



## **J.W. Jenkins Sons Sheet Music (K1423)**

**Collection Number:** K1423

**Collection Title:** J.W. Jenkins Sons Sheet Music

**Dates:** No Date

**Creator:** J.W. Jenkins Sons

**Abstract:** J.W. Jenkins Sons Sheet Music contains copies of sheet music for two separate piano pieces, published the firm J.W. Jenkins Sons Music Company in Kansas City, Missouri during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Collection Size:** .01 cubic foot  
(1 oversize folder)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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*Ararat Shrine Band Collection* (K0485)

*Horace Miller Foster Collection* (K0967)

**Processed by:** Processed by intern Kristyna Le, June 2023

**Historical Note:**

J.W. Jenkins Sons Music Company first began as J.W. Jenkins and Son Music Company when John Wesley Jenkins, Sr., created the firm with his son, John Wesley, Jr., in the 1880s. The company specialized in the production of instruments, publication of sheet music, and creation of other music related appliances. The firm was in a prolific historical building in the Kansas City, Missouri, downtown area, respectfully named the Jenkins Music Company Building. Following the death of his father, J.W. Jenkins, Jr., re-established the firm as J.W. Jenkins Sons Music Company with his brothers, Charles W., Frederick Butler, and Clifford Wells. The company found immense success in the following years, becoming a leading manufacturer of instruments and a distinguished publisher of sheet music for many different composers. At the height of their popularity, the music company operated throughout the Midwest in many different states. By the 1970s, J.W. Jenkins Sons Music Company faced financial difficulties and filed for bankruptcy.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This collection of sheet music contains two separate pieces that were published by J.W. Jenkins Sons Music Company during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The first piece is “The Fairmount Two Step,” composed by W. L. Elledge. The piece contains five pages of sheet music specifically for the piano. The second piece is the “Kansas City High School Cadet March Two Step,” composed by H. O. Wheeler. The collection contains the first three pages of sheet music; however, the final page is missing. The sheet music is also specifically for the piano, meant to accompany a full orchestra or to play it solo.

**Container List:**

Box 001    f. 1                      Sheet Music, no date

**Index:**

Index Term	Folder
Elledge, W. L.	1
J.W. Jenkins Sons	1
Kansas City (Mo.)	1
Music	1
Piano	1
Sheet music	1
Solo instrument music	1
Wheeler, H. O.	1