

The Walter Collins college song book collection
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Descriptive summary

Title	Walter Collins college song book collection
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Creator(s)	
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Location	Housed in the Howard B. Waltz Music Library, University of Colorado Boulder
Physical Description	10 Linear feet

Scope and Contents

Collegiate song books collected by Walter S. "Wally" Collins (1926-1997), including extensive research materials on the Yale Song Book.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged geographically by institution.

Access

The collection is open for research

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Custodial history

Donated by Walter S. Collins

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Biography of Walter S. Collins

Walter S. "Wally" Collins was born January 12, 1926, in West Hartford, Conn. He married Jane (Jenny Kate) Reynolds. He received two degrees from Yale University, his bachelor's in 1948 and a master's in music in 1951. He also received a master's and doctorate degree from the University of Michigan in 1955 and 1960. He studied with Paul Hindemith, Hans David, Robert Shaw, Leo Schrade and other noted musicians.

He first taught at the Hotchkiss School, Auburn University, the University of Minnesota and Oakland University near Detroit before coming to the University of Colorado in 1971. At Oakland University, he was the founding chairman of the music department and began the Meadow Brook School of Music. From 1971 to 1988 he was an associate dean for graduate studies at the College of Music at the University of Colorado, where he also taught choral music and musicology.

He served as adjudicator and clinician at choral festivals in many parts of the world, and published numerous articles and books on choral music. In 1980, he was honored by the Yale School of Music Alumni Association for "distinguished contributions in the field of music." He was a national leader in a cappella singing of popular music, beginning with membership in the Yale Whiffenpoofs. He was president of the Yale Glee Club. In 1988, he was recipient of the "Pan" distinguished-service award from Spring Sing, a national association of a cappella singing groups.

He was a charter member of the board of directors of the International Federation for Choral Music and was secretary-general and vice-president of the federation. He was a member of the Boulder Rotary Club. In 1971, he was the founder of the New Wizard Oil Combination, singing group performing in Boulder and Denver, Colorado. He was an avid birdwatcher and Internet devotee, observing over 700 species of birds in the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Collins was also known to a generation of University of Colorado graduates as the commencement marshal for the annual event from 1974 to 1988, in which he led thousands of graduates in the commencement procession. He remained active in the College of Music through 1996.

Mr. Collins died June 30, 1997, while vacationing in Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 71.

Detailed Description

Songbooks

College songbooks by state

Box	Book	
1	1	California: Fresno State College Rally Songs, 1930
1	2	California: Stanford (words only), n.d.
1	3	California: Stanford Songs, 1919
1	4	Colorado: Colorado College, Songs of, 1903
1	5	Colorado: Colorado (CU and CSU), 1941/1951
1	6	Colorado: Colorado University, Songbook, 1958
1	7	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1853
1	8	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1855
1	9	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1858
1	10	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1860
1	11	Connecticut: Yale, Carmina Yalensia (copy), 1867
1	12	Connecticut: Yale, Carmina Yalensia, 1867
1	13	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1870
1	14	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1870
1	15	Connecticut: Yale, Gaudeamus, 1870
1	16	Connecticut: Yale, Carmina Yalensia, 1873
1	17	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1873
1	18	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1874
1	19	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1876
1	20	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1876
1	21	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1880
1	22	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1880
1	23	Connecticut: Yale Songs , 1882
1	24	Connecticut: Yale Songs , 1882
1	25	Connecticut: Yale Songs , 1885
1	26	Connecticut: Yale Songs , 1888
1	27	Connecticut: Yale Songs, 1889
1	28	Connecticut: Yale Songs, 1889
1	29	Connecticut: Yale Glees, 1893
1	30	Connecticut: Yale Glees, 1893
1	31	Connecticut: Yale Songs Illustrated, 1893
1	32	Connecticut: Yale Glees, 1893
1	33	Connecticut: Yale Melodies, 1903
1	34	Connecticut: Yale Song Book, 1906
1	35	Connecticut: Yale Song Book, 1909
1	36	Connecticut: Yale Song Book, 1909

1	37	Connecticut: Yale Song Book, 1918
1	38	Connecticut: Yale New Song Book, 1918
2	1	Connecticut: Yale Gandeamus (words only), 1925
2	2	Connecticut: Yale Alumni Song Book (words only), 1929
2	3	Connecticut: Yale Song Book, 1934
2	4	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1934
2	5	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1934
2	6	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1953
2	7	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1953
2	8	Connecticut: Yale, Songs of, 1978
2	9	Connecticut: Yale Glee Club, 1996
2	10	Florida: Miami University Songs, 1949
2	11	Illinois: University of Chicago Song Book, 1929
2	12	Illinois: University of Chicago Song Book, 1941
2	13	Illinois: University of Illinois, 1929
2	14	Illinois: Northwestern Chapel Service, 1908
2	15	Illinois: Northwestern Songs, 1909
2	16	Illinois: Northwestern University Song Book, 1930
2	17	Illinois: Northwestern Song Book, 1930
2	18	Indiana: Indiana University Song Book, 1930
2	19	Iowa: Iowa State University, Songs of, 1925
2	20	Kansas: Kansas University, Songs of Old, 1966
2	21	Maine: Bowdoin, Songs of, 1875
2	22	Maine: Bowdoin, Songs of, 1958
2	23	Maine: Colby College Songs, 1948
2	24	Maine: University of Maine, Songs of, 1931
2	25	Maine: University of Maine, Stein Song, 1937
2	26	Maryland: Annapolis Book of Navy Songs, 1955
2	27	Maryland: Annapolis Book of Navy Songs, 1955
3	1	Massachusetts: Harvard Song Book, 1896
3	2	Massachusetts: Harvard Song Book, 1902
3	3	Massachusetts: Harvard University Songs, 1902
3	4	Massachusetts: Harvard University Songs, 1912
3	5	Massachusetts: Harvard, Songs of, 1913
3	6	Massachusetts: Harvard, Songs of, 1913
3	7	Massachusetts: Harvard Song Book, The, 1922
3	8	Massachusetts: Institute of Technology (MIT) Tech Songs, 1903
3	9	Massachusetts: Radcliff College Songs, 1923
3	10	Massachusetts: Smith College Songs, 1915
3	11	Massachusetts: State College Basic Songs for Male Voices, 1936
3	12	Massachusetts: Tufts College, 17 Songs of, n.d.
3	13	Massachusetts: Wellesley College Song Book (words only), n.d.

3	14	Massachusetts: Williams College, Songs of (words only), n.d.
3	15	Massachusetts: Williams College, Songs of , 1898
3	16	Massachusetts: Williams College, Songs of, 1959
3	17	Michigan: Univ. of Michigan, Favorite College Songs, 1940
3	18	Michigan: University of Michigan, Song Book, 1967
3	19	Michigan: University of Michigan, Song Book, 1967
3	20	Michigan: University of Michigan, Song Book, 1990
3	21	Minnesota: University of Minnesota, Songs of the, 1926
3	22	Nebraska: Nebraska Wesleyan Song Book, 1918
3	23	New Hampshire: Dartmouth College, Songs of, 1936
3	24	New Hampshire: New Hampshire College Song Book, 1913
4	1	New Jersey: Princeton, Carmina Princetonia, 1869
4	2	New Jersey: Princeton, Carmina Princetonia, 1902
4	3	New Jersey: Princeton Triangle Club, 1920
4	4	New Jersey: Princeton Triangle Club, 1921
4	5	New Jersey: Princeton Triangle Club, 1922
4	6	New Jersey: Princeton, Once In a Hundred Years, 1922
4	7	New Jersey: Princeton Triangle Club, 1923
4	8	New Jersey: Princeton, Carmina Princetonia, 1992
4	9	New Jersey: Rutgers, Songs of, 1938
4	10	New York: Adelphi Academy, Academy Song Book (copy), 1900
4	11	New York: University of Buffalo, Song Book (copy), 1939
4	12	New York: Colgate, Songs of , 1916
4	13	New York: Columbia University Songs, 1924
4	14	New York: Cornell University, Songs of, 1903
4	15	New York: Cornell University, College Songs, 1909
4	16	New York: Cornell University, Songs of, 1988
4	17	New York: New York University Song Book, 1915
4	18	New York: St. Lawrence University, Songs of , 1950
4	19	New York: Syracuse University Song Book , 1911
4	20	New York: West Point Military Academy Songs, 1921
4	21	New York: West Point Military Academy Songs, 1925
4	22	New York: West Point Military Academy Songs, 1942
4	23	Pennsylvania: Bryn Mawr College, Songs of, 1903
4	24	Pennsylvania: Haverford College Song Book, 1954
4	25	Pennsylvania: Univ.of Pennsylvania (Revue of Reviews), 1919
5	1	Pennsylvania: Univ.of Pennsylvania Songs, 1923
5	2	Pennsylvania: Univ.of Pennsylvania (Cap & Clown Club), 1932
5	3	Utah: Brigham young University Men's Chorus, 2000
5	4	Vermont: Middleburg College Song Book (copy), 1940
5	5	Vermont: Univ.of Vermont Song Sheet (words only), n.d.
5	6	Wisconsin: Univ.of Wisconsin (Deutsches Liederbach), 1909

5 7 Wisconsin: University of Wisconsin Songs, 1915

General college songbooks

Box	Book	
5	8	British Students' Song Book: Bagley & Ferguson, c.1901
5	9	College Songs: Assoc. Oil Co.: (words only), n.d.
5	10	Carmina Collegensia: Oliver Ditson & Co., 1868
5	11	Carmina Collegensia: Oliver Ditson & Co., 1876
5	12	American College Songbook, the: Orville Brewer & Co., 1882
5	13	Students' Songs: William H. Hills, 1883
5	14	College Songs: Oliver Ditson & Co., 1887
5	15	Miscellaneous Song Collection: Ernest Trow Carter, 1894
5	16	Academy Song-Book: Ginn & Co., 1895
5	17	Songs, of all the Colleges: Hinds & Noble, 1900
5	18	Songs, of all the Colleges: Hinds & Noble, 1900
5	19	Most Popular College Songs: Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, 1904
5	20	College Songs: Oliver: Ditson & Co., 1906
5	21	Remick Favorite Collection of College Songs: Jerome H. Remick & Co., 1909
5	22	Songs of Men (words only): Houghton Mifflin Co., 1918
5	23	I Hear America Singing: C. C. Birchard & Co., 1917/1919
5	24	Laurel Glee Book for Male Voices: C. C. Birchard & Co., 1920
5	25	One Hundred & One Best Songs: Cable Co., 1926
6	1	Collegiate Song Book: M. M. Cole Publishing Co., 1929
6	2	Songs of Campus: Paull-Pioneer Music Corp., 1931
6	3	Legion Airs: Leo Feist Co., 1932
6	4	New America Song Book (not college): Hall & McCreary Co., 1933
6	5	Bottoms Up (not college): Paull-Pioneer Music Corp., 1933
6	6	Songs of the American Colleges: Intercollegiate Music League, Inc., 1938
6	7	Promenade All (songs & dances): Janet E. Tobitt, 1947
6	8	College Songs (for male voices): Melrose Music Corp., 1947
6	9	Songs For Coffee & Conference: Lawrenceville School, 1952

Sorority/Fraternity songbooks

Box	Book	
6	10	Alpha Delta Phi, 1859
6	11	Alpha Phi, Songs of, 1936
6	12	Beta Theta Pi, Songs of , 1922
6	13	Beta Theta Pi, Songs of , 1927
6	14	Beta Theta Pi, Songs of, 1942
6	15	Beta Theta Pi, Songs of, 1957
6	16	Delta Delta Delta, Songs of, 1925
6	17	Phi Mu Alpha (Sinfonia Songs), 1948

6	18	Phi Mu Alpha (Sinfonia Songs), 1948
6	19	Phi Mu Alpha (Some Sinfonia Songs), 1964
6	20	Psi Epsilon, Songs of, 1945
6	21	Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Songs of, 1929
6	22	Sigma Kappa, Songs of, 1941
6	23	Theta Delta Chi, 1894
6	24	Theta Xi, Songs of, 1926

Supplementary materials

Box	Folder	
6	1	“Alexander” part song for men’s voices, Brewer, 1911 and 1939
6	2	Auburn Octet, correspondence and articles, 1951-1991
6	3	Collegioriam Carmina (choral fantasy based on Amer. college songs): Novello & Co., 1966
6	4	“Dartmouth Songs” article
6	5	Ivy League College Songs, Medley of, n.d
6	6	“Jolly Farmers, The”, operetta for high school, amateur clubs,etc.: Oliver Ditson, 1919
6	7	“Mighty Lak a Rose”, music. John Church Co., 1926
6	8	Photographs: Auburn Alum Chorus, n.d. Auburn Octet, 1953 – 1957 Quartet, unknown, n.d. Realm of Tone musicians’ photo, 1902
6	9	“Venetian Love Song”, music. John Church Co., 1926
6	10	Wisconsin, University of, song supplement words only (various university songs), 1938
6	11	“Yale Song Book, 1853 – 1978” paper by Walter S. Collins
6	12	Video – A Celebration of the Life of Walter Stowe Collins, II

Recordings

Box	Disc	
7	1	Alabama: Auburn—Songs of Auburn
7	2	Michigan: Univ. of Michigan—College Spirit, The
7	3	Michigan: Univ. of Michigan—Men’s Glee Club, 1956
7	4	Michigan: Univ. of Michigan—Men’s Glee Club, 1956
7	5	Michigan: Univ. of Michigan—Men’s Glee Club, 1978
7	6	Michigan: Oakland University—MeadowBrook School of Music
7	7	Michigan: Oakland University—MeadowBrook School of Music
7	8	New Jersey: Princeton—Princeton Nassoons, The
7	9	Vermont: Middlebury College—Dissipated of Middlebury, The
7	10	Vermont: Middlebury College—Mid-Time Varieties