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**Social Dance collection**

1894-1929

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## Summary

**Creator:** Unknown

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**Date:** 1894-1929

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**Abstract:** The Social Dance collection, dated 1894 to 1929, hold dance step instructions for American dances popular for couples or groups during the late 19th to early 20th centuries. There are also dance step instructions for children and traditional dances. The instructions are mostly printed matter with several handwritten notes and notebooks. Related material includes advertisements for dance schools and dance programs.

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## Key Terms

**Subjects**

Dance

Dance -- United States

Dance for children

Foxtrot (Dance)

Waltz

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Instructions (document genre)

Notebooks

## Container List

### Dances

- b. 1 f. 1 *Album Leaf*  
Group Dance.
- b. 1 f. 2 *Allemande A Trois*
- b. 3 f. 1 *Alpine Shepard Dance*
- b. 1 f. 3 *American National Junior And Senior One Step* 1918  
There are two separate dances.
- b. 1 f. 4 *American One Step, American Fox Trot, American Combination Waltz* 1918-1919
- b. 1 f. 5 *Baby Dances. Yankee Doodle, Comin' Thru The Rye, Paul Jones*
- b. 1 f. 6 *Ball Dance*
- b. 1 f. 7 *Blue Danube Hesitation*
- b. 1 f. 8 *Boots And Saddles*
- b. 3 f. 1 *Csardas*
- b. 1 f. 9 *La Da Silviene*
- b. 1 f. 10 *Du Zurka*
- b. 1 f. 11 *Eccentric Variations*
- b. 1 f. 12 *Egyptian Dance*
- b. 1 f. 13 *Folk Dance*
- Foxtrot**  
Variations of the foxtrot. See Also Instructors or Dance Schools
- b. 1 f. 14 *Foxtrot* 1916  
Boston Teachers Club
- b. 1 f. 15 *Foxtrot*  
Published by Florence Campbell.
- b. 1 f. 16 *Hawaiian Trot*
- b. 1 f. 17 *National Foxtrot*
- b. 1 f. 18 *1915 Foxtrot*  
New York State Teachers Of Dancing.
- b. 1 f. 19 *Tiny Foxtrot*
- b. 1 f. 20 *The Twinkle Trot, Flirtation Fox Trot, Novelty Tea Dance*
- b. 1 f. 21 *Furlana*
- b. 1 f. 22 *Gavotte Directoire*
- b. 3 f. 1 *Goblin Dance*
- b. 1 f. 23 *Gypsy Dance*  
Two variations.
- b. 1 f. 24 *Half And Half*  
Two variations.

Dances (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 25 *Hitchy Koo*
- b. 1 f. 26 *If I Had Money Of My Own*  
Lyrics and dance movements for children.
  
- b. 1 f. 27 *Inspiration*
- b. 1 f. 28 *Irish Folk Dance, The Debutante*
  - b. 3 f. 2 *Irish Jig, Soft Shoe One Step, Buck Dance*
- b. 1 f. 29 *Japanese Dance*
- b. 1 f. 30 *Jitney Jog*  
Polka
  
- b. 1 f. 31 *Killarney One-Step*
- b. 1 f. 32 *Love's Lottery*  
Polka variations.
  
- b. 1 f. 33 *The Magyar, Friska*  
Hungarian dance.
  
- b. 1 f. 34 *Maurice Tango*
- b. 1 f. 35 *Mazurka*
- b. 1 f. 36 *Maxixe Bresilienne*
- b. 1 f. 37 *Montmarte One Step* 1916
- b. 1 f. 38 *National One Step*
  - b. 3 f. 2 *Nymphs Of The Nile*  
Barefoot dance for two girls.
  
- b. 1 f. 39 *Pantomine Reel*
- b. 1 f. 40 *Pershing Polka, London Rocker*
- b. 1 f. 41 *Romance-Rubenstein*
- b. 1 f. 42 *Russian Dance, Russian Walk*
- b. 1 f. 43 *San Francisco Gavotte*
- b. 1 f. 44 *Shoemakers Dance*  
The Playground song is to be recited while dancing.
  
- b. 2 f. 1-2 *Skipping Rope Dance*  
There are lyrics for the song.
  
- b. 1 f. 45 *Snake Dance*  
East Indian dance.
  
- b. 1 f. 46 *The Society Step, The 1918 Ringler Waltz* 1918
- b. 1 f. 47 *Society Walk*
- b. 1 f. 48 *Sorority Glide*
- b. 1 f. 49 *Spanish Dance*
  - b. 3 f. 3 *Spanish Schottische*
- b. 1 f. 50 *Step Dances. Eccentric Clown Step, Scotch Hornpipe Or Highland Fling*
- b. 1 f. 51 *Sunbeams*

Dances (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 52 *Syncopated Tune*
- b. 2 f. 3 *Tango*  
Two variations.
- b. 1 f. 53 *Ta Tao*
- b. 1 f. 54 *To A Wild Rose*
- b. 1 f. 55 *Toe Ballet*
- b. 1 f. 56 *Up To Date Eccentric Dance*
- b. 3 f. 4 *The Very Best Of All*  
"A little song for a little girl." There are also the dance steps for the song.

Waltzes

Variations of the waltz. See Also: Instructors or Dance Schools

- b. 1 f. 57 *American Canter Waltz, Fort Pleasant Military One Step*
- b. 1 f. 58 *American National Modern Waltz*
- b. 1 f. 59 *Associated Trio Waltz, Queen City Gavotte*
- b. 1 f. 60 *Bavarian Quadrille*  
The waltz instructions were printed on small stock cards that were to be held while learning to waltz.
- b. 1 f. 61 *Blue Danube Waltz*  
Solo girl's dance.
- b. 1 f. 62 *Cabaret Waltz, Double Grapevine*  
Handwritten instructions.
- b. 1 f. 63 *Chaplin Waltz, American Waltz*
- b. 1 f. 64 *Exeter Waltz*
- b. 1 f. 65 *Hesitation Waltz*
- b. 1 f. 66 *Spanish Waltz, Inspiration Waltz*  
The Spanish Waltz was created for children.
- b. 1 f. 67 *Tango Waltz*  
There are also instructions for the Pantomine Polka.
- b. 3 f. 4 *A Waltz Combination*  
There are also instructions for the South Jersey Folk Dance.
- b. 1 f. 68 *Waltz Of The Winds*

Instructors Or Dance Schools

These dances were associated with instructors or schools who may have arranged, created or taught multiple dances.

See also: Dances

American National Association Masters Of Dancing

- b. 1 f. 69 *Breathing* c. 1915  
Hand-written instructions for breathing exercise by unknown author.
- b. 1 f. 69 *Fox Trot, The 1915 Tango, Modern Waltz* 1915

Dances (cont.)

Instructors Or Dance Schools (cont.)

Brown's School Of Dancing

- b. 1 f. 70 *Bijou One Step, Four In One Step, The Walk Away Waltz* c. 1912

Burnham, Amelia

- b. 3 f. 5 *Awakening Of Spring*

- b. 3 f. 5 *Humoresque*

A toe dance for a group of eight girls, or can be arranged as solo.

- b. 3 f. 5 *The Kewpie Wedding*

For a group of small children and two solos.

- b. 3 f. 5 *Spanish Dance*

Byrne, Rose I

- b. 1 f. 71 *Aviation, Western Polka, Aviation Waltz, Over The Top*

Over The Top was attributed to E.A. Prinz.

- b. 1 f. 71 *Coming Thru The Rye*

Children's ballroom dance.

Conway, M.F

- b. 2 f. 4 *Baby Buck And Wing, Irish Breakdown*

The music for Baby Buck and Wing is a chicken reel. This dance tune was composed by Joseph M. Daly in 1910.

- b. 2 f. 4 *Clog, Military, Polka Militaire*

The music for the Clog is a Victor 16393 hornpipe. This is a reference to Charles D'Almaine's recording Medley Old Time Reels (Track A), and Favorite Hornpipe Medley (Track B), released in October 1909 on Victor "Patents" label. The format was 78 RPM.

- b. 2 f. 4 *Saber Dance, Military Four*

The music for the Saber Dance is the American folk song Turkey in the Straw.

- b. 2 f. 5 *Soft Shoe Dance, Technique Of Step Dancing*

Danielson, Florence

- b. 3 f. 6 *The Little Flower Girl, Playmates, The School Girl, Something Pretty*

The dances were choreographed for young girls.

De Kurylo, Eduard

- b. 1 f. 72 *Bacchanale*

- b. 3 f. 7 *Crystal Gazer*

- b. 1 f. 72 *Cymbal Dance*

- b. 3 f. 7 *The Dragon Fly*

- b. 3 f. 7 *Polka Fantastique*

- b. 1 f. 72 *To A Wild Rose*

Duryea, Oscar

- b. 1 f. 73 *The Chic Waltz, The Ohio*

Duryea-Kretlow Creation. The Ohio is attributed to Fenton Bott.

- b. 1 f. 73 *The Dardanella, The Wesleyan*

Dances (cont.)

Instructors Or Dance Schools (cont.)

Duryea, Oscar (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 73 *Fox Trot (Music Box), One Step Combination, Valse Moderne*  
Valse Moderne is a Waltz.

Heinemann, Otto F.C

- b. 1 f. 74 *Harvard 1918, The Romp* 1918  
Harvard 1918 is a waltz. The Romp is a dance for children.

- b. 1 f. 74 *Victory Fox Trot, Victory Waltz* c. 1918

- b. 1 f. 74 *Novelty One Step, Mignon Waltz, Victory Fox Trot* c. 1918  
Mignon Waltz was attributed to Fannie Hinman.

Hungtington, R.G

- b. 1 f. 75 *La Papillon, Redowenna, The Spirit Of Today, The Woodland Spirits*

Miss Illa Derinda Knowles Studio

- b. 1 f. 76 *Fox Trot, One Step, Syncopated Or Skating Fox Trot, Waltz Canter, Waltz Tango*

Kretlow, Arthur

- b. 1 f. 77 *Fairy Dance, Fox Trot Artistique, Triangle One Step*

MacLennan, D.G

- b. 1 f. 78 *Mazurka, Pavane, Ruthenia, Tarantella, Ta-Tag*

Mascagno School Of Dancing

- b. 2 f. 6 *An Episode Of The Race Track, L'Artista, Fleur De Lotus, The Jumping Jack, Norweigan Dance, Princess And Slave, Tarantella*

Newberger, Adolph

- b. 1 f. 79 *The American Beauty Rose, Dainty Dolly, When You Come Back, Yankee Rag*

Norman, Frank H

- b. 1 f. 80 *Bolero, Pas De Quatre Dance*

Passapee, Edna Rothard

- b. 1 f. 81 *Dance Mignon, El Danzon, Fox Trot, Fox Trot Figures, One Step, La Rumba, Skating Waltz, Tango*

Root, Herninie

- b. 2 f. 7 *The Maxixe, Tango*

Sampson, I.C

- b. 2 f. 8 *Ballet*

- b. 2 f. 9 *Fete De Fleurs*

Ballet for eight girls.

- b. 2 f. 10 *The Jockey Dance* 1912  
Lyrics and diagram of dance steps.

- b. 2 f. 11 *The Rose Arbor, The Penny Race, The Merry-Go-Round*

- b. 2 f. 12 *Uncle Sam's Navy*

Ballet for eight girls and one boy. Diagram of steps also included.

Spaeder, Mrs. F.N

Dances (cont.)

Instructors Or Dance Schools (cont.)

Spaeder, Mrs. F.N (cont.)

- b. 1 f. 82 *Ball Room Dances For Chidren, Dance Of The Bacchantes, Russian Dance, Spring, Summer*

Sweeney, Helene L

- b. 1 f. 83 *Century Foxtrot, Varsity Foxtrot*

Vestoff-Serova

Sonia Serova and her husband Veronine Vestoff operated Russian dance studios in New York City. The files hold dances that either or both created and programs from their schools.

- b. 1 f. 84 Serova, Sonia. Dance Instructions

- b. 1 f. 85-87 Multiple Dance Instructions

Notebooks and Notes

- b. 4 f. 1 Bridges, T.T 1918-1919

Notes on summer school work.

- b. 4 f. 2 Notebook On Dance Steps

This is a partial notebook by unidentified hand.

- b. 4 f. 3-7 Notes Regarding Dances c. 1918

Programs and Advertisements 1894-1929

- b. 4 f. 8 Cotillion By R.G. Huntington 1902

- b. 4 f. 9 The Dance Workshop of Boston. Russakoff Studio 1929

- b. 4 f. 10 Gilbert Summer Normal School 1896

- b. 4 f. 11 Knickerbocker Conservatory of New York City c. 1900

- b. 2 f. 13 Prospectus Normal School for Dancing 1894

- b. 2 f. 14 The Cotillion c. 1915

Advertisement

Poster

- b. 2 f. 15 On Trouve. Tout Ce Que L'On...Marchetti c. 1915

Assorted Material

- b. 4 f. 12 *Highest form Of Art Is Dancing* c. 1904

- b. 4 f. 13 American National Association. Test For Candidates