John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera
Circuses

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For the 19th century, catalogue records (only) can be found on the John Johnson Collection online catalogue
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Additionally, some material is available through Adam Matthew Digital. Defining Gender, 1450-1910 http://www.gender.amdigital.co.uk/ (Section III: Consumption and Leisure).

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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

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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 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
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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.)
Cinquevalli, 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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