



# **American Car and Foundry Company and Hamilton Watch Company sheet music for company songs 1993.284**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Audiovisual Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Hamilton Watch Company
<b>Creator:</b>	American Car and Foundry Company
<b>Title:</b>	American Car and Foundry Company and Hamilton Watch Company sheet music for company songs
<b>ID:</b>	1993.284
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1940-1942
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 item(s)
<b>General Physical Description:</b>	2 items (sheet music).
<b>Physical Location:</b>	GL Box 2.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection contains two pieces of sheet music: "Volume for Victory," the song of the A.C.F. (American Car and Foundry Company) and "Hamiltonia," song of the Hamilton Watch Company. The American Car and Foundry, Company was founded in 1899 and is still considered a leading American manufacturer of railcars and railcar parts. The Hamilton Watch Company was founded in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1892. Among other milestones, it produced the first electric wristwatch in 1957 and the first digital watch in 1970. The Hamilton brand is currently owned and manufactured by the The Swatch Group out of Switzerland.

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## Historical Note

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American Car and Foundry Company is a manufacturer of railroad rolling stock and railcar parts, founded in 1899 as the result of a merger among thirteen railroad carbuilding companies, including St. Charles Car Manufacturing Company. It is credited with building the first all-steel passenger railway car at their Berwick, Pennsylvania plant in 1904. In 1955, it changed its name to ACF Industries, Incorporated. In 1962, it closed the Berwick plant. It changed its name again in 2003 to ACF Industries,

LLC. It still is a leading American manufacturer of railcars and railcar parts. Its manufacturing plant is in Milton, Pennsylvania.

The Hamilton Watch Company was founded in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1892. By the turn of the twentieth century, it became watch used by the railroad industry to accurately tell time. During World War II, Hamilton ceased making watches for the consumer market and began production of several models of chronometer to meet the needs of the US Armed Forces, especially the U.S. Navy's, for an accurate timepiece that could be used for sea navigation. In January 1957, Hamilton introduced the world's first electric wristwatch, the first significant change in watches since the early sixteenth century. They developed the first digital watch in 1970. The Hamilton brand is currently owned and manufactured by the The Swatch Group out of Switzerland.

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## Scope and Content

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This collection contains two pieces of sheet music: "Volume for Victory," the song of the A.C.F. (American Car and Foundry Company) and "Hamiltonia," song of the Hamilton Watch Company. The cover of the A.C.F. music includes a photograph of the band and chorus of the A.C.F., Berwick, Pennsylvania. The Hamilton piece is not illustrated, but has a Hamilton watch coat-of-arms on the back.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Sheet music
- Clock and watch making
- Railroads -- Rolling stock -- Design and construction
- World War, 1939-1945