HAVEN GILLESPIE (1888 - 1975)

The composer of “Santa Claus Is Comin’ To Town” was a native of Covington. He attended local school, became a printer, and later employed by Cincinnati Times-Star and N.Y. Times. Gillespie’s songs carried Americans through Great Depression and World War II; they include “Breezin’ Along With The Breeze,” “You Go To My Head,” “Honey,” and “That Lucky Old Sun.”