

### 3. Folding Organ

#### Instrument Identification

<i>Model name</i>	Folding Organ, Style JJ
<i>Serial/Opus number</i>	403256
<i>Company of manufacture</i>	Estey Organ Company
<i>Date of manufacture</i>	1916

#### Features

*General description* This portable reed organ made it possible to have musical accompaniment in remote locations.

The instrument collapses into a sturdy case for easy transport.

*Options available* none?

*Description from Estey catalog* Estey advertised this folding reed organ as "*a treasure for missionaries or traveling singers*" and "*easily transported and always adequate.*"

#### Specifications

*Case*

- Oak instrument and case
- Collapses into a compact carrying case (33" L x 14"W x 12"H)
- Keyboard is 30" from the floor
- Weighs 100 pounds when boxed
- Leather carrying handles

*Keys* made of ????

*Manuals*

- 4 octave
- C compass
- 49 keys

*Knee levers* right knee swell

*Description of air source* 2 pedal blowers played in a treadle-like fashion

*Stops summary* no stops

*Reed synopsis* 1 full four-octave set of reeds ( 49 reeds)

#### Notes

*Original Price* In 1921 Estey quoted a price of \$50 to the U.S. Army.

*Condition*

*Donor information* Ed and Judy Johnston, Rutland, VT

*Other comments/anecdotes* During World War 1, Estey folding organs were used by U.S. Army chaplains.

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