

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera Circuses

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Box 1

Circuses

Astley's (1808, n.d.) *see also* London Playbills folder 1 and London Playbills Apollo – Astley's

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.)

Box 2

Circuses continued

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

Box 3

Circuses continued

Others continued

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

Noveau 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

Arranged alphabetically 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: Book jackets

Clowning Through by Frank Foster & William G. Bosworth

Country Fair

Popular Entertainment through the Ages – Samuel McKechnie

Box 4

Equestrian

Cossacks
Gymnastic and Equestrain 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.)
Cinquavalli, 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

Box 5

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. publication

- *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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Entertainments folder 8

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