Overview of the Collection

**Creator**  
Beemer, Peter

**Title**  
Peter Beemer Music Manuscript

**Dates**  
circa 1864 (inclusive)  
1864 1864

**Quantity**  
0.25 linear feet, (1 item)

**Collection Number**  
MSS 268

**Summary**  
Manuscript book containing the scores of dance tunes from Warren’s Diggins, Idaho in the 1860’s. Peter Beemer, a musician with a small dance orchestra, wrote down and arranged the songs which were whistled, hummed or sung to him by various residents of the area.

**Repository**  
Boise State University Library, Special Collections and Archives  
Special Collections and Archives  
1910 University Drive  
Boise ID  
83725  
Telephone: 208-426-3958  
archives@boisestate.edu

**Access Restrictions**  
Collection is available for research.

**Languages**  
English

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Forms part of the McCain Collection for Western Life.

Historical Note


Use of the Collection
Alternative Forms Available

Both the Idaho State Historical Society Public Archives and Research Library (Boise) and the University of Idaho Library Special Collections Department (Moscow) have photocopies of the manuscript.

Preferred Citation

[item description], Peter Beemer Music Manuscript, Boise State University Special Collections and Archives.

Administrative Information

Preservation Note

96 p. of music; 21 x 34 cm.; Sheets of handwritten music are sewn into a canvas binding with "AB 1864" stamped on the cover; Pages in front are numbered 2-40; followed by [18] unnumbered pages including [6] blank pages; numbering resumes with 41-69; remaining pages unnumbered; Last set of unnumbered pages have different "landscape", or vertical orientation with top of the music against the right-hand side of the right page and continuing to the bottom of the music at the left-hand side of the left page.

Acquisition Information


Custodial History

Purchased by Boise State University Albertsons Library Special Collections and Archives from the estate of Dale F. Walden, 2008. Previously owned by Charles Bemis and Taylor Smith.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :
Dance music--Idaho--Warren
Mining camps--Idaho--19th century
Sheet music--Idaho--Warren
Warren (Idaho)--Music.