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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music, Series 14: Calendar, Time, and Weather
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Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0300.S14
Creator:	DeVincent, Sam, 1918-1997
Extent:	17 Boxes
Language:	English .
Summary:	Sam DeVincent loved music and art and began collecting sheet music with lithographs at an early age. Series 14, Calendar, Time, and Weather contains approximately 1,800 pieces of sheet music, documenting attitudes toward and consequences of natural events. The four seasons comprise the larger part. An overview to the entire DeVincent collection is available here: Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music .
Digital Content:	Image(s): Calendar, Time, and Weather

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This collection was purchased by the Smithsonian Institution in 1988 from Sam and Nancy Lee DeVincent.

Materials in Other Organizations

[Sam DeVincent Collection of American Sheet Music](#) , Lilly Library, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

This collection contains duplicates of materials in the Smithsonian collection, as well as materials acquired by Mr. DeVincent after the donation to the Smithsonian. The phonograph records described above were transferred to the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

Materials in the Archives Center, National Museum of American History

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Forms Part Of

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Scope and Contents

Series 14, Calendar, Time, and Weather, 1811-1980, undated, contains approximately 1,800 pieces of sheet music, documenting attitudes toward and consequences of natural events. The four seasons comprise the larger part. The materials are grouped by subject, with titles arranged alphabetically within each folder. The dates of the sheet music refer to copyright of the music, and not to the subject on the cover, songwriter's life, or other events.

Subseries 1, Years, 1880-1945, undated, is in one folder of only thirteen items, most of which have to do with Leap Year. New Year's Eve items are in Series 15, Folder V.

Subseries 2, Seasons, 1850-1978, undated, contains songs and instrumentals directly pertaining to Autumn, Spring, Summer, and Winter. Note that Thanksgiving and Harvest are in Series 15, Holidays and Celebrations. Beach and Swimming music is with the Summer section of this subseries. Music about Snow is included in the Winter section.

Subseries 3, Months, 1855-1978, undated; four months (April, May, June, and September) have their own folders. A fifth category is "Other Months." Some titles have more than one month mentioned so always check the Other Months folder.

Subseries 4, Days of the Week, 1853-1965. Sunday is the only day with its own folder; other days of the week are in the third folder. Also see Series 10, Sacred Music and Religious Themes.

Subseries 5, Clocks and Time, 1844-1967, undated. Most items have Clock or Time in the title, but some sheets are included because the cover illustration includes a clock. Note that "Father Time" items that are specific to the aging process are in Series 9, Domestic and Community Life, subseries 8.

Subseries 6, Weather, 1811-1980, undated. Sun and Rain are the largest part of this subseries. Songs about three specific floods are in Folder L, but one should also look in Series 8, Geography under specific states. Note that "snow" subjects are in subseries 2 with "winter."

Ephemera, 1952-1982, undated, consists of one folder. There are a number of DeVincent's notes referencing other parts of the collection, as well as several articles, some undated, regarding various floods, and other items relating to the subjects in the Series.

Material related to this series within the DeVincent Collection may be found in Series 2, Armed Forces; Series 5, Politics and Political Movements; Series 8, Geography; Series 12, Plants and Animals; and Series 15, Holidays and Celebrations.

Arrangement

Arranged in 7 subseries.

- 14.1: Years
- 14.2: Seasons
- 14.3: Months
- 14.4: Days of the Week
- 14.5: Clocks and Time
- 14.6: Weather
- 14.7: Ephemera

Container Listing

Subseries 14.1: Years, 1880-1945, undated

13 Items

Box 1, Folder A

Scope and Contents: Subseries 1, Years, 1880-1945, undated, is in one folder of only thirteen items, most of which have to do with Leap Year. New Year's Eve items are in Series 15, Folder V.

The majority of these titles have to do with Leap Year. Note that items about the New Year are in Series 15, Subseries 7.

Includes: "I'm Gonna Getcha, I Betcha," "Last Year's Girl," and "Leap for a Man, Girls, It's Leap Year."

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Subseries 14.2: Seasons, 1850-1978, undated

Box 1, Folder A-W

Scope and Contents: Subseries 2, Seasons, 1850-1978, undated, contains songs and instrumentals directly pertaining to Autumn, Spring, Summer, and Winter. Note that Thanksgiving and Harvest are in Series 15, Holidays and Celebrations. Beach and Swimming music is with the Summer section of this subseries. Music about Snow is included in the Winter section.

Contains songs and instrumental compositions directly pertaining to Autumn, Spring, Summer, and Winter. Beach and Swimming subjects are included with Summer.

Box 1, Folder A	'Seasons' Titles, 1931-1980 3 Items
Box 1, Folder B-D	Autumn, 1860-1978 Notes: Note that Thanksgiving and Harvest items are in Series 15.
Box 1, Folder B	Titles beginning with "Autumn" 42 Items Notes: Includes: ten different "Autumn Leaves" titles.
Box 1, Folder C	B - W Titles 47 Items Notes: Includes: "Londonderry Air" (also known as "In Autumn Time") and "When the Leaves Begin to Turn."
Box 1, Folder D	Multiple Editions and a Folio 7 Items Notes: Contains: "Falling Leaves" and Autumn Sketches (six compositions about autumn).
Box 1, Folder E-L	Spring, 1850-1965, undated
Box 2, Folder E	A - H Titles

	32 Items Notes: Includes: "Come Next Spring" from Next Spring, "Ho Hum!," and "Howdy Do, Mis' Springtime."
Box 2, Folder F	I - L Titles 31 Items Notes: Includes: "In Springtime" (three different compositions, one published by the Art Publication Society), "In the Springtime" from The Royal Rogue, "It Must Be Spring" from Three Wishes for Jamie," and "Le Printemps."
Box 2, Folder G	M - "Song..." Titles 35 Items Notes: Includes: "Melody in F" (or "Voices in the Woods"), "Paris in the Spring," and "Rustle of Spring."
Box 3, Folder H	"Spring" - "Spring Song..." Titles 42 Items Notes: Includes: "Spring Came Back to Vienna" from Luxury Liner, "Spring Cleaning," five "Spring Flowers" compositions, and "Spring for Flowers." (See Folder J for Mendelssohn's "Spring Song.")
Box 3, Folder I	"Spring That..." - "Springtime" Titles 27 Items Notes: Includes: "Spring Time Is Coming," four "Spring's Awakening" titles, and "The Springtime" (or "Le Printemps").
Box 3, Folder J	"Springtime Cometh" - Y Titles 30 Items Notes: Includes: "(Katie Emmett's) Springtime Song," "Suddenly It's Spring" from Lady in the Dark, and "When It's Springtime in the Rockies."
Box 4, Folder K	Multiple Editions of "Spring Song," by Mendelssohn, 1896-1936 33 Items Notes: undated; a few compositions include lyrics.
Box 4, Folder L	Three songs about dying in springtime, 1850-1856 5 Items Notes: "I Would Not Die in Springtime," "O Let Me Die in Springtime," and "O! Let Me Die Tho' Spring Has Come."
Box 4, Folder M-S	Summer, 1866-1971, undated Notes: Includes songs about the beach and swimming in folders Q and R. Note that spelling varies, as in "summer time" and "summertime."
Box 4, Folder M	A - H Titles

	29 Items Notes: "Any Girl Looks Good in Summer," "Betsy's the Belle of the Bathers" from Mary's Lamb, and "Break of Day" (or "A Summer Morning's Reverie").
Box 4, Folder N	I - M Titles 36 Items Notes: Includes: "If You Can't Get a Girl in the Summertime," "The Last Rose of Summer," and "Loafin' Time."
Box 5, Folder O	Multiple editions of "In the Good Old Summertime," 1902-1932, 1902-1932 13 Items Notes: from The Defenders.
Box 5, Folder P	O - "Summer Is..." Titles 42 Items Notes: Includes: "Oh You Summertime Romeo" from The Summer Widowers, "Over the Summer Sea" from Verdi's Rigoletto, and "Softly Thro' the Summer Night" from Sari.
Box 5, Folder Q	"Summer Joys" - Y Titles 59 Items Notes: Includes: three "Summer Nights" compositions and "Those Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer."
Box 5, Folder R-S	Beach and Swimming, 1866-1967, undated
Box 6, Folder R	A - L Titles 36 Items Notes: Includes: "Bathing," "Come on in, the Water's Fine" from Let's Beat It, "Don't Go into the Water, Daughter," "I'd Like to Go Bathing with Someone" from A Fool, His Money, and a Girl, and "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polkadot Bikini."
Box 6, Folder S	M - Z Titles 34 Items Notes: Includes: "Mother, May I Go in to Swim?" "On the Beach," "30 Mile Beach" with photo of the Galveston Beach Hotel, and "You're Not the Only Pebble on the Beach."
Box 6, Folder T-W	Winter, 1857-1972, undated Notes: Note that spelling varies on "snow man" and "snowman."
Box 6, Folder T	A - I Titles 44 Items Notes: Includes: "Dance, Little Snowflake" from The Dancing Mistress, two "Footprints in the Snow" compositions, and "It's Always Nice Weather Indoors." Note that "Dashing Through the Snow" is also titled "Jingle Bells" in Folder T.

Box 7, Folder U J - R Titles
47 Items
Notes: Includes: "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" "Little Jack Frost Get Lost," and "Put on Your Red Flannels."

Box 7, Folder V S - U Titles
37 Items
Notes: Includes: "Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow," five "Snowflakes" compositions, and "There's Frost on the Moon."

Box 7, Folder W W Titles
44 Items
Notes: Includes: two "Winter Nights" compositions, multiple editions of "Winter Wonderland," and "Winter's Night Polka."

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Subseries 14.3: Months, 1855-1978, undated

Box 7, Folder A-G

Scope and Subseries 3, Months, 1855-1978, undated; four months (April, May, June, and September)
Contents: have their own folders. A fifth category is "Other Months." Some titles have more than one month mentioned so always check the Other Months folder.

Box 8, Folder A April, 1889-1976, undated
29 Items
Notes: Includes: "April in Paris" from Walk a Little Faster, "April Showers" from Bombo, and "Lost April" from The Bishop's Wife.

Box 8, Folder B-C May, 1855-1945, undated
Notes: Note spelling variations for May Time and Maytime.

Box 8, Folder B D - L Titles
20 Items
Notes: Includes: two "In May Time" compositions, two "In the Merry Month of May" compositions, and "Love in May."

Box 8, Folder C M - Y Titles
28 Items
Notes: Includes: "May-pole Dance," "'Twas in the Month of May" from Balieff's Chauve-Souris, and "You're As Welcome As the Flowers in May."

Box 8, Folder D-E June, 1891-1951, undated

Box 8, Folder D B - "June Morning" Titles
43 Items
Notes: Includes: "Give Me a Night in June," four "June" compositions, and "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" from Carousel.

Box 9, Folder E "June Night" - Y Titles
31 Items
Notes: Includes: two "A Night in June" compositions, "One Day in June," "Swingin' in a Hammock," and "Yep! Long about June."

Box 9, Folder F September, 1894-1978, undated
30 Items
Notes: Includes: two "In Sweet September" compositions, "September Song" from September Affair, and two "Thirty Days Hath September" compositions.

Box 9, Folder G Other Months, 1903-1951, undated
11 Items
Notes: Includes: "A Girl for Each Month of the Year" from Ziegfeld Follies of 1913, "Jingle Bells in January (Wedding Bells in June)," and "The Last Two Weeks of July."

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Subseries 14.4: Days of the Week, 1853-1965

Box 9, Folder A-C

Scope and Contents: Subseries 4, Days of the Week, 1853-1965. Sunday is the only day with its own folder; other days of the week are in the third folder. Also see Series 10, Sacred Music and Religious Themes.

Box 9, Folder A-B Sunday, 1853-1972

Box 9, Folder A A - P Titles
50 Items
Notes: Includes: "Breakfast in My Bed on Sunday Mornin'," "He Goes to Church on Sunday" from The Orchid, and "My Little Sunday Girl."

Box 10, Folder B S - Z Titles
51 Items
Notes: Includes: "Some Sunday Morning" from San Antonio, "Sparkling Sunday Night," "Sunday in the Park" from Pins and Needles, "Sunday, Monday, or Always" from Dixie, and "A Zoot Suit for My Sunday Gal."

Box 10, Folder C Other Days of the Week, 1902-1965
22 Items
Notes: Includes: "I Was Born on a Friday" from Sergeant Brue, [sic], "I Loved You Wednesday" from I Loved You Wednesday, and "Seven Lonely Days."

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Subseries 14.5: Clocks and Time, 1844-1967, undated

Box 10, Folder A-G

Scope and Contents: Subseries 5, Clocks and Time, 1844-1967, undated. Most items have Clock or Time in the title, but some sheets are included because the cover illustration includes a clock. Note that "Father Time" items that are specific to the aging process are in Series 9, Domestic and Community Life, subseries 8.

Note that grandfather/grandmother clocks are in Folder G. Note that some items are in this category due to the cover image, not title. Note: "Father Time" items referring to aging are in Series 9.

Box 10, Folder A	A - E Titles 49 Items Notes:	Includes: "Ain't You Ashamed," "As the Cuckoo Struck Two Two," "The Chimes Polka," and the "Eight-thirty Blues."
Box 11, Folder B	F - L Titles 46 Items Notes:	Includes: two "Five O'clock in the Morning" compositions, "The Girl with the Clocks" from <i>The Belle of Brittany</i> , "Got No Time," and "I'm a Twelve O'clock Guy in a Nine O'clock Town."
Box 11, Folder C	M - O Titles 43 Items Notes:	Includes: "Moonlight Saving Time," "The Naughty Little Clock Song," and "The Old Cottage Clock."
Box 11, Folder D	P - "Timepiece" Titles 51 Items Notes:	Includes: two "Three O'clock in the Morning" compositions and two "Till the End of Time" compositions.
Box 12, Folder E	"Tis..." - W Titles 34 Items Notes:	Includes: "Twelve O'clock and All Is Well" from <i>Follow the Girls</i> , "We Get Up at 8 a.m." from <i>Florodora</i> , and "The Witching Hour."
Box 12, Folder F	The Tik-Tok Man of Oz, 1913 9 Items Notes:	Includes "The Clockwork Man" and six other titles from the show.
Box 12, Folder G	Grandfather and Grandmother Clocks, 1876-1965, undated 22 Items Notes:	Includes Henry Work's "Grandfather's Clock," and its answer song, "You Will Keep the Old Clock, My Grandfather Said." Also, two "Grandmother's Clock" compositions.

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Subseries 14.6: Weather, 1811-1980, undated

Box 12, Folder A-O

Scope and Contents: Subseries 6, Weather, 1811-1980, undated. Sun and Rain are the largest part of this subseries. Songs about three specific floods are in Folder L, but one should also look in Series 8, Geography under specific states. Note that "snow" subjects are in subseries 2 with "winter."

Note that in this subseries subjects are intermixed; for example, a title may contain both "rain" and "storm" but the single edition would show up in only one category.

Box 12, Folder A-D	Sun, 1902-1963, undated
Box 12, Folder A	A - "Storm..." Titles 53 Items Notes: Includes: "East of the Sun" from Stags at Bay, "I'd Give Anything under the Sun to Get You under the Moon," "On the Corner of Sunshine and Main" from Shantytown.
Box 13, Folder B	"Sun..." - "Sunshine..." Titles 35 Items Notes: Includes: "Sunnyside Sal" and "Sunshine Sally."
Box 13, Folder C	T - Y Titles 26 Items Notes: Includes: "Take in the Sun, Hang out the Moon," "That Lucky Old Sun," and "When Will the Sun Shine for Me."
Box 13, Folder D	Multiple Editions: "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise," 1919; 1951, 1919; 1951 19 Items Notes: (19 items)
Box 13, Folder E-H	Rain, Shower, Torrent, Dew, 1811-1970, undated Notes: Note that some items are included for the cover images and do not have "rain" in the title.
Box 13, Folder E	A - G Titles 33 Items Notes: Includes: "All for This Chilly Driving Rain," "And It Rained, Rained, Rained" from Countess Coquette, and "The Golden Drop Waltz."
Box 14, Folder F	I - N Titles 53 Items Notes: Includes: "I Get the Blues When It Rains," "Just Walking in the Rain," and "Man in a Raincoat."
Box 14, Folder G	O - R Titles 53 Items Notes: Includes: "Oh! Didn't It Rain," "Open the Door, Richard," "Rain Drops," and "Rainy Day Pal" from A Night in Spain.

Box 14, Folder H	S - Y Titles 36 Items Notes:	Includes: "Save Up Your Kisses for a Rainy Day," "That's What a Rainy Day Is For" from Easy to Love, and "There's Just Two Things to Do on a Rainy Night (and I Don't Want to Play Cards)."
Box 14, Folder I-J	Rainbow, 1896-1977	
Box 15, Folder I	A - P Titles 31 Items Notes:	Includes: "Along the Rainbow Trail," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" from The Dolly Sisters and Oh Look! and "I'm Skipping Rope with a Rainbow."
Box 15, Folder J	R - Y Titles 52 Items Notes:	Includes: "Rainbow Ball" from Gaieties of 1919, "The Rainbow Dance," "She's a Rainbow," and "You're the Rainbow" from Riding High.
Box 15, Folder K	Umbrella, 1862-1962 20 Items Notes:	Note that umbrellas and parasols are either in the title or the cover image. Also, there are more umbrella images in Folders E-H, Rain. Includes: "In a Shelter from a Shower," "Parasol Parade," and "Who Is That Fella That Stole My Umbrella."
Box 15, Folder L	Floods, 1889-1937 20 Items Notes:	These items deal specifically with the Johnstown Floods (including "Lost in the Flood"), the Mississippi River flood of 1927, and the Ohio River floods of 1913 and 1927. Also see: Series 8: Geography for floods in specific states, and songs about specific rivers.
Box 15, Folder M-O	Weather, Miscellaneous, 1858-1980, undated	
Box 16, Folder M	A - P Titles 58 Items Notes:	Includes: "Button Up Your Overcoat" from Follow Thru, "Charming Weather" from The Arcadians, and "Laughin' at the Weather Man" from Millions in the Air.
Box 16, Folder N	S - Y Titles 31 Items Notes:	Includes: "Stormy Weather" from Cotton Club Parade, "The Weather Man Was Wrong," "The Whirlwind," and "The Wind Is a Woman."

Box 16, Folder O	Multiple Editions of "The Storm," 1858, 1898, 1858, 1898, undated, undated 12 Items
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Subseries 14.7: Ephemera

Scope and Contents: Ephemera, 1952-1982, undated, consists of one folder. There are a number of DeVincent's notes referencing other parts of the collection, as well as several articles, some undated, regarding various floods, and other items relating to the subjects in the Series.

Note that 'see notes' refer to DeVincent's references to other parts of the Collection. Ephemera boxes are numbered differently from the music section.

Subseries 14.7.1: Year

Box 49 (Ephemera), Folder A

Scope and Contents: One page of 'see' notes

Subseries 14.7.2: Seasons

Box 49 (Ephemera), Folder A	Eleven pages of 'see' notes
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Box 49 (Ephemera), Folder A	Photocopy of autumn scene with list of autumn songs
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Box 49 (Ephemera), Folder A	Color copy of Currier & Ives-type painting of winter scene (in over-size box)
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Box 49 (Ephemera), Folder A	Life Magazine, winter scene, 1952 December 22
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Series 14.7.3: Months

Box 49 (Ephemera), Four pages of 'see' notes
Folder A

Box 49 (Ephemera), Article: "The Origin of Day and Month Names," no source, undated
Folder A

Subseries 14.7.4: Days of the Week

Box 49 (Ephemera), Two pages of 'see' notes
Folder A

Subseries 14.7.5: Clocks and Time

Box 49 (Ephemera), Two pages of 'see' notes
Folder A

Box 49 (Ephemera), Article: "Telling Time Through the Years," no source, undated
Folder A

Box 49 (Ephemera), Article: "All about Clocks," The Collector. June, 1978
Folder A

Box 49 (Ephemera), Order form and letter re: clock-face sheet music, 1977
Folder A

Series 14.7.6: Weather

Box 49 (Ephemera),
Folder A Thirteen pages of 'see' notes

Box 49 (Ephemera),
Folder A WOWO reprint of Paul Harvey message about the 1982 Ft. Wayne flood,
1982

Box 49 (Ephemera),
Folder A Six articles re: Johnstown floods of 1889 and 1977, 1889 and 1977

Box 49 (Ephemera),
Folder A Photocopy of "Weather Warning," no source, undated

Box 49 (Ephemera),
Folder A Five newspapers re: 1982 Ft. Wayne, Indiana flood (over-size box), 1982

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