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Guide to the Sam DeVincent Collection
of Illustrated American Sheet Music,
Series 30: Marches and Quick Steps

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music, Series 30: Marches and Quicksteps
Date:	1841-1940
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0300.S30
Creator:	DeVincent, Sam, 1918-1997
Extent:	7 Boxes
Language:	English .
Summary:	Sam DeVincent loved music and art and began collecting sheet music with lithographs at an early age. Series 30 contains materials documenting Marches and Quicksteps in the United States. An overview to the entire DeVincent collection is available here: Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music .

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 30: Marches and Quicksteps 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](#) .

Processing Information

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Scope and Contents

Contains material documenting the cultural values and popular attitudes toward Marches and Quicksteps created in the United States. The bulk of the material dates from 1887 to 1923. The materials are arranged alphabetically by title in seven boxes. The music is mostly composed for piano and piano/vocal. Most songs of the series embody ideas of patriotism, strength, freedom, and war. Particularly for songs published in the early years of World War II, their titles depict American soldiers, regiments, and American spirit. Other materials are named after famous battles, events, cavalry, war generals, and leaders. A few compositions are also named after knights, kings, and Roman generals. Illustrations on the covers and backs of the compositions depict themes of war, leadership, and power.

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Titles, A
Box 1, Folder 2	Titles, Ba-Bo
Box 1, Folder 3	Titles, Bo-C
Box 2, Folder 1	Titles, C
Box 2, Folder 2	Titles, D-E
Box 2, Folder 3	Titles, F
Box 3, Folder 1	Titles, F-G
Box 3, Folder 2	Titles, G-H
Box 3, Folder 3	Titles, H-J
Box 4, Folder 1	Titles, J-L
Box 4, Folder 2	Titles, L-M
Box 4, Folder 3	Titles, M-N
Box 5, Folder 1	Titles, N-O
Box 5, Folder 2	Titles, P
Box 5, Folder 3	Titles, P-R
Box 6, Folder 1	Titles, R-S
Box 6, Folder 2	Titles, S
Box 6, Folder 3	Titles, S-T
Box 7, Folder 1	Titles, T-U
Box 7, Folder 2	Titles, U-V
Box 7, Folder 3	Titles, V-Z