  
(I'm first going to Ithaca, he to Wash-  
ington.) - We travel to Ogden, Utah  
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until May, we have to eat.  
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Henri may have to work in the (2) Studios, Altho he wants to stay away from it. I've explained all that. We will try to live by his teaching. In San Francisco - He wants to size up the situation in L.A. nevertheless - And perhaps will go down every other week to teach and for Studios that is - for March and April.

From May - to October - he is supposed to devote himself to the quartette. But we don't want to live on the \$3,000 - but rather save it for a house. We both want a place that's really ours - now - for all our junk. So he will teach - and study the quartette - but of course in May will not play in the Studios - and only do enough teaching to live on.

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③ is a crying need for another competing quartette - The cellist - Maas - is very famous - The other two from Belgium are excellent. The musical world all over the country is excited by the news! Without having played a note, without having met! The quartette has already the biggest engagement of the country!

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Of course they will have engagements!

They will travel all winter - and (4)  
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[[Wendy Gonaver 12/12/19]]

[[Henri Temianka papers, Correspondence, Emmy Temianka, Box 12, folder 10, letter 12]]

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