Princeton Music Collection, 1849-2013
(bulk 1894-1941): Finding Aid

Summary Information

Call number: AC056
Repository: Princeton University Library. Special Collections.
Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library.
Princeton University Archives.
65 Olden Street Princeton, New Jersey 08540 USA
Size: 9.66 linear feet
14 boxes
Language(s) of Material: English
Abstract: This collection contains various songbooks printed for Princeton University including bound volumes and small booklets. Among the former is a nearly complete series of the Carmina Princetonia. There is also a second series dedicated to sheet music comprising various songs written for Princeton University, including many pieces written by alumni.
Location: This collection is stored onsite at the Mudd Manuscript Library.
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This is a collection of music written about Princeton University including traditional songs such as "Old Nassau," "The Princeton Cannon Song," and "The Triple Cheer."

A substantial part of this corpus is a chronological collection of the Carmina Princetonia from its first publication in 1869 until its centennial anniversary in 1969, with only the twelfth and twentieth editions missing. This songbook is the single largest compilation of Princeton songs sung by students and alumni over the years and was frequently updated and revised.

Other songbooks include a series of Campus/Class booklets roughly 3" x 2" in size with some variations. Students have used these for senior step-singing and at annual reunions. The time frame covered is 1854 to 1982, and all contain traditional songs such as "Old Nassau," along with several popular songs from each year and at times the class song.

There are also a number of special editions of "Old Nassau" containing several arrangements of the song, as well as an autobiography by the composer Karl Langlotz and a biography of the lyricist Harlan P. Peck printed between 1905 and 1906. The presentation edition was autographed by Langlotz.

In addition to a number of miscellaneous songbooks and songs with Princeton as their theme, the Princeton Music Collection includes five collegiate songbooks immortalizing a variety of colleges.

The final component of the collection is a series of sheet music consisting for the most part of spirit, football, and reunion songs. The sheet music includes autographed pieces by alumnus Kenneth S. Clark, Class of 1907 ("What Do We Want? Touchdown" and "Princeton Forward March"), J. F. Hewitt, Class of 1907 ("Come, Ye Men of Princeton"), Arthur H. Osborn, Class of 1907 ("The Princeton Cannon Song"), and Harold Nason, Class of 1898 ("Orange and Black March"). There is also a limited numbered edition of "Old Nassau" signed by Karl Langlotz.

### Arrangement

The collection is divided into two series:

Series 1: Songbooks, 1854-2009  
Series 2: Sheet Music, 1849-2013

### Access and Use

**Access**

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**Acquisition and Appraisal**

Provenance and Acquisition

Alumni and their families donated a large portion of the collection to the University.

Appraisal

No appraisal information is available.

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**Processing and Other Information**

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Princeton Music Collection, Box and Folder Number; University Archives, Special Collections, Princeton University Library.

Encoding


Descriptive Rules Used

Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

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**Subject Headings**

- Princeton University -- Songs and music.
- Songbooks.
- Music.
- Sheet music.
- Songs.
- Princeton University
Series 1: Songbooks, 1854-2009

Size: 3.55 linear feet
Size: 9 boxes

Description: Series 1: Songbooks, 1854-2009 contains books and booklets of brief musical compositions written or adapted for singing, beginning with deluxe editions of Princeton University's most beloved song, "Old Nassau." At the end of this series are a number of individual songs, including class odes from the last quarter of the nineteenth century.

Arrangement: The contents of Series 1: Songbooks, 1854-2009 are broken down by genre and are arranged chronologically within each grouping.

"Old Nassau" Presentation edition, 1905  Box: 1 Folder: 1
"Old Nassau" Presentation edition, 1905  Box: 1 Folder: 2
  Description: (autographed title page only)
"Old Nassau" Presentation edition, 1905  Box: 14
  accessionnumber: AR.2013.036
  Description: No. 2 of the Presentation Edition (limited to 100 copies); signed by the composer, Karl Langlotz, for the editor, Wilfred S. Conrow.
"Old Nassau" 1st edition, 1905  Box: 1 Folder: 3
"Old Nassau" 3rd edition, 1906  Box: 1 Folder: 4
"Old Nassau" 3rd edition, 1906  Box: 1 Folder: 5
  Description: (includes transcription of poem by Harlan Page Peck)
"Old Nassau" 3rd edition, 1906  Box: 1 Folder: 6
  Description: (Class of 1901 Decennial Reunion copy)
"Old Nassau", 1947  Box: 1 Folder: 7
  Description: (presentation of the Karl Langlotz Memorial)
Carmina Princetonia, 1869  Box: 1 Folder: 8
Carmina Princetonia, 1873  Box: 1 Folder: 9
Carmina Princetonia, 1876  Box: 1 Folder: 10
Carmina Princetonia 4th edition, 1879  Box: 1 Folder: 11
Carmina Princetonia 5th edition, 1882  Box: 2 Folder: 1
Carmina Princetonia 6th edition, 1887  Box: 2 Folder: 2
Carmina Princetonia 7th edition, 1890 Box: 2 Folder: 3
Carmina Princetonia 7th edition, 1890 Box: 2 Folder: 4
   Description: (contains letters about another edition and notes on certain songs)
Carmina Princetonia 8th edition, 1894 Box: 2 Folder: 5
Carmina Princetonia 8th edition, 1894 Box: 2 Folder: 6
   Description: (supplementary copy)
Carmina Princetonia 9th edition, 1900 Box: 2 Folder: 7
Carmina Princetonia 10th edition, 1902 Box: 2 Folder: 8
Carmina Princetonia 11th edition, 1905 Box: 2 Folder: 9
Carmina Princetonia 13th edition, 1907 Box: 3 Folder: 1
Carmina Princetonia 14th edition, 1910 Box: 3 Folder: 2
Carmina Princetonia 15th edition, 1912 Box: 3 Folder: 3
Carmina Princetonia 16th edition, 1914 Box: 3 Folder: 4
Carmina Princetonia 17th edition, 1915 Box: 3 Folder: 5
Carmina Princetonia 18th edition, undated Box: 3 Folder: 6
Carmina Princetonia 19th edition, 1923 Box: 3 Folder: 7
Carmina Princetonia 21st edition, 1927 Box: 4 Folder: 1
Carmina Princetonia 23rd issue, 1927 Box: 4 Folder: 2
Carmina Princetonia 24th issue, undated Box: 4 Folder: 3
Carmina Princetonia 25th issue, 1940 Box: 4 Folder: 4
Carmina Princetonia Centennial edition, 1969 Box: 4 Folder: 5
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1854-1886 Box: 4 Folder: 6
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1888-1890 Box: 4 Folder: 7
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1891-1895 Box: 4 Folder: 8
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1896-1899 Box: 5 Folder: 1
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1900-1904 Box: 5 Folder: 2
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1905-1909 Box: 5 Folder: 3
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1910-1914 Box: 5 Folder: 4
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1915-1916 Box: 5 Folder: 5
Campus/Class Songbooks, 1919-1924 Box: 5 Folder: 6
Campus/Class Songbook, 1925-1929 Box: 5 Folder: 7
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Series 2: Sheet Music, 1849-2013

Size: 5.36 linear feet
Size: 4 boxes

Description: Series 2: Sheet Music, 1849-1995 contains music printed on unbound sheets. While most of the music in this series was written about Princeton, it also includes a small amount of sheet music unrelated to Princeton.


"Academic Festival Overture", 1896  Box: 10
"Back Again", 1910  Box: 10
"Back Every Year", undated  Box: 10
"The Battle Song of Princeton", 1907  Box: 10
"Black and Orange Me", circa 2013  Box: 13

accessionnumber: AR.2014.015
Creator: Gain, Betsy

"The Bulldog Dirge", 1924  Box: 10
"The Championship Song of Princeton", 1909  Box: 10
"College National Hymn", 1896  Box: 10
"Come Take a Walk on Nassau Street: A Princeton Reunion Song", 1914  Box: 10
"Come Ye Men of Princeton", 1940  Box: 10
"Decennial March", 1898  Box: 10

Description: (Class of 1888)

"Dinah Doh", undated  Box: 10

accessionnumber: AR.2013.015

Description: Written by Edgar Belmont Smith for the Princeton University Glee, Banjo, and Mandalin Clubs.

"The '44 Song", 1940  Box: 10
"Going Back to Nassau Hall", 1910  Box: 10

Description: (includes alternate to refrain)

"Good-bye Yale", 1923  Box: 10
"Good Government March", 1914  Box: 10
"The Guard of Old Nassau: A Princeton Song-March", 1907  Box: 10
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"Princeton Schottische", 1896     Box: 11
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"Princeton Seventy Nine", 1914     Box: 11
"Princeton Spirit: March Song", 1907     Box: 11
"Princeton, That's All", 1911     Box: 11
"A Princeton Tiger March-Two-Step", 1902     Box: 11
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accessionnumber: AR.2013.055
"The Princeton Two-Step", undated     Box: 11
"The Princeton University March and Two-Step", 1896     Box: 11
"The Princeton Victory Song", undated     Box: 11
"Princeton Waltz for Piano Forte", 1910     Box: 11
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