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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Sam DeVincent Collection of Illustrated American Sheet Music, Series 34: Indiana Publishers
Date:	1867-1952
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0300.S34
Extent:	8 Boxes
Language:	English .
Summary:	Sam DeVincent loved music and art and began collecting sheet music with lithographs at an early age. Series 34 contains sheet music and other materials documenting the State of Indiana. 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 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 34: Indiana 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](#) .

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.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Eva Buchanan, Katie DeFonzo, and Stephanie Haeg, interns, summer 2017; Amanda Scott; Monisha Bernard; supervised by Vanessa Broussard Simmons, archivist.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

Includes sheet music by Indiana publishers. The bulk of the material dates from 1882 to 1933 and is arranged alphabetically by title in 8 boxes. The music is generally composed for piano and piano/vocal. The compositions include two-steps, marches, waltzes, and ballads. A consistent theme throughout the series of sheet music is the publication in Indiana, where Sam DeVincent lived for most of his life. Most of the pieces were published in Fort Wayne and Indianapolis. Other compositions were published in Indiana cities such as Arcadia, Huntington, Marion, Reelsville, Richmond, and Warsaw. The songs in the series concern subjects such as love, religion, and patriotism. A portion of the compositions created after the end of World War I are about war heroes, soldiers, and coming home from war. The illustrations in the series generally depict men and women falling in love as well as soldiers returning from war.

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Indiana, A-B
Box 1, Folder 2	Indiana, B-C
Box 1, Folder 3	Indiana, C-D
Box 2, Folder 1	Indiana, D-E
Box 2, Folder 2	Indiana, E-F
Box 2, Folder 3	Indiana, F-G
Box 3, Folder 1	Indiana, G
Box 3, Folder 2	Indiana, G-H
Box 3, Folder 3	Indiana, H-I
Box 4, Folder 1	Indiana, I
Box 4, Folder 2	Indiana, I
Box 4, Folder 3	Indiana, J-L
Box 5, Folder 1	Indiana, L
Box 5, Folder 2	Indiana, M
Box 5, Folder 3	Indiana, M-N
Box 6, Folder 1	Indiana, N-O
Box 6, Folder 2	Indiana, P
Box 6, Folder 3	Indiana, R
Box 7, Folder 1	Indiana, S
Box 7, Folder 2	Indiana, S
Box 7, Folder 3	Indiana, T
Box 8, Folder 1	Indiana, T-V
Box 8, Folder 2	Indiana, W

Box 8, Folder 3

Indiana, W-Y