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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

SC 0055

### Unit Date

circa 1850-1899

### Language

English .

### Abstract

The "Young Eph's Lament" Song Sheet, circa 1850-1899, is a 5 x 8 inch hand-colored lithograph song sheet featuring four stanzas in stereotypical black dialect.

### Creator

Charles Magnus & Co.

**source**

Cohasco, Inc.

**Extent**

0.06 cubic feet 1 letter folder

**Repository**

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

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James Madison University Special Collections acquired this item at auction from Cohasco, Inc. in January 2016.

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## Bio/Historical Note

Charles Magnus (1826-1900) worked in New York City from 1850 to 1899 as a print publisher, map dealer, book seller, and stationer. He issued over one thousand unique letter sheets, maps, song sheets, envelopes, and prints.

## Scope and Content

The "Young Eph's Lament" Song Sheet, circa 1850-1899, is a 5 x 8 inch hand-colored lithograph song sheet featuring four stanzas in stereotypical black dialect. The song sheet includes a hand-colored lithograph of a Union soldier conversing with an African American who is carrying a walking stick. A palmetto tree is in the background. The "Lament" is comprised of four stanzas and begins, "Oh, where will I go if dis war breaks de country up, and de dar-keys hab to scat-ter a-round..." Per the seller's description, the song sheet was "intended for the northerner craving peace but not necessarily abolition."

## Keywords

Music -- United States -- 19th century

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Songs and music

Songs (musical compositions)

Lithographs

Cohasco, Inc.

## Bibliography

"Charles Magnus Collection, ca. 1850-1890." Finding aid at the Winterthur Library, Winterthur, De. Accessed February 22, 2017. [http://findingaid.winterthur.org/html/HTML\\_Finding\\_Aids/COL0123.htm](http://findingaid.winterthur.org/html/HTML_Finding_Aids/COL0123.htm).

## Arrangement

The song sheet is housed in one letter folder.

## **Description of Subordinate Components**

### **"Young Eph's Lament" Song Sheet**

**Unit Date** circa 1850-1899

**Mixed Materials [1000886509]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)