

## University Archives, Mahn Center for Archives and Special Collections, Ohio University

### University Related Music Collection

The University Related Music Collection consists of university song books, sheet music, and information about the alma mater and its composer, a Founder's Day song competition, and the college songs written before the alma mater. The collection illustrates the types of songs performed by university organizations in the early half of the twentieth century, and is divided into two legal-sized Hollinger boxes. Box 1 contains university song books from 1907, 1915, 1926, 1931, and 1938. Each song book includes a number of songs praising Ohio University and cheering on "the green and white." Most of the books are printed in paperback, with the exception of 1915's book, which has a hard cover and contains several songs not related to Ohio University, such as "Auld Lang Syne," "My Old Kentucky Home," and "My Bonnie."

Box 2 contains sheet music for "My Ohio," "My Old Ohio Baby," "Stand Up and Cheer," "Beloved Ohio," "Alma Mater, Ohio," and "We are the Boys from O-H-I-O," copied from the 1931 university song book. Also included are the maestro's copies of the "Theme" and "Daddy," which were performed during the Homecoming of 1979, as well as sheet music for "Old Manasseh Cutler." There is miscellaneous information about the college songs before "Alma Mater, Ohio" was written in 1915, as well as a biographical sketch of its composer, Kenneth Clark. Box 2 also contains information about the university's plans to work with a publishing company and begin producing the song books that are included in Box 1, and details about a Founder's Day Song competition, in which students wrote a song to be performed on Founder's Day. The winning entry received a prize of \$100.

The song books and the sheet music are in fairly good condition, but must still be handled with care due to their age. Several songs have also been photocopied from their original typing paper.