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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	James Stutsman Band Book Collection
Date:	1875
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0258
Creator:	Stutsman, James (Collector)
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Musical Instruments (Collector)
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisiton

This collection was purchased from James Stutsman, 1984. The donor acquired this material from his father, who bought it at an auction in Wilton Junction, Iowa.

Provenance

Collection transferred from the Division of Musical Instruments (now Division of Cultural and Community Life), 1/20/1987.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Barbara Kemp, 1987

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Biographical / Historical

This is a set of manuscript brass band parts used by a municipal band in Wilton Junction, Iowa. It was bought by the father of the donor at a local auction in Wilton Junction. Most of the books are signed "Fred Maurer's Book," and one is signed "J. B. Maurer's Book". Presumably, Mr. Fred Maurer was the leader and/or arranger.

Scope and Contents

The set consists of nine books with a fragment of a tenth which seems not to be related to the other nine. Eight of the nine books, which are basically intact, offer a complete enough assortment to produce a usable performance set. The 1st althorn is missing, but the 2nd alto is present. Also, possibly missing are: 2nd Eb cornet, 2nd Bb tenor, and the snare drum.

The books include: Bass drum; 2nd Bb cornet; IInd Eb Alto; Eb Bass; IInd Bb cornet; ist Eb cornet; Bb Bass; ist Bb tenor; and Ist Bb cornet.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Band, Municipal
Bands (Music) -- 1870-1880
Music
Musical instruments
Musical performances
Musicians -- 1870-1880

Types of Materials:

Sheet music -- Manuscripts -- 19th century

Names:

Maurer, Fred
Maurer, J.B.
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Musical Instruments

Places:

Wilton Junction (Iowa)