

The Oahu Publishing Company of 2108 Payne Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, offered music lessons and sold guitars between 1926 and 1985. Oahu's Honolulu Conservatory of Music (HCM) was franchised to provide music lessons in many cities and towns across the U.S., including Mooresville, Indiana. Here's a May 21, 1939 photo of the Mooresville Studio of the HCM. Unfortunately, none of the persons in this picture were identified. The photo was taken on the stage in the [old Methodist Episcopal \(M.E.\) Church](#) (later called First United Methodist Church) (1882-1995), which was located on the northeast corner of Indiana and Harrison Streets in downtown Mooresville (the building is now part of the Mooresville Government Center). The American flag was typically displayed above HCM students, as shown in this photo as well as in photos from various franchise studios (e.g., Tacoma, Washington's HCM studio, now digitally displayed online by the [Tacoma Public Library](#)). The history of Oahu Publishing was told in the book, *Hawaiian Steel Guitar & Its Great Hawaiian Musicians* (1996), by Ruymar, Lorene, & Boyd, Joe (Anaheim, CA: Centerstream Publications).

Images:

- Mooresville Studio of the Honolulu Conservatory of Music (May 21, 1939).
- Honolulu Conservatory of Music logo (1940s).
- Oahu piano & accordion course book (1950).
- Oahu guitar brand (1930s).

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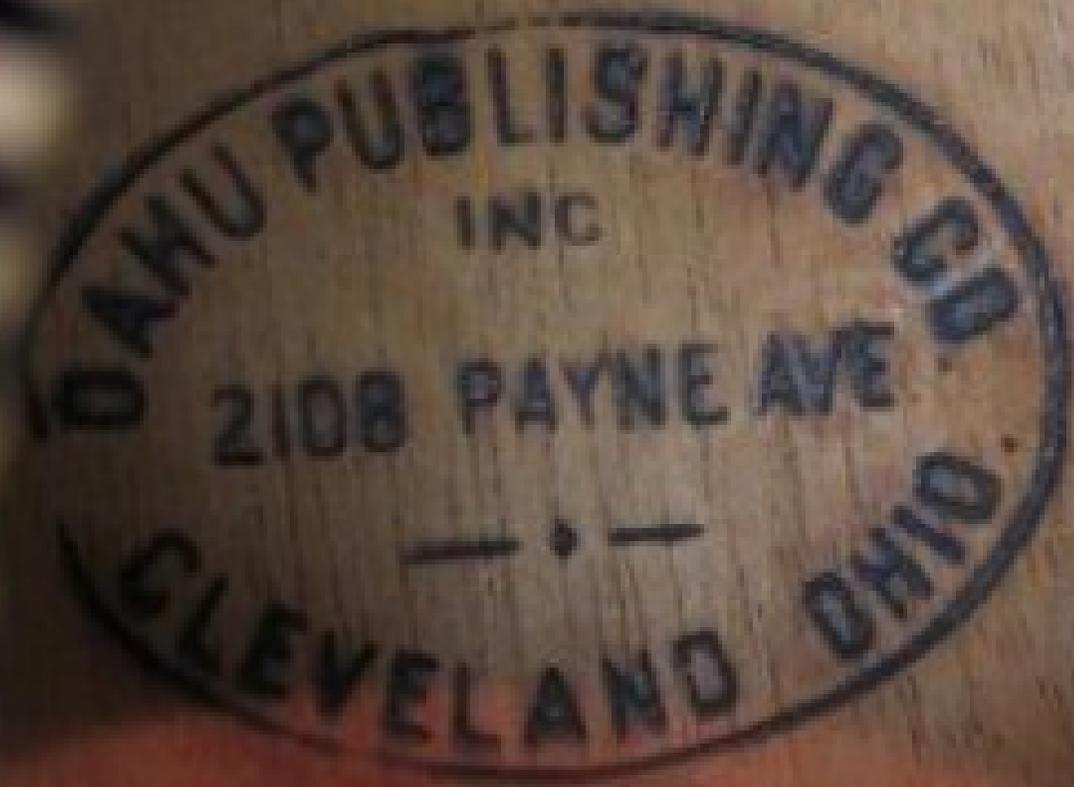
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