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**RUTHELLA FEASTER RODEHEAVER COLLECTION**

**90-045**

**Creator:**

Rodeheaver, Ruthella Feaster (1891-ca. 1988)

**Type of Material:**

Rare books, scores, sheet music, programs and catalogs

**Physical Description:**

69 special collection gospel song books, serials and monographs.

2 scores.

151 pieces of sheet music.

9 programs and catalogs.

**Languages:**

English

**Dates:**

ca. 1910-1968

**Repository:**

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**Access/Restrictions:**

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**Provenance and Acquisition Information:**

These materials were purchased in February 1991 from The Old Music Shop (Three Oaks, Michigan), which had purchased them from the estate of Ruthella Feaster (Mrs. Joseph Newton) Rodeheaver.

**Subject/Index Terms:**

Gospel Music  
Music Publishing  
Rodeheaver-Hall-Mack publishing  
Rodeheaver publishing

**Agency History/Biographical Sketch:**

Ruthella Feaster Rodeheaver (1891-ca. 1988) was the second wife of Joseph Newton Rodeheaver (1876-1946), older brother of evangelist/publisher Homer Rodeheaver (1880-1955). Joseph served as business and literary adviser to Rodeheaver Company from 1921 until 1941 when he became a full-time employee of the company and moved with his two brothers and sister to Winona Lake, Indiana, where the company relocated.

Ruthella Rodeheaver was the last surviving member of her generation and interviews with her provided much information for Thomas Henry Porter when he conducted research for his dissertation "Homer Alvan Rodeheaver, Evangelist, Musician and Publisher" (New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 1981), from which the above information is taken.

**Scope and Content:**

This collection of materials from the Rodeheaver-Hall-Mack and Rodeheaver publishing companies includes 69 gospel song books serials, and monographs, 2 scores, 151 pieces of sheet music and 9 programs and catalogs.

A list of the gospel song books, serials and monographs, arranged alphabetically by title; a list of the sheet music, arranged first by composer, then alphabetically by title as received from the estate; and a list of the pamphlets follow.

**Location:**

The gospel song books, serials, and monographs have been transferred to special collections; the filing number for each is listed following the title. The sheet music items were kept as arranged by Ruthella Rodeheaver and added to the Center for Popular Music collection (001191-001357-CPMSM, 003147-003150CPMLG). The scores were transferred to scores collection. The programs were transferred to the Performance collection. All are searchable in the archive databases.

**Song books, serials and monographs:**

*Ancient and Modern Christmas Carols for Community Singing.* SP-045118  
*Awakening Songs.* SP-001365  
*Behold, A King Shall Reign.* SP-045136  
*Beyond the Sunset.* SP-045115  
*Canticos de Esperanza.* SP-001357.  
*Carols for Christmas.* SP-045122  
*Cheerio's Favorite Hymns.* SP-001364  
*Christmas Choir No. 2.* SP-04513.  
*Christmas Customs and Carols.* SP-04521  
*Christmas Songs for Children.* SP-045124.  
*The Christ We Forget.* SP-045132.  
*Christian Service Songs.* SP-001374. SP-001371.  
*Church Service Hymns.* SP-001386. SP-001387.  
*Duets That Are Different.* SP-045131.  
*Easter Helper No. 68.* SP-045117.  
*Edward Machugh's Treasury of Gospel Hymns and Poems.* SP-01379.  
*Emmanuel.* SP-045140.  
*Evangelistic Campaign Songs.* SP-001381.  
*Familiar Christmas Carols and Christmas Songs.* SP-045119.  
*Favorite Christmas Carols.* SP-045119.  
*Forty Gospel Hymn Stories.* SP-001380.  
*Glad Tidings in Song.* SP-001358  
*The Gospel Choir.* Special Collection Serials.  
*Gospel Song Messages Arranged For Men's Voices.* SP-045128.  
*Great Revival Hymns.* SP-001372.  
*Great Revival Hymns No. 2.* SP-001366. SP-001375.  
*How to Know the Holy Bible.* Special Collection Monographs.  
*Hymns For Praise and Service.* SP-001359.  
*It's Christmas.* SP-0045139.  
*Joy to The World.* SP-0045133.  
*The Lute.* SP-0040164.  
*Modern Quartets for Men.* SP-001369.  
*Praise Ye the Lord!.* SP-001356.  
*Prayer Songs for Little Voices.* SP-045134.  
*Rob Roy Peery's Sacred Piano Transcriptions.* SP-090168.  
*Rodeheaver's Collection for Low Voice.* SP-045130.  
*[Homer] Rodeheaver's Third Collection for Low Voice.* SP-045129.  
*[Homer] Rodeheaver Gospel Songs and Poems.* SP-001370.  
*Selected Songs from Rodeheaver's Gospel Songs.* SP-01382.  
*[Homer] Rodeheaver's World's Greatest Collection of Sacred Songs.* SP-04516.  
*Sacred Trios for Sopranos and Altos. No. 2.* SP-045137.  
*Sacred Trios for Sopranos and Altos. No. 3.* SP-045138.  
*[Oswald J.] Smith's Hymn Stories.* SP-001362.  
*Sing Christmas Carols.* SP-045120.  
*Sing . . . Songs of the Southland. No. II.* SP-045125.

*Sing . . . Songs of the Southland. No. III.* SP-045126.  
*Sing Trios No. 1.* SP-045141.  
*Sing Your Song.* SP-045127.  
*Sociability Songs.* SP-040165. SP-040166.  
*Songs of Comfort.* SP-001373.  
*Songs for the Service.* SP-000523.  
*New Songs for Services.* SP-001363.  
*Special Songs.* SP-001360.  
*The Treble Clef Choir.* SP-0045142.  
*Treble Clef Hymns.* SP-045143.  
*Triumphant Service Songs.* SP-001376.  
*Victorious Service Songs.* SP-001356.  
*Victory Songs.* SP-001272.  
*Wedding Melodies No. 2.* SP-0045114.  
*When God Speaks.* SP-0045144.  
*Winona Lake Bible Conference Songs.* SP-001377.  
*Winona Lake Conference Songs.* SP-001378.  
*Worth While Poems.* Special Collection Monographs.  
*Youth Hymnal.* SP-001367. SP-001368.

**Scores:**

B.D. Ackley, Song Cycle. 1914.  
Hallet, John C. Night of Nights. 1968.

**Sheet music:**

Ackley, B.D. and A.H.:

Brokenhearted  
Dream of My Heart  
God Make Me Strong/O God Our Saviour, Prince of Peace/ O Lord Whose Dwelling  
Place/Meet With Us At Close Of Day  
He Carried It for Me  
He Lives (2 copies)  
Heartaches  
I Heard God Speak  
I Never Walk Alone  
I Would Be Like Jesus  
I Walk With the King  
If Your Heart Keeps Right  
King for A Day  
My Mother's Face  
A New World In My Heart (3 copies)  
The One Divine  
Open Your Heart  
Sleep, Sleep  
The Song of the Soul Set Free

Stand By America (2 copies)  
The Voice of My Saviour  
When the Sun Comes Out  
Would You Feel Lost in Bethlehem?

Boersma, James

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
As A Volunteer  
Every Moment of Every Day  
God Bless Our Boys  
He Is Here  
Higher Ground  
Is It The Crowning Day  
Some Golden Daybreak  
The Way of the Cross Leads Home

Brock, Virgil P.

Beyond the Sunset  
Give Me A Song  
He's A Wonderful Saviour to Me  
I'll Still Live On  
Men of God, Arise/We Would See Jesus  
Sacred Music School Song  
We Would See Jesus  
Wonderful Love., Joy and Peace

Hallet, John C.

Above All Names (2 copies)  
Carol of the Star  
Glory to the Newborn King  
Glory to God in the Highest  
Go Shepherd Boy  
God of My Salvation  
Hymns of Praise  
It Is Well with My Soul  
My Song of Songs (2 copies)  
O Holy Saviour  
O Tiny Child  
Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us  
Sing to the Lord of Harvest  
So Very Small  
Take Them the Book  
Thank You Jesus  
Yes, I'll Sing

Rodeheaver, Homer

Christmas in Your Heart

I Jest Keep a-Livin' Along

Lonesome\*

We'll Be Waiting When You Come Back Home\*

Autographed to Homer Rodeheaver by composer: A Southern Lullaby\* by Robert H. Terry

Tutwiler, J. W.

Follow the Shepherd

Hail V[irginia] P[olytechnic] I[nstitute]

Hushaby

Oh, Blest Redeemer

Miscellaneous:

All My Troubles

Assurance

Away in A Manger (2 copies)

Brighten the Corner Where You Are

Calvary Covers It All

Carol

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Christ Is Risen

Christmas Morn

Come, Dearest Lord/Rock of Ages

Come. My Way, My Truth, My Life

The Cry of the Lost

Day by Day

Day Dreams

Does It Make Any Difference to You? (2 copies)

An Evening Prayer

An Evening Prayer (2 copies)

Ev'ry Time I feel the Spirit

For I am Satisfied

For Me

Forward with Christ

God is a Spirit

Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works

Hallelujah Chorus

He Loves Even Me

He That Dwelleth in the Secret Place (3 copies)

Hold Me, Dear Saviour

I Am Alpha and Omega

I Shall Not Want

I Am Thine/The Victor's Song/When the Rocks Cry Out

I Have A Melody

I Will Feed My Flock

I'd Rather Have Jesus  
In the Garden Fair  
It'll Be Me (2 copies)  
I've Found A Faith  
Jesus, Only Jesus  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is  
The Man of Steel  
May We Know Peace  
More Like Thee  
My Father Watches Over Me  
My Grace is Sufficient for You (2 copies)  
Nothing Is Impossible  
O Divine Redeemer  
O For a Thousand Tongues (2 copies)  
O Lowly Town of Nazareth  
O Rest in the Lord (2 copies)  
O Thou God of Earth and Heaven  
The Old Rugged Cross  
Perfect Peace  
Poor Wayfaring Stranger  
Praise to Jehovah  
Rejoice and Sing  
Rejoice and Sing/Salvation, Joyful Sound/The Christ Acclaim (2 copies)  
Roper's Piano Chimes (We Praise Thee O God/My Jesus I Love Thee/I Love To Tell the Story)\*  
Send Thy Spirit  
Sing Praise to His Name  
Songs in the Night  
Steal Away  
Swing Low Sweet Chariot  
There is Rest in the Lord  
There's A Light on the Cross  
Thine is the Kingdom  
To Be With Christ  
We Thank Thee  
When I Look in His Face  
Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead  
Wond'ring  
The Wondrous Story

\*Filed in Center for Popular Music Large Collection.

Pamphlets:

Rainbow Records catalog. n.d.  
Sheet music catalog, The Rodeheaver-Hall-Mack Co. n.d.  
Christmas catalog. 1954.  
Christmas catalog. 1956.

Easter/Mother's Day/Children's Day catalog. 1955.  
Sacred Music catalog. (2) Rodeheaver-Hall-Mack Co. n.d.  
Sacred Music Choir catalog. Rodeheaver,-Hall-Mack Co. n.d.  
46th Annual Music Festival. Winona Lake, Indiana. 1966.  
48th Annual Music Festival. Winona Lake, Indiana. 1968.

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