

John Johnson Collection: pre-1960 ephemera

Provincial Playbills

Provincial Playbills original to the John Johnson Collection are kept in three distinct sequences. All are kept by place and then chronologically. NB Other forms of entertainment, which may share the same venues are kept by the form of entertainment and not by venue, e.g. Circuses, Magic and Mystery

- Provincial Playbills boxes (including a volume of playbills for Edinburgh, 1824 – 1828). Catalogued and digitised
- Provincial Playbills folders (outsized material). Catalogued and digitised
- Posters: planchest size posters. Catalogued at a minimal level

18th century playbills are available through Digital Bodleian:

<https://digital.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>

19th century playbills and programmes are available through the ProQuest site: The John Johnson Collection: an archive of printed ephemera:

<https://www.proquest.com/johnjohnson/geoauth>

The records are also available through the [Johnson online catalogue](#).

For citation purposes and for searching (ProQuest, Johnson online catalogue) shelfmarks should be prefixed with Provincial Playbills, as below

Additionally there is a sequence of Dickens playbills, including provincial. Those original to the John Johnson Collection are available through microfiches: *Dickens playbills in the Bodleian Library, Oxford*: Oxford Microform Publications, 1981

There is a separate sequence of post-1960 programmes (sorted but not indexed or catalogued).

Extent: 11 boxes, 1 volume, 6 folders, 9 planchest folders (posters)

Provincial Playbills box 1 (A-B)

Abingdon, Aldershot, Alnwick, Ashford, Aylesbury, Ayr, Badminton, Banbury, Bath, Birmingham, Bognor Regis, Bournemouth

The Grand Theatre Blackpool 1	Dec 23, 1896 - Dec 27, 1897
The Grand Theatre Blackpool 2	Dec 27, 1897 - Dec 31, 1898

Provincial Playbills box 2 (Bradford – Cambridge)

Bradford, Bridgnorth, Brighton, Bristol, Burton-on-Trent, Buxton, Cambridge

See also **Provincial Playbills Brighton Alhambra 1 and 2**: 1888 – 1889 plus other dates

Provincial Playbills box 3 (Cambridge)

Cambridge

Provincial Playbills box 4 (Canterbury – Durham)

Canterbury, Carlisle, Castlemain, Chatham, Chelmsford, Cheltenham, Chichester, Chipping Camden, Cork, Coventry, Croydon, Dalby, Denbighshire, Derby, Douglas, Dublin, Durham

Provincial Playbills box 5 (Eastbourne – Guernsey)

Eastbourne, Edinburgh, Exeter, Felixstowe, Folkestone, Frinton, Glastonbury, Godalming, Great Yarmouth, Guernsey

Also: **Provincial Playbills Edinburgh Vol:** Edinburgh 1824-1828

Provincial Playbills box 6 (Halifax – Llandudno on label)

Halifax, Harrogate, Hastings, Henley, Herne Bay, Hornchurch, Huddersfield, Hull, Ipswich, Jersey, Keswick, Kings Langley, Leamington, Leatherhead, Leeds, Lincoln, Liverpool, Llandudno, Ludlow

Provincial Playbills box 7 (Malmesbury – Nottingham)

Malmesbury, Malvern, Manchester, Margate Meldreth, Mitcham, Newark, Newcastle, North Shields, Nottingham

Provincial Playbills box 8 (Peterborough – Rye)

Peterborough, Petworth, Pitlochry, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Ramsgate, Reading, Richmond, Romford, Rye

Provincial Playbills box 9 (Salisbury – Stratford pre-1900)

Salisbury, Scarborough, Sheffield, Shere, Skipton, Sleaford, Southampton, Southport, Stockton-on-Tees, Stratford-upon-Avon (pre-1900)

Provincial Playbills box 10 (Stratford post-1901)

Stratford-upon-Avon 1901-1960

Provincial Playbills box 11 (Taunton – York)

Taunton, Thetford, Thirsk, Tunbridge Wells, Wakefield, Wallingford, Westcliff, West Wickham, Weymouth, Whitby, Wimbledon, Winchester, Windsor, Wirksworth, Witton, Wolverhampton, Woodstock, Wroxton, York

Playbills: Provincial folders

Folder I

A - G (arranged alphabetically by town)

Aldershot (1a), (1b)

Bampton (2)

Banbury (3)

Barnet (4)

Bath (5) – (9)

Belfast (10)

Beverley (11)

Birmingham (12) – (20)

Boston (21)

Bridgnorth (22) – (32) (*see also* Bridgnorth Collection)

Brighton (33) – (38)

Bristol (39a) – (54)

Cambridge (55)

Cheltenham (56) – (62)

Chepstow (63)

Chester (64)

Chichester (65)

Colchester (66) – (67)

Cowes (68)

Croydon (69)

Derby (70) – (71)

Doncaster (72a) – (74d)

Dorchester (75)

Dover (76) – (82)

Dublin (82a) – (83)

Edinburgh (84) – (88)

Exeter (89) – (90)

Eye (91)

Gateshead (92)

Folder II

H (arranged alphabetically by town)

Hastings (1a), (1*b) – (3)

Hereford (4)

Hull (5) – (64)

Folder III

L (arranged alphabetically by town)

Leamington Spa (1) – (3)

Leatherhead (4)

Leeds (5a) – (103)

Leominster (104)

Lincoln (105a) – (111c)

Liverpool (112) – (117)

Lostwithiel (118)

Ludlow (119) – (122)

Folder IV

M (arranged alphabetically by town)

Maidstone (1)

Manchester (2) – (5)

Margate (6) – (8)

Newcastle-upon-Tyne (9) – (67)

Folder V

N - R (arranged alphabetically by town)

Northampton (1) – (5)

Stirbitch (by His Majesty's Players from the Theatre-Royal, Norwich) (6)

Norwich (7) – (17)

Oxford (19) – (24)

Parkgate (18) and (24a)

Portsmouth (25) – (28)

Richmond (29) – (35)

Rochester (36)

Folder VI

S - Y (arranged alphabetically by town)

Scarborough (1) – (2)

Seaford (3)

Sheerness (4) – (9)

Sheffield (10) – (16)

Shrewsbury (17)

Southampton (18) – (21)

Stourbridge (22)

Tetbury (24)

Tunbridge (25) – (28)

Wakefield (30) – (33)

Weymouth (34)

Whitby (35)

Winchester (36)

Windsor (37) – (38)

Wisbech (39)

Wolverhampton (40) – (41)

Woolwich (42) – (43)

Worcester (44) – (47)

Worthing (48)

Yarmouth (49) – (51)

York (52) – (72)

Royal Arctic Theatre HMS Assistance (73) – (74)

St Helier, Jersey (75) – (76)

Luwigshame (77)

Barcelona (78)

Wien (79)

Rome (80)

Amsterdam (81)

Figueira da Foz (82)

Boston (83) – (86)

Philadelphia (87)

Posters

Provincial Bath-Bury

Provincial Dublin-Ennis

Provincial Glasgow to Jarrow

Provincial Leicester to Oldam

Provincial Manchester-Middlesex

Romford Theatre of Varieties

Provincial Scarborough to Yarmouth

Provincial Misc Large

Provincial Misc Small