Old Budapest Is Singing

On Mar 29, 1942 Princess Ilda Sapieha gave a lecture and a piano recital sponsored by The Friends of Music of the Halifax Country at the Princess Issena Hotel in Daytona Beach, Florida. My grandparents, Bob and Constance Hathaway attended the event. After the recital my grandfather bought the record album the Princess was offering titled “Old Budapest Is Singing”. The album was privately recorded by the Princess and consists of three 78rpm records of instrumental piano music. The Princess signed “Matilda Sapieha” on the inside cover of the album.

My grandfather was a theater owner and a collector of popular American music and literature. He collected many phonograph records of Broadway show tunes and popular artists from the 1910s to the 1950s. Princess Sapieha’s record album was handed down to me as part of his collection. I donate the album to the College of William and Mary in memory of my grandparents for the enjoyment of all who are interested in the life the Princess and her family lived in America as refugees from Nazi cruelty. -Edward Thayer, February 2010


Side 730-B ~ The Red Handkerchief – In the Dense Forest – The River Maros – Mother Is Arriving – I Am the First Captain – Harvest Song – I Prefer Brunettes – Paprika Csardas


Side 732-A ~ Vienna, City of My Dreams – In the Schönbrunner Park – Lets Go To Grinzing – The Little Hotel On the Wieden – Salzburg Laendler – Flaker Song