University of Oregon Libraries
Digital Collections:
Historic Sheet Music Collection

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This presentation focuses on the *digital* collection, which includes a small, carefully selected portion of items from the much larger Music Services Collection as well as items from the Oregon Collection of Special Collections and University Archives. Currently the collection on music housed in boxes up in the Douglass Room has around 26,000 items. The digital collection has under 100, but is still growing.
What’s in the collection?

- Digitized images
- Public domain only <1923
- Oregon Music
  Music about Oregon or by Oregon composers
  From Music Services and Oregon Collection
- Women Composers
  Music by women composers
  Many more titles to be added
  Mostly from Music Services
- Music without a specific theme

Color images. Scanning information accompanies each image if you are interested in the details. All images are jpegs.

Copyright date before 1923 usually means the item is in the public domain. Although many items in the physical collection in the Douglass Room are more recent, only those items in the public domain were selected for digitization.

There are several titles that are not Oregon-related and are not by women composers. Most are nostalgic or love songs. These have been included anyway to enhance the collection, and most items are unduplicated in other digital collections. For those items that are scanned elsewhere, many have different covers, feature different performers on the cover, or have different advertisements on the back cover.
This page gives brief background information about the project and information for participating departments that made the collection possible. There is a link to ordering individual prints of images from the Images Services department, but if your printer is of acceptable quality, this collection is of public domain items (many other digital collections are not).

http://boundless.uoregon.edu/digcol/sheetmusic/index.html
Examples of unusual items in the collection.
1. Cover for My Washington (typical)
“My Washington” inside front cover and back cover: about the Columbia Basin Irrigation Project, complete with map.
2. Advertisement for Melorose Beauty Cream on back cover of “In Beauty-land”
Steamships

Two covers from songs about steamships
First two pages of music from the Bailey Gatzert march
“When Miss Coos Bay marries Eugene Lane”
“Special official wedding song, Coos Bay-Eugene Jubilee, 1916”
Most songs were printed; this was handwritten
Getting there
How to get to the collection.

http://libweb.uoregon.edu/
Music
Digitized Historic Sheet Music collection

- Philipp Reis
- Digitized Historic Sheet Music collection
- Audio
- Digital Archives
- Online Resources

Music Services collection, one of the largest in Oregon, brings together all the resources music scholars need in one location. The collection consists of over 10,000 music scores and parts. The Douglas Listening Room houses the collection of compact discs, LPs, cassettes, and cassette-tapes.

Printed music and recordings owned by the UO Libraries can be located using the UO Libraries Catalog. Special search strategies are required.

More to find music and recordings:
- Philipp Reis
- Digitized Historic Sheet Music collection
- Audio
- Digital Archives
- Online Resources
http://boundless.uoregon.edu/digcol/sheetmusic/index.html
An alternate way to get to the collection.
http://libweb.uoregon.edu/music/sheet.html

This is the page with information about the collection at Music Services—all 26,000 items. There are links to the digital collection, the UO Women Composers ‘Scoreography’, the Sheet Music Consortium, and the Pacific Northwest Sheet Music at UW.
Using the Collection
Selecting browse by title, composer, lyricist, and topic will result in a list of every item in the sheet music collection.

Browse by title leads to a screen with thumbnails of the covers, alphabetized by title. Initial articles (a, an, the) have been included, so “A Lucky Duck” is in the A’s, not the L’s.

Browse by composer, lyricist, and topic all have results displayed in a similar way. In many cases, a single song will have more than one composer, lyricist, or topic. The alphabetical list is based on the first one.

Browse by collection currently takes you to the sheet music digital collection page, since there are currently only two collections. This may change as the collection expands.

View all topics is different—it is a linked list of all topics used, and clicking on a link will then give you the thumbnail view of all the music that has been assigned that topic.

Advanced search gives you the option to search by specific fields (or keywords) in any or all of the digital collections. When you follow the link to advanced search, ALL of the collections will be checked off, so if you only want to search the sheet music collection, you will need to uncheck the other boxes.
Title browse example

Click on image or title for details
For the most part, only specific topics are identified, such as “Willamette River (Or.)”. Topics like love, moonlight, travel, etc. were also not assigned.

Topics that were assigned were names of people (dedicatees, photograph subjects, performers), places, events, and steamships.

If you recognize a performer on a cover but we haven’t identified them, please let us know!

When possible, the formats and content of the topics, composers, and lyricists use the Library of Congress authorized names and headings, hence the seemingly excessive parentheses and dates. This format does allow us to control the list, so there aren’t multiple spellings of the same name.
Shown: search across all fields. This is like a keyword search but lets you search by exact phrase or use the “not” feature.

The selected fields option lets you search within a specific field but the fields are not labeled intuitively—the choices in the menu do not match the categories in the collection, so this is not recommended unless the label is clear (“title”), as you may miss items.
Display and information for single items
http://boundless.uoregon.edu/u/?sheetmusic,111

After clicking on a thumbnail or title, this is what you get.

Navigate among pages on the left.

The view menu on the upper left lets you see the document description, page description (minimal information, mostly scanning specifications), or a specific page.

The gray bar along the top allows you to zoom in or out, rotate the document, size it to the window, or open it in a new window. The new window can be helpful if you want to see the whole image at once. You can also right-click (control-click for single-button mouse users) and View image to get the image by itself, copy image, open in a new tab (Firefox) or window, or save the image.

The options in the upper right take you to the next or previous item or back to the results you have found.

The options in the middle allow you to add page to favorites (don’t use document!) and locate the reference URL.
Lots of information here! Publisher, first line, cover description, printer, composer, lyricist, show/opera if the song came from a bigger work, description of accompanying advertisements, and how to find the print (original) copy.

To know where the paper copy of an item is, look at the Repository and the Accession or call number lines.

Material from the Oregon Collection will say Repository: University of Oregon Libraries - Special Collections and University Archives
And will have a call number that begins with SCA OrColl.

Items in the Douglass Room have
Repository: University of Oregon Libraries - Music Services and an accession number that begins with Music ShColl.

Items in green are linked and will take you to other items with the same properties. Only controlled fields are linked—composer, lyricist, topic, and theme.
What do these buttons do?

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<td>Clip</td>
<td>Opens whatever image or portion of image you see in a new window without buttons or frame</td>
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Slideshows and webpages

- Search for items
- Add pages (not documents!) to favorites
  - View as slideshow
  - Compare items side by side
  - Create Web page
Creating a slideshow: Portland Rose Festival

Step 1: Search
Step 3: Click on items you might want
To add an item to your favorites, to save or use for a slideshow, you MUST choose “page” not “document”. This is because of the way the program that we use handles multi-page items. (Technical term: compound objects.)
If you get this error once you are trying to view an item saved to your favorites, simply go back to your favorites and delete the document. Go back to the item and add the page for the image you want. It may be frustrating that all of your items will be title “Front Cover” “Page 1” etc. instead of the title of the song, but that means that pages, not documents, were saved, so the slideshow will work.
• Continue adding pages to favorites until you have a set of images that you want to use

• Go to my favorites to set up slideshow
Thumbnails of items you have added. Details along the left edge.
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Creates a slideshow of all your favorites.
Slideshow: single image per slide
With gray background
Compress 2 items side by side

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2. From the File menu in your Web browser, click **Save as**...
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Fit to window—whole image fits

Previous—Next are on both sides of the window. This lets you change which images you are comparing. You can have the same image in both windows. You can also change images by typing in the number from your favorites if you remember it.

Each item is controlled separately—zoom, image area, and rotation are independent.
Creating a webpage

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1. Enter name for page
2. Create page

This is the page title that will display on the page, not the file name title, so spaces and punctuation are fine.
As with slideshows, you can customize background color.
This page was named “Portland Rose Festival”
The black and white images are from the Historical Photographs collection in the Digital Collections
Saving a webpage

• File

• Save Page As
  – Pagename [Web Page, HTML only]

• Saves to your computer/disk
Citing

• Historic Sheet Music Collection, University of Oregon Libraries

• Reference URL

Although items are public domain, we request that the UO Libraries be acknowledged as the source of the image or score.

The reference URL is shorter and more reliable than copying the URL from the browser's bar.
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