

# Louis M. Kruger Performance Library



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Louis M. Kruger Performance Library

**Inclusive Dates:** 1879-1919

**Call No.:** ML31.K773

**Creator:** Kruger, Louis M., 1861-1934

**Extent:** approximately 675 items

**Extent:** 4 containers

**Extent:** 1.75 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/2020570144>

**Summary:** Louis M. Kruger was a trombone player, violist, and dance orchestra leader in Washington, D.C., during the Gilded Age (roughly 1870-1900). His small performance library primarily consists of printed scores and parts for dance and theater orchestra and several manuscript works for band.

## Acquisition Information

Unknown

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## Processing History

Jane Cross processed the Louis M. Kruger Performance Library and coded the finding aid in 2022.

## Related Material

The [Henry Donch Performance Library](#) contains works similar to those in this collection. Like Kruger, Donch was a member of the U.S. Marine Band and a well-known conductor of local dance and theater orchestras.

## Copyright Status

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## Access and Restrictions

The Louis M. Kruger Performance Library is open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Music Division prior to visiting in order to determine whether the desired materials will be available at that time.

Certain restrictions on using or copying materials may apply.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: [item, date, container], Louis M. Kruger Performance Library, Music Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Louis Martin Kruger was born in Hanover, Germany, on September 9, 1861, and emigrated to the United States in 1863. He enlisted as an apprentice musician in the United States Marine Band on August 11, 1874 and served until 1878. After a short break, he served three enlistments with the Marine Band as a bass trombonist: 1880-1885, 1891-1895, and 1899-1917. By the time of his retirement in 1917 he had reached the rank of principal musician. His brother Charles enlisted as an apprentice in 1880 and remained with the band until 1893 when he left to join the Sousa Band, then rejoined in the Marine Band in 1899 until his death in 1902. When not on duty and after his military service, Louis Kruger was an avid bicyclist, performed on viola, and led dance bands and theater orchestras in Washington, D.C., during the 1870s to the 1900s. He and his wife Lena M. Kruger (1863-1939) lived on Sixth Street, Southeast. He died in Washington, D.C., on February 21, 1934, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

## Bibliography

Preston, Katherine K. *Music for Hire: A Study of Professional Musicians in Washington, 1877-1900*. Stuyvesant, New York: Pendragon Press, c1992.

Preston, Katherine K. "Popular Music in the 'Gilded Age:' Musicians' Gigs in Late Nineteenth-Century Washington, D.C." *Popular Music*, Vol. 4, pp. 25-47. 1984.

United States Marine Band Library. Biographical files. 2022 January 25.

## Scope and Content Note

The music in the Louis M. Kruger Performance Library spans from 1879 to 1919 and consists primarily of printed scores and parts for dance and theater orchestra. There are also several manuscript works for band. Composers/arrangers Émile Waldteufel and Theodore Moses Tobani are represented in the collection with several works each, and the majority of works are published by Carl Fischer. In several instances, advertisements that list works for sale are included with the music.

## Organization of the Louis M. Kruger Performance Library

The collection is arranged in one series:

- [Music, 1879-1919](#)

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Kruger, Louis M., 1861-1934--Archives.

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Paull, E. T., 1858-1924.

Tobani, Theo. M. (Theodore Moses), 1855-1933.

Waldteufel, Emil, 1837-1915.

### Subjects

Band music--Scores.

Dance music--United States.

### Form/Genre

Arrangements (Music)

Autographs (Manuscripts)

Dance music.

Parts (Music)  
Popular music.  
Scores.

## Description of Series

**Container**  
BOX 1-4

**Series**  
Music, 1879-1919

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Unless otherwise specified, materials are printed scores and parts for dance and theater orchestra, which typically consists of the following instrumentation: piano-conductor, strings, flute (and/or piccolo), 2 clarinets, 2 cornets, 2 horns, trombone, and drums. Arranged alphabetically by composer and title therein.

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BOX-FOLDER 1/1	<p>12 Numbers of Melodramatic Music, undated <i>Laid in:</i> J. W. Pepper advertisement listing works for sale</p> <p>Bartholme, J. J.</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	<p>Standard Bearer March, 1909 Arranged by Frank Hoyt Losey</p> <p>Benedict, I.</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/3	<p>Stuart Caprice Schottische, 1891 <i>Laid in:</i> Carl Fischer advertisement listing works for sale</p> <p>Bennet, Charles William</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/4	<p>Daughter of Love Waltzes, 1888, 1908</p> <p>Boettger, E.</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/5	<p>Lancers "Wang", 1891</p> <p>Braham, Dave</p>
BOX-FOLDER 4/8	<p>Mulligan Guard Picnic Quadrille, undated</p> <p>Bucalossi, Ernest</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/7	<p>La Gitana Waltz, undated</p> <p>Bucalossi, Procida</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/8	<p>My Queen Waltz, undated <i>Laid in:</i> Advertisement listing works for sale</p> <p>Campagna, C. C. A. (arranged)</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/9	<p>Andante from <i>Maritana</i>, 1891 August 1 Manuscript parts for piccolo, E-flat clarinet, 2 B-flat clarinets, 2 cornets, 2 horns, baritone, trombone, and tuba <i>Note:</i> Signed by Charles Kruger</p> <p>De Witt, L. O.</p>
BOX-FOLDER 1/10	<p>Theatrical Budget No. 2, 1896 <i>Laid in:</i> Advertisement listing works for sale</p> <p>Fox, Eddie</p>

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BOX-FOLDER 1/11	Collection of Hornpipes, Jigs, Reels, and Clog Dances, 1889 Arranged by E. Brooks <i>Laid in:</i> Manuscript cornet part for Mephisto Gavotte Frey, George
BOX-FOLDER 1/12	The Irish American March, 1914 Arranged by Mayhew Lake Grove, A. G.
BOX-FOLDER 1/13	See-Saw Waltz, 1884 <i>Laid in:</i> Advertisement listing works for sale Gung'l, Josef
BOX-FOLDER 1/14	Immortellen Waltz, 1890 Herbert, Victor
BOX-FOLDER 2/1	The Velvet Lady Waltzes, 1919 Arranged by Harold Sanford
BOX-FOLDER 4/9	<i>The Wizard of the Nile</i> . Waltzes, 1896 Arranger unknown Printed parts for band Holzman, Abe
BOX-FOLDER 2/2	Loveland Waltz, undated Trombone 1-2 parts only Kirchner, Ad.
BOX-FOLDER 1/3	Hello Sweet, 1891 <i>Laid in:</i> Carl Fischer advertisement listing works for sale Kruger, Charles
BOX-FOLDER 2/2	The Song That Reached My Heart, 1889 July 16 Manuscript parts for clarinet in E-flat, clarinet, 2 cornets, 2 horns, baritone, trombone, and tuba Lecocq, Charles
BOX-FOLDER 2/3	Lancers from <i>The Oolah</i> , 1889 Arranged by Theodore Moses-Tobani <i>Laid in:</i> Advertisement listing works for sale Losey, Frank Hoyt
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	Rosamonde, 1909
BOX-FOLDER 1/2	Shooting Stars, 1909 Millöcker, Carl
BOX-FOLDER 2/4	Carlotta Waltz, undated Moses-Tobani, Theodore
BOX-FOLDER 2/5	Narragansett Lancers, 1884
BOX-FOLDER 2/6	A Night in Venice Lancers, 1884 <i>Laid in:</i> Advertisement listing works for sale
BOX-FOLDER 2/7	Our Wedding Day Waltz, 1901
BOX-FOLDER 2/8	Russian Nights Waltz, 1904
BOX-FOLDER 2/9	Sharon Springs Lancers, 1884
BOX-FOLDER 2/10	A Summernight Dream Waltz, 1903 Multiple composers
BOX-FOLDER 2/11	Contra Dance Album, 1880
BOX-FOLDER 2/12	Unidentified, undated <i>Contents:</i>

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- Farewell to the Forest (Mendelssohn)
  - New-Year's Song (Mendelssohn)
  - Morning Prayer (Mendelssohn)
  - Resting Place (Mendelssohn)
  - When Evening's Twilight (Hatton)
  - Silent Night (Barnby)
  - In This Hour (Pinsuti)
- Neilsson, Hjalmar Frithiof
- BOX-FOLDER 2/13** The Universal Peace Jubilee, 1914
- Paull, E. T.
- BOX-FOLDER 2/14** Dawn of the Century March, 1900
- BOX-FOLDER 3/1** Waltz - The Strangers Story, 1896  
Arranged by George Voelker
- Petrie, H. W.
- BOX-FOLDER 3/2** Asleep in the Deep, 1899  
*Note:* Stamped "Arthur S. Witcomb, U.S. Marine Band, Washington, D.C."  
*Laid in:* Advertisement listing works for sale
- Schlepegrell, R.
- BOX-FOLDER 3/3** Golden Circle Quadrille, 1882
- BOX-FOLDER 3/14** Lawn Tennis Quadrille, 1882  
*Note:* Stamped "J. L. Proctor"
- BOX-FOLDER 3/4** Saratoga Lancers, 1881
- Sherman, Frank
- BOX-FOLDER 3/5** The Guardsmen, A Military March and Two-Step, 1906
- Strauss, Johann, Jr.
- BOX-FOLDER 1/6** Lancers from *Merry War*, 1882  
Arranged by E. Boettger
- Walteufel, Émile
- BOX-FOLDER 3/6** La Barcarolle Waltz, undated  
*Laid in:* Advertisement listing works for sale
- BOX-FOLDER 3/7** Gaiety Waltz, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 3/8** My Dream Waltz (Mon Rêve), undated
- BOX-FOLDER 3/9** Le Plus Belle Waltz, undated  
*Laid in:* Advertisement listing works for sale
- BOX-FOLDER 3/10** Pomone Waltzer, 1881  
*Laid in:* Advertisement listing works for sale
- BOX-FOLDER 3/11** Blooming Meadow Waltz (Sentiers Fleuris), undated  
*Laid in:* Advertisement listing works for sale
- BOX-FOLDER 3/12** Les Sirenes Waltz, undated
- BOX-FOLDER 3/13** Valse Vénitienne, 1882
- BOX-FOLDER 4/1** Waltz Toujours ou Jamais (Ever or Never), undated  
*Laid in:* Advertisement listing works for sale
- Weber, Carl Maria von
- BOX-FOLDER 4/2** *Oberon*, undated  
Full score
- Weingarten, G.
- BOX-FOLDER 4/3** Alliance Lancers No. 36, 1879
- BOX-FOLDER 4/4** New Life Quadrille, 1886



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	Wiegand, George
BOX-FOLDER 4/5	Allemania Lancers, 1878 <i>Laid in:</i> Advertisement listing works for sale
	Unidentified
BOX-FOLDER 4/6	Image of the Rose, undated Manuscript score and parts for horns and saxophone (incomplete set)
BOX-FOLDER 4/7	In the Land of Harmony, undated Manuscript parts for clarinet, cornet, and cello