

**Title:** Gigante, Joseph Collection

**Reference Code:** Mss-1053

**Inclusive Dates:** 1915 – 1981

**Quantity:** 000.03 cu. ft.

**Location:** Sm Mss

**Abstract:** Joseph Gigante (circa 1888-1975) was a bandleader, conductor, and composer. He was born in Sicily and played flugelhorn in an Italian military band before moving to Milwaukee in 1910. He toured the country with multiple concert bands and to provide musical accompaniment for the silent film *Ben Hur* in 1927. Gigante was director of the Milwaukee Park Board Band from 1928 through the late 1930s, in which role he conducted concerts in public parks.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of black-and-white and color photocopies of photographs and newspaper clippings documenting Gigante's life and career that were reproduced from a scrapbook.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Administrative Note:** Processed by Michael Barera, April 2023.