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MEMORANDUM

March 2, 1939

Remitter: Clarence Williams Music Publishing Co. (12457)--Class E

Title: "Organ Grinder Blues."

Question: Division of opinion as to adequacy of copyright notice.

The notice of copyright appearing upon the first page of music is in the following form:

This arrangement copyrighted 1939 This arrangement complies with the standard system, etc.  
Copyrighted MCMXXVIII by Clarence Williams Music Pub. Co., Inc.

It is the opinion of Mr. Wise, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Pierce that this copyright notice is adequate. The name of Clarence Williams Music Publishing Company, Inc., is upon the line immediately beneath the statement "This arrangement copyrighted 1939." Mrs. Brady, on the other hand, is of the opinion that the notice is inadequate since the name of the copyright owner does not immediately follow the statement "Copyright 1939."

Respectfully submitted,

*W. Harvey Wise*  
Chairman, Revisory Board

Enter--order of Mr. Howell 3/11/39

Notice

## M E M O R A N D U M

March 2, 1939

Remitter: Freeman, Sweet, Albrecht and Weidman (11312)--Class A or K

Title: "Church Stamp Book," "Church Print," and "Church Stamp."

Question: Division of opinion as to adequacy of copyright notice on the stamp.

The entire Board is agreed upon the subject that the "Church Stamp Book" must be rejected as a blank form. There is a division of opinion, however, as to whether registration is in order for the print entitled "Church." Immediately under the picture is stamped "© Church En."

It is the opinion of Mr. Smith, Mrs. Brady, and Mr. Pierce that this notice of copyright is inadequate. It is their feeling that "En" is not an adequate abbreviation of "Enterprises", which is the second name of the copyright owner. It is the opinion of Mr. Wise, on the other hand, that the notice of copyright is adequate. The full first name is used, i.e., "Church" and the first two letters of the second name "En(terprises)." This is adequate to advise any member of the public that copyright is claimed in the work, and furthermore, it is sufficient to enable registration to be identified in this Office.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. Harvey Wise Jr.*

Chairman, Revisory Board

"I see no need to argue the point. Entry can be made for the Stamp Book if he will restrict the claim to the picture on front cover (which bears adequate notice). Inasmuch as the picture on the stamp is same in reduced scale, no need to register that separately."

Mr. Howell 3/16/39