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## Guide to the Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music, Series 20: Newspapers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music, Series 20: Newspapers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0300.S20
<b>Date:</b>	1844-1968 undated
<b>Extent:</b>	10 Boxes
<b>Creator:</b>	DeVincent, Sam, 1918-1997
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	Sam DeVincent loved music and art and began collecting sheet music with lithographs at an early age. Series 20, Newspapers contains sheet music and other materials documenting the business of and popular attitudes towards newspapers in the United States. An overview to the entire DeVincent collection is available here: <a href="#">Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music</a> .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Newspapers</a>

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## 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

Donald J. Stubblebine Collection of Musical Theater and Motion Picture Sheet Music and Reference Material, 1843-2010 (AC1211)

## Forms Part Of

Series 20: Newspapers forms part of the [Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music](#) .

An ongoing, updated list of DeVincent topical series is available [via the Smithsonian finding aid portal](#).

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## Scope and Contents

Series 20, Newspapers, 18xx-19xx, contains approximately X pieces of sheet music and other materials documenting the business of and popular attitudes towards newspapers in the United States. The dates always refer to copyright of the music and not to the subject on the cover, songwriter's life, or other events. In addition, there is one folder of ephemera. Sheet music and ephemera regarding Advertising is also in Series 13, Business, Commerce, and Law.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in 6 subseries.

- 20.1: Songs about Advertising, the News, and the Press
- 20.2: Music Published by Newspapers and Songs about Serialized Stories
- 20.3: Newsboys and Newsgirls
- 20.4: Cartoons, Cartoonists, and Comics
- 20.5: Newspaper and Magazine Supplements
- 20.6: Ephemera

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## Container Listing

### Subseries 20.1: Songs about Advertising, the News, and the Press, 1863-1963, undated

#### *Folder A-B*

Box 1, Folder A            Includes "Advertise," "The Home Town Thistledown News," "The Press Club March," and "Why Girls Leave Home."  
*34 Items*

Box 1, Folder B            Contains songs with newspapers named in the title  
*32 Items*  
Includes: "Chicago Post March," "Evening Press March," and "The Times."

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### Subseries 20.2: Music Published by Newspapers and Songs about Serialized Stories, 1854-1940, undated

Note that stories, apart from those serialized in newspapers or magazines, are in Series 19, Art and Literature.

Box 1, Folder A            Includes: "The Aquatennial Swing" from the Minneapolis Tribune and "The Cleveland Exposition" from the Cleveland Press.  
*18 Items*

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### Subseries 20.3: Newsboys and Newsgirls, 1869-1968, undated

#### *Box 1, Folder A-C*

Box 1, Folder A            A -- L Titles  
*32 Items*  
Includes: "His Sacrifice," "Jimmy, the Newsboy," and "The Little Newspaperboy's Death."

Box 2, Folder B            N Titles  
*23 Items*  
Includes: "The News Boy" and "The Newsboy's Christmas Dinner."

Box 2, Folder C            O -- W Titles  
*30 Items*  
Includes: "Only a Newsboy," "Out in the Storm," and "Please Buy My Last Paper (I Want to Go Home)." The American Newsboys Quartette is pictured on "Dolly Dear" and "In Sunny Africa."

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### Subseries 20.4: Cartoons, Cartoonists, and Comics, 1896-1968

#### *Box 2, Folder A-F*

Also Series 7, Movies, for animated cartoons

- Box 2, Folder A            General songs regarding cartoons and comics published by newspapers.  
*35 Items*  
Includes: "Andy Gump," "At the Funny Page Ball," "A Bird in a Gilded Cage,"  
"Foxy Grandpa," and "Long Boy."
- Box 2, Folder B-F        Cartoonists, 1901-1941, undated
- Box 2, Folder B            DeBeck, Billy, 1918-1941  
*14 Items*  
Includes: "Barney Google," "La De Doody Doo," and "O-K-M-N-X."
- Box 2, Folder C            Fisher, Bud, 1912-1923, undated  
*11 Items*  
Contains: "Mutt and Jeff" titles including one with an image of Drane and  
Alexander, the original Mutt and Jeff of the Nestor Co.
- Box 3, Folder D            Goldberg, Rube, 1912-1934  
*7 Items*  
Includes: "Boob McNutt" and "One Pair of Pants at a Time" from Soup to Nuts.
- Box 3, Folder E            McManus, Geo. P, 1906-1923, undated  
*15 Items*  
Includes: Bringing Up Father, songster and "They'll Never Bring Up Father 'Till  
They Tear Down Dinty Moore's."
- Box 3, Folder F            Opper, Frederick, 1901-1912  
*8 Items*  
Includes "Gloomy Gus," several "Happy Hooligan" items, and "Hee Haw" from  
The Maid and the Mule.

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## Subseries 20.5: Newspaper and Magazine Supplements, 1893-1941, undated

### *Folder A-AA*

Note that the dates refer only to the music copyright and not the publication date of the newspaper.  
Images of the performers are on many of these items. Also see Series 3, subseries 4, Folder TT for  
newspaper supplements with African American context.

- Box 3, Folder A-W        Chicago Newspapers, 1893-1908, undated  
The Inter Ocean is in Folder W, separate from the eight newspapers: Sunday  
Examiner, Examiner, Examiner and American, American and Examiner, Tribune,  
Sunday Tribune, and Sunday Chronicle.
- Box 3, Folder A            A Titles  
*10 Items*
- Box 3, Folder B            B Titles

	<i>13 Items</i>
Box 4, Folder C	C Titles <i>11 Items</i>
Box 4, Folder D	D -- E Titles <i>13 Items</i>
Box 4, Folder E	F Titles <i>8 Items</i>
Box 4, Folder F	G -- H Titles <i>11 Items</i>
Box 4, Folder G	"I Can't,,," - "I Trust..." Titles <i>11 Items</i>
Box 5, Folder H	"I Want..." -- "I'm..." Titles <i>11 Items</i>
Box 5, Folder I	"In..." -- "It..." Titles <i>13 Items</i>
Box 5, Folder J	J -- "Lights..." Titles <i>11 Items</i>
Box 6, Folder K	"Lily..." -- "Love's..." Titles <i>10 Items</i>
Box 6, Folder L	"Ma..." -- "Mister..." Titles <i>12 Items</i>
Box 6, Folder M	"Molly..." -- "My Jane..." Titles <i>11 Items</i>
Box 6, Folder N	"My Little..." -- "My Sweetheart..." <i>12 Items</i>
Box 7, Folder O	N -- O Titles <i>14 Items</i>
Box 7, Folder P	P -- R Titles <i>10 Items</i>
Box 7, Folder Q	"Sadie..." -- "Southern..." Titles

*11 Items*

Box 7, Folder R	"Spanish..." -- "Sylvia..." Titles <i>12 Items</i>
Box 8, Folder S	T Titles <i>13 Items</i>
Box 8, Folder T	U -- "We..." Titles <i>8 Items</i>
Box 8, Folder U	"When..." Titles <i>10 Items</i>
Box 8, Folder V	"Where..." -- Y Titles <i>12 Items</i>
Box 9, Folder W	Inter Ocean items <i>17 Items</i>
Box 9, Folder X-Y	New York Newspapers, 1897-1911 The Syracuse Herald is the only non-New York City newspaper. The city's five papers are: American and Journal, Journal and Advertiser, Journal and American, Sunday American, and World.
Box 9, Folder X	A -- L Titles <i>11 Items</i>
Box 9, Folder Y	M Titles <i>10 Items</i>
Box 9, Folder Z	P -- W Titles <i>12 Items</i>
Box 10, Folder AA	Newspaper and Magazine Supplements, Miscellaneous, 1894-1941 <i>20 Items</i> Includes newspaper and magazines from Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Several items are in Oversize Box #3.

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## Subseries 20.6: Ephemera

*Box 67*

One folder with four items is in Ephemera Box 67

Box 67, Folder A      20.3, Newsboys and Newsgirls



*2 Items*

- Box 67, Folder A "Jimmy Brown the News Boy," poem/lyrics from folio
- Box 67, Folder A Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel, 1981, full page, thanking news carriers (over-size box)
- Box 67, Folder A 21.4, Comics and Cartoonists  
*2 Items*
- Box 67, Folder A Promotional materials for Casper the Friendly Ghost, "Whatcha Doin' on the Moon"
- Box 67, Folder A 1 "see" note

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