

Sheet music cover collection (Library of Congress)



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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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Preferred Citation

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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 Keeseey, 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

Container

Series

[Views](#)

[War](#)

[Portraits](#)

[Topics](#)

Container List

Container

Contents

Views

New England

Extent: ca. 23 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-1

East Central States

Extent: ca. 25 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-2

District of Columbia

Extent: ca. 3 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-3

South

Extent: ca. 5 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-4

Midwest

Extent: ca. 5 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-5

Foreign views

Extent: ca. 16 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-6

Discovery & exploration

Extent: ca. 2 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-7

War

Revolution

Extent: ca. 2 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-8

War of 1812

Extent: 1 item

Call No.: LOT 10615-9

War with Mexico

Extent: ca. 5 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-10

Pre Civil War

Extent: 1 item

Call No.: LOT 10615-11

Civil War - Battles

Extent: ca. 6 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-12

Civil War - Sentimental

Extent: ca. 3 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-13

Civil War - Miscellany

Extent: ca. 11 items

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

Call No.: LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, F-J

Extent: ca. 40 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, K-Q

Extent: ca. 43 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, R-S

Extent: ca. 28 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, T-Z

Extent: ca. 20 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Men, unidentified

Extent: ca. 5 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-16

Portraits - Women, A-E

Extent: ca. 29 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, F-J

Extent: ca. 25 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, K-O

Extent: ca. 26 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, P-R

Extent: ca. 17 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, S-Z

Extent: ca. 25 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-17

Portraits - Women, unidentified

Extent: 1 item

Call No.: LOT 10615-17

Topics

Animals

Extent: ca. 15 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-18

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

Call No.: LOT 10615-31

Designs & calligraphy

Extent: ca. 15 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-32

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| Eating & drinking | Extent: ca. 10 items Call No.: LOT 10615-33 |
| Emblems & symbols | Extent: ca. 51 items Call No.: LOT 10615-34 |
| 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 Call No.: LOT 10615-47 |
| Iron clad vessels | Extent: 1 item Call No.: LOT 10615-48 |

Landscape

Extent: ca. 14 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-49

Literature

Extent: ca. 9 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-50

Log cabins

Extent: ca. 5 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-51

Love, courtship, & marriage

Extent: ca. 62 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-52

Magic

Extent: ca. 2 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-53

Military organizations

Extent: ca. 56 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-54

Mills

Extent: ca. 5 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-55

Money

Extent: ca. 6 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-56

Monuments

Extent: ca. 6 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-57

Music & musical instruments

Extent: ca. 60 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-58

Emancipation

Extent: ca. 2 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-59

Uncle Tom's cabin

Extent: ca. 7 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-60

African American life

Extent: ca. 13 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-61

Minstrels

Extent: ca. 36 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-62

Pioneers

Extent: ca. 2 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-63

Piracy

Extent: ca. 2 items**Call No.:** LOT 10615-64

Political campaigns in the U.S.

Extent: ca. 9 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-65

Political parties in the U.S.

Extent: ca. 4 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-66

Political history - foreign

Extent: ca. 5 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-67

Religious rites & ceremonies

Extent: ca. 2 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-68

Religious groups

Extent: 1 item

Call No.: LOT 10615-69

Sailors

Extent: ca. 2 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-70

Schools, Colleges, & Universities

Extent: ca. 35 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-71

Sentimental - death

Extent: ca. 21 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-72

Sentimental - men

Extent: ca. 7 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-73

Sentimental - women

Extent: ca. 116 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-74

Sentimental - religion

Extent: ca. 20 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-75

Sentimental - scenes

Extent: ca. 37 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-76

Sports

Extent: ca. 55 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-77

Steamboats

Extent: ca. 7 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-78

Steamships

Extent: ca. 6 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-79

Storms at sea

Extent: ca. 12 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-80

Topics

Container

Contents

Temperance

Extent: 3 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-81

Theatrical productions

Extent: ca. 8 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-82

Theatrical groups

Extent: ca. 27 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-83

Trades & occupations

Extent: ca. 14 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-84

Transportation

Extent: ca. 12 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-85

Miscellany

Extent: ca. 9 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-86

Miscellaneous foreign

Extent: ca. 7 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-87

U.S. Navy

Extent: ca. 2 items

Call No.: LOT 10615-88