

The Georgia State University Special Collections and Archives located in Atlanta, GA houses the papers of Johnny Mercer and related popular music materials. For the American Traditions Competition, you can utilize the resources available, which include:

Johnny Mercer Song Database: The database includes information for over 1,400 published and unpublished songs written by Johnny Mercer. This database will indicate what Georgia State has in the collection for each particular song (e.g. draft lyrics, sheet music, sound recording, etc.).

<http://library.gsu.edu/search-collections/special-collections-archives/johnny-mercer-collection/johnny-mercer-song-database/>

General Popular Song Sheet Music Database: A database of over 14,000 pieces of piano-vocal arrangements and Tune-Dex cards (lead sheets). <http://library.gsu.edu/search-collections/special-collections-archives/popular-music-culture-collection/sheet-music-database/>

Johnny Mercer Research Guide: An introductory overview of Mercer with links to additional resources at Georgia State and elsewhere. <http://research.library.gsu.edu/mercer>

Johnny Mercer interview with Willis Conover: Un-broadcast interview in which Mercer provides the origin/background on many of his hit songs. This can provide some unique perspective for a song, if needed. <http://digitalcollections.library.gsu.edu/cdm/ref/collection/merceroh/id/51>

Please contact me if you would like on-site access to, or copies of any of the materials in the collection for use in the American Traditions Competition.

Thank you,
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