

Testo Family Collection

Monographs, Articles, Manuscripts and Research Material 178B16

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Programmes 178K33

Posters 178R31

Various 178Z22

- 178B16.1 Your Fortune in the Cards by Donalie Fitzgerald
Extract from book on fortune telling using cards
Black type on off white background with black and white illustrations of
cards and symbols of planets on reverse of first page
24p.p.
175mm x 255mm
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- 178B16.2 Testo Family monographs
The story of Felix Testot, Magician, and founder of the Testo family in
England (with a brief history of his descendants up to 1993)
A portion of the Testo Family History
Alfred Testo's Career by 'Golga' Jeffreys (his daughter)
The Chipperfields' Story: being a summary of items in the history of the
Chipperfield family from 1803 and the connections with the Testo
family (Harriet Sophia Jeffreys and Vic Jeffreys)
Transcribed
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- 178B16.3 Family research material
Copy of 1851 census from Batheaston Parish, Somerset containing a list
of people with the surname Jones and their birth details, some hand
written notes about the Tudors family trees and a story about Ruth
Pierce in 1753, also very faded photocopies of Felix Testo posters and a
newspaper cutting
Typescript and manuscript
6 items
Various Sizes
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- 178C79.1-661 Black and white photographs, postcards and negatives of the Testo
family, performers, side shows, animals, fairgrounds and circuses
including Angela Rabbets 'Jungle Girl' female snake act, Sonya Alan 'Lady
of Lions', men and women in WWI and WWII uniforms, Golga Testo
snake act with Bertram Mills Circus, Pauline Testo, Alf Testo, Nora and

Billy Kayes, Jack Lemm and his Troupe at Testo's show, members of the Chipperfield family, members of the Dobson family, members of the Pinder family including Eddie Pinder Wild West act and Rosetia Pinder, Betty Jackson, other sideshow acts including midgets, giants, strong women such as Herculine, sharp shooters such as Bonita Dash, Flo Felix, the Headless Woman show, Peter Gotz 'Lightweight Wrestler Champion of the World', The Dyers, mice circuses, flea circuses, Rood Fair at Dumfries, Barnstaple Fair, Kings Lynn, Hull Fair, fairground show fronts, freak show performers including 'The Queen of the Ocean', Madam Howard 'The Lion Face Lady', Alice Bounds 'The Bear Lady', Days Menagerie, Tommy Day 'Captain Bartlett', Captain Pizarro lion tamer and others
1900s-1968
671 items (including duplicates)
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- 178F14.1 Various items of correspondence addressed to Mrs Jeffery regarding the printing of the book *Conjuring Collecting and The Testo Story*, a letter from Stanley Robinson to Mrs Jeffery regarding some photographs and two regarding fairground shows and rides
1949-1964
Typescript and manuscript
4 items
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- 178G19.1 Newspaper cuttings including general stories about fairgrounds and coverage of murder of Miriam Culine
C.1959-1979
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- 178H9.1 Top section of contract between Bertram W. Mills Circus and Miss Testo, Snake Charmer, to furnish and exhibit three snakes (bottom section missing)
12th December 1932
Black type on light green paper
2p.p
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- 178H9.2 Photocopies of The British Roundabout Proprietors and Showmen's Union Rules
1902-1903
Typescript
Various sizes
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- 178I11.1 Jon Gresham advertising pamphlet
Introducing Jon Gresham Europe's youngest fire eater,
c.1952

Golden and black type on white background and black and white photographs of the performer and copies of newspaper articles
3p.p.
208mm x 253mm
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- 178K33.1 Stoll Herald Vol. 3 No. 7
Shepherd's Bush Empire c.1930s
Freddie Forbes in "Oranges and Lemons"
Five Sherry Brothers, musical act
Mr & Mrs Toby and Family, comedy monkey act
The Amazing Samson, strong man act
Five Perezon, juggling act
Gordon Marsh, cabaret act
Dorothy Lena, musical comedy act
Red and black type on white background and black and white photographs of acts and performers with descriptive text,
2p.p.
145mm x 225mm
(Very Fragile)
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- 178R31.1 How are fleas trained to perform? By Professor A. Testo
Navy blue type on off white background describing how to train fleas to perform
Printed by A. A. Fletcher & Son Ltd., Swalwell, Newcastle-on-tyne
378mm x 504mm
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- 178Z22.1 Driving licence for Pauline Testo,
1974-1977
Black type on green paper, signed P Testo
135mm x 334mm
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- 178Z22.2 Birthday postcard to Pauline from Mr and Mrs Saunders
No date
Hand colour photograph of a rose on the front with typed text
91mm x 143mm
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- 178Z22.3 Sympathy funeral cards
C.1899
A sympathy card for William Testo, who died at Shildon August 20th 1899 and a sympathy card with a message
Black type on white card with silver and black borders and ivy and flower decorations on one card,
2 items

- 117mm x 80mm
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- 178Z22.4 Admission ticket
C.1920
Black type on light brown paper, Spider 1920 inscribed on reverse
63mm x 34mm
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- 178Z22.5 The Kennel Club registration card for Golvics Susan, owned by Mrs G. Jeffreys, for the registration of a black Cocker Spaniel
1950-63
152mm x 104mm
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- 178Z22.6 Eine Million Mark
1923
Four German bank notes, black and red type on white and green paper
4 items
122mm x 83mm
Language: German
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- 178Z22.7 Business card for Texas Liz and Sloppy Weather, Australian whip and rope act
No date
Black type on off white card
93mm x 56mm
Testo Family Collection
- 178Z22.8 Leaflet for Jonny's Bear Revue
No date
Threefold leaflet with black type on off white background and black and white illustrations of the act inside
105mm x 150mm
Language: German
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- 178Z22.9 Television licence for Mrs Jeffreys,
1963
Black type on yellow paper with personal information filled in in biro
180mm x 110mm
(Very fragile)
Testo Family Collection
- 178Z22.10 Les Skuse, Bristol's one and only Tattoo Artist leaflet
C.1957

Black type on blue paper, black and white portrait of a man on top right corner, illustration of a bat on bottom section, history of the business on the front and recommendations on tattooing practices on reverse
130mm x 206mm

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178Z22.11 Certificate of Post-War Credit

1944

Certificate of post-war credit for Victor Joseph Jeffreys, due for the year ended 5th April 1942 issued in Manchester on 31 January 1944

Brown type on off white paper with royal coat of arms

190mm x 123mm

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Green type on light green paper with royal coat of arms

190mm x 123mm

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