

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera

Circuses

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Circuses

Astley's (1808, n.d.)

Barnum and Bailey (1889, C. 19th, 1925)

Frank C **Bostock** (1882, 1911)

Cornwall's Royal Circus (1843)

Carl **Hagenbeck**: Wonder Zoo & Circus (1886?, 1913, 1913/14)

Hengler (1886, 87, n.d.)

Hughes, Charles (1782?)

Hughes, Edwin (1845)

Bertram **Mills**

General (1920, 21, 30, 31/32, 32/33, 35/36, 36/37, 37/38, 38/39, 53, n.d.)

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Bertram **Mills**

Large unmounted pamphlets (1927/28, 28/29, 30/31, 31/32, 36/37, 37/38, 38/39, 39, 47/48, 48)

Russell, Billy

Sanger's:

John Sanger/ Geo. Sanger

Smart, Billy

Wombwells

Others

Arnold, Tom (Moscow State Circus/ Harringay Circus)

Boone, Col. (at The Canterbury)

Bullini (Weston-super-Mare)

Chapman

Chipperfield

Cooke, V.R. (Nailsworth; 1845)

Evans, Fred ('The Sun'; 1884)

Fossett & Sons', Sir Robert

Henley

Hoffman, Circus

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Others contd.

Ice Circus

Krone Circus

Levenes, The Wonderous

Newsome

Royal English Circus

Sampson, Mr C.A.

Super Circus

Van Amburgh

Victory Circus (at Olympia)

Wilkins, Fred A.

Wulff, Ed.

France

Nouveau Cirque

Rancy, Cirque

Spain

Circo Americano

Festival Mundial Del Circo

USA (Chicago)

Greater European Olympia Circus

Secondary Material

'Chipperfields' Circus News

Circus Parade by John S. Clarke
International Circus Season – Coliseum
Publicity made for the Show Business : Wilsons' Vast Resources

Woodcuts

Alphabetical by title
Untitled
Colour

Circus Acts

Acrobats

Magariene, Pierre
Sato, Miss
Zaeo

Misc. Acrobats

Acrobats & how they are trained
Sensational gymnastics and acrobatism
Illustration

Clowns

Old Barnes, the Pantaloon
Grimaldi
Mathews, Charles

Misc. Clowns: articles

A Chapter on Clowns by William J. Thos.
Harlequiniana

Misc. Clowns: Illustrations

Laughable Songbook for 1813 Fairburn (senr)
Don't Forget Thursday Night
Untitled

Misc. Clowns: Dust jackets

Clowning Through by Frank Foster & William G. Bosworth
Country Fair
Popular Entertainment through the Ages – Samuel McKechnie

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Equestrian

Cossacks
Gymnastic and Equestrian Circus of Arts and Sciences
Johnson
Mackeen
New Royal Circus (1801)
Rotunda Circus
Misc – *Diving Horses* by Albert H. Broadwell
Misc- Illustration

Jugglers

Chinese Jugglers (1816, n.d.)
Cinquivalli, Paul
English Juggling and Necromancy (1817)
Indian Jugglers
Italian Jugglers – Count Milani and Countess Colombier
Ramblers – ‘The Most Extraordinary Dinner on Earth’ (1900)

Looping the Loop

Performing Animals

Bears at School
Pictures for Children (1895)
Training of Performing Animals (1894)
Wild Animal Training

Strong Men and Women

Joy, William
Price, Joe
Topham, Thomas
Victorina

Trick Bicycling

Kaufman & McAnney, Messrs. (1886?)
Leonce, Signor (1888)
Wilmot’s Carnival of Cycling Novelties (1892)

Rope Walking

Blondin (1861, 62, 68, 73, 78, 87, 95, 1951, n.d.):
 The female Blondin (1861?)
 The modern Blondin – Alvar (1903)
 Misc.
Signor Jacki – missing?

Madame Saqui

Others:

Lorzino (1908)

MacDonald, Duncan

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Miscellaneous Circus Acts

Attilas, the

Brown, Jessie

Caratha, Mahomed

Carnegie, Mr

Chabet, Mr

Cumming, Mr Gordon

Datton

Decour & Esbrayat

Donato, The Brothers (1894)

Dutch Woman

Gilfort, Nana (1893)

Girardelli, Signord Josephine

Higgins, John

Karno, Fred – ‘Remember Fred Karno? The Life of a Great Showman’ by Edwin Adeler & Con West

Lauri, Charles – ‘An Animal Actor’ (An Interviewette) by Harry How

Madox, Anthony

Miller, James (1712)

Scott, Samuel (1840)

Stone, Miss Belle

Stranzini, Mr (1894)

Switchback, the

Wilkinson, Miss

Zuila, Ella (1887)

German – ‘The Three Milon’

Misc Articles:

Circus Life – Chambers’s Journal

Foolhardy Feats II : Other Fools – The Strand

A Little Talk about Science and the Show Folks – from *Comic Tales and Pictures of Life*
by Albert Smith

Side Shows by William G. Fitzgerald

Some Peculiar Entertainment

Misc. Story:

- *Horace McLean: A Story of a Search in Strange Places* by W.A. Gibb (Cassell's Family Magazine)

Wild West

Arnold, Tom – Harringay Circus and Wild West Show

Buffalo Bill (1887, n.d.)

'Great Wild West Show' Wembley Park

Mexican Joe and Daisy – Royal Albert Palace

Romance, Lure and the Thrills of the Wonderful "Far West" Now to be Seen in the Heart of London – *White City Herald* (1914)

Circus Fan's Association and other Circus Ephemera

Circus Fan's Association/ Sawdust Ring

Other Circus Ephemera:

Fun at the Circus

Hippodrome, the – 'An Illustrated English, American and Continental Equestrian & Vaudeville Magazine'

Puppets and the Puppet Theatre – Sergei Obraztsor

Victor Polka

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