Sheet music cover collection (Library of Congress)

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Washington, D.C.
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Collection Summary
Title: Sheet music cover collection
Span Dates: 1830-1880
Call No.: LOT 10615
Extent: ca. 1,700 prints: chiefly lithographs, b&w and color, 36 x 28 cm. or smaller.
Location: Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/2002696074
Summary: These illustrated sheet music covers reflect varied aspects of American history, culture, and politics in the nineteenth century.
Language: Collection material in English
Online Content: To see already digitized images from this collection, search our Online Catalog by call number or descriptive words.

Source of Acquisition
- Copyright deposit; 1800s to 1960.
- Transfer; Music Division; 1961.
- Gift; Harry T. Peters; 1961.

Rights Restrictions
No known restrictions on publication.

Access Restrictions
The collection is open to research.

Requesting Materials
For information about service in the Prints and Photographs Reading Room, including obtaining copies, see "Information for Researchers."

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Historical Note
Publishers of nineteenth century sheet music used illustrated covers to promote sales of popular music.

Scope and Content Note
Images reflect varied aspects of American history, culture, and politics of the nineteenth century. Examples of topics depicted include African Americans, animals, children, cities, the Civil War, daily life, dancing, educational institutions,
emblems and symbols, entertainers, fashion, flags, genre scenes, landscapes, love and marriage, military personnel, musical instruments and people playing instruments, U.S. Presidents, sports, theater, transportation, and women.

**Arrangement**

Organized by broad subject (Views, War, Portraits, Topics) with eighty-eight subdivisions.

**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**

Brown, George Loring, 1814-1889  
Champney, Benjamin, 1817-1907  
Grain, Frederick  
Hewitt, William Keesey, 1817-1893  
Homer, Winslow, 1836-1910  
Johnston, David Claypoole, 1799-1865  
Lane, Fitz Henry, 1804-1865

**Subjects**

African Americans--1830-1880.  
Animals--1830-1880.  
Children--United States--1830-1880.  
Cities & towns--United States--1830-1880.  
Clothing & dress--United States--1830-1880.  
Dance--United States--1830-1880.  
Domestic life--United States--1830-1880.  
Educational facilities--United States--1830-1880.  
Emblems--1830-1880.  
Entertainers--United States--1830-1880.  
Flags--1830-1880.  
Love--1830-1880.  
Marriage--1830-1880.  
Military personnel--United States--1830-1880.  
Musical instruments--1830-1880.  
Presidents--United States--1830-1880.  
Ships--1830-1880.  
Sports--1830-1880.  
Symbols--1830-1880.  
Theatrical productions--United States--1830-1880.  
Women--1830-1880.

**Places**

United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Songs & music.

**Form/Genre**

Engravings--1830-1880.  
Genre prints--American--1830-1880.  
Humorous pictures--1830-1880.  
Landscape prints--1830-1880.  
Lithographs--American--1830-1880.  
Sheet music--American--1830-1880.
Description of Series

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Civil War - Miscellany

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Call No.: LOT 10615-14

Portraits

Presidents
Extent: ca. 16 items
Call No.: LOT 10615-15
Portraits - Men, A-B
Extent: ca. 37 items
Call No.: LOT 10615-16
Portraits - Men, C-E
Extent: ca. 47 items
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Portraits - Men, F-J
Extent: ca. 40 items
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Portraits - Men, K-Q
Extent: ca. 43 items
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Portraits - Men, R-S
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Portraits - Men, T-Z
Extent: ca. 20 items
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Portraits - Men, unidentified
Extent: ca. 5 items
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Portraits - Women, A-E
Extent: ca. 29 items
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Portraits - Women, F-J
Extent: ca. 25 items
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Portraits - Women, K-O
Extent: ca. 26 items
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Portraits - Women, P-R
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- Animals
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- Atlantic cable
  - **Extent:** ca. 4 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-19

- Bible scenes
  - **Extent:** ca. 2 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-20

- Birds
  - **Extent:** ca. 14 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-21

- Birthplace & homes
  - **Extent:** ca. 6 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-22

- Businesses
  - **Extent:** ca. 11 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-23

- Camps, forts, hospitals
  - **Extent:** ca. 6 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-24

- Children
  - **Extent:** ca. 61 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-25

- Children's fables & stories
  - **Extent:** ca. 14 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-26

- Churches
  - **Extent:** 9 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-27

- Circus, carnivals, fairs
  - **Extent:** ca. 13 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-28

- Clipper ships
  - **Extent:** ca. 16 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-29

- Daily life
  - **Extent:** ca. 61 items
  - **Call No.:** LOT 10615-30

- Dancing
  - **Extent:** ca. 52 items
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- Designs & calligraphy
  - **Extent:** ca. 15 items
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| Emblems & symbols | Extent: ca. 51 items  
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| Emigration | Extent: 4 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-35 |
| Fashion | Extent: ca. 35 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-36 |
| Fires & firefighting | Extent: ca. 7 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-37 |
| Flags | Extent: ca. 38 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-38 |
| Flowers | Extent: ca. 9 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-39 |
| Fraternal organizations | Extent: ca. 8 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-40 |
| Gold mines & mining | Extent: ca. 2 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-41 |
| Harbor views | Extent: ca. 6 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-42 |
| Holidays | Extent: ca. 3 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-43 |
| Hotels | Extent: ca. 16 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-44 |
| Humor | Extent: ca. 29 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-45 |
| Indians of North America | Extent: ca. 5 items  
Call No.: LOT 10615-46 |
| Industry | Extent: ca. 5 items  
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| Iron clad vessels | Extent: 1 item  
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Trades & occupations
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Transportation
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Miscellany
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Miscellaneous foreign
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U.S. Navy
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