

Title: Balatka, Hans Collection

Reference Code: Mss-1961

Inclusive Dates: 1856

Quantity: 0.2 cu. ft.

Location: LC, Sh. 003

Abstract: Hans Balatka was born Hoffnungsthal in 1827. His parents were prominent musicians, and Hans perfected his expertise in harmony and composition under Viennese composers Simon Sechter and Heinrich Proch. He fled Vienna after the failed 1848 revolution and emigrated to the United States in 1849. He eventually settled in Milwaukee and conducted the Musical Society (or Musikverein in German) from 1851 until 1860. He left for Chicago in 1860 to become leader of the newly formed Philharmonic Society of Chicago. He organized several music societies while in Chicago, including the Liederkranz Society, the Mozart Club and the Chicago Musical Society. He passed away in 1899.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of music composed by Balatka for the Musikverein, 1856.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: German