John Turner Collection

Items published:

Historical Hengler's circus Pt. 1-5, 1780 to 1856 by John M. Turner
History of Ginnett's circus by John M. Turner
James Newsome: genius of the ring / by John M. Turner.
Wombwell's travelling menagerie / by John M. Turner
Black Victorians / Black Victoriana / edited by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina
Volume 1 and Volume 11 Victorian Arena – The Performers

Box One

1. Collection of photocopies from Cooke’s handbills
2. MSS Diary of Mrs Henry Cooke’s Diary 1857
3. MSS Diary of Mrs Henry Cooke’s Diary 1859
4. Envelope of research:
   - Cookes and Ducrow
   - Huline Family
   - Berringtons
   - Obituaries-Pul Ruppert and The Great Alzano
   - Indian Circus Performers
   - The Great Sequah (Rowley)
6. 5 volumes of 20th Century Circus Performers by John Turner.
7. 2 lists of corrections and updates
8. Arthur Fenwick research
9. Notes and research no Liverpool 1890-1918, History of leaving Liverpool maps and leaving Liverpool items.
10. Liverpool Packet number 2: Liverpool set in its context of Merseyside and Deeside.
11. Notebook, diary and research on Astley
12. Scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings mainly from the 60s and mostly variety and music Hall.
14. Photocopies of circus playbills:
   - Zoological Gardens, Hull with the Female Blondin
   - Edwin G- OVESTE’S Scarborough Circus.
   - Circus for the Benefit of Mr Kemp, 14th Aug, 1826
   - Benefit of the Indian Youth. 19th August, 1826
   - Batty’s Royal Circus
   - Pablo Fanque’s Circus
   - Cooke’s Royal Arena

Box Two

2. Blue file. ‘20th century Circus’-alphabetical list.


4. Correspondence from Hampshire County Council re list of Madden Playbills, dated 26th September 1990.

5. Pink folder. 20th Century Circus People-Penultimate version.


7. 70 colour photocopies from the circus programme, some from NFA collection.

8. 6 colour photographs for book cover.


11. Copy of marriage certificate issued at Portsea. Illegible.

12. List for circus and location dates from database.


15. File containing bibliography for ‘Part five’, letter from Whittaker re change of address, receipt from Der Komet/Organ Show Business and photocopy of review on Der Komet of Victorian Arena.

16. Photocopy of Punch, or the London Charivari article.

17. Copy of silk playbill for Croueste (Crowhurst) plus other research notes.


22. Envelope of various articles.

23. Green file of personal correspondence *restricted access*.

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**Box Three**

1. World’s Fair notes 14th Sep 1912-13th Aug 1932


5. D-World’s Fair notes 31st July 1937-23rd April 1938


7. F-World’s Fair notes 22nd April 1939-23rd March 1940

8. G-World’s Fair notes 30th March 1940-7th Feb 1942

9. H-World’s Fair notes 14th February 1942-12th February 1944

10. I-World’s Fair notes 12th Feb 1944-24th Nov 1945


15. N-World’s Fair notes 24th June 1950-12th May 1951
16. 0-World’s Fair notes 12th May 1951-29th March 1952-contains pages on Proctor family
17. P-World’s Fair notes 5th April 1952-21st Mar 1953

Box Four
2. R-3rd July 1954-28th Nov 1953-loose inserts at front. (Contains personal addresses-remove prior to research use)
4. T-World’s Fair notes 21st September 1957-12th Jan 1959 (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
5. U-World’s Fair notes 10th January 1959-17th Oct 1959
7. W-World’s Fair notes 2nd July 1960-14th Jan 1961
8. X-World’s Fair notes 7th Jan 1961-30th June 1962
10. Z-World’s Fair notes 28th Dec 1963-18th Sep 1965
11. Notes from World’s Fair 4th March 1961-18th March 1961 and from 1901 census. (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
12. L-Notes from various archives including Manchester, Tyne and Wear and Preston
13. M-Notes from various sources including Era almanac

Box Five
1. O-World’s Fair notes 1st Jan 1916-3rd Feb 1923 then July-Dec 1912
2. Q-World’s Fair notes 2nd Jan 1926-2nd June 1928 (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
3. R-World’s Fair notes 2nd June 1928-28th Nov 1936
4. S-World’s Fair notes 19th Dec 1936-24th May 1930
5. T-World’s Fair notes 31st May 1930-17th January 1931-World’s Fair notes Feb 12th 1944-Nov 24th 1945
7. V-World’s Fair notes 21st Nov 1931-9th April 1932
8. W-World’s Fair notes 5th April 1932-18th Feb 1933
9. X-World’s Fair notes 16th Feb 1933-30th Dec 1933
10. Y-World’s Fair notes 30th Dec 1933-1st Sep 1934

Box Six
1. I-World’s Fair notes 18th Sep 1965-12th Aug 1966 (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
2. II-World’s Fair notes 22nd April 1967-27th July 1968
3. III-World’s Fair notes 3rd August 1968-22nd Nov 1969. Includes research for Pablo Fanque from the Stockport Advertiser. (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
4. Notebook, Hengler research
5. Notes on Hengler-listed on first page
6. Notes from various sources listed on first page (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
7. Notes mainly from Era. List on first page (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
8. Notes mainly from Era. List on First Page
9. Notes Mainly from Era 1851 and Pablo Fanque research
10. Red notebook containing research from 1891 census mainly on Henglers.
11. Notes from Tyne and Wear Archive, The Showman, Era etc. (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
13. Notes from 1881 census-only 7 pages

**Box Seven**
7 boxes of index cards A-Z labelled ‘miscellaneous circus folk’

**Box Eight**
Index cards
1. Acts, scenes etc
2. Competitors (national) A
3. C-Fo
4. Fr-H

**Box Nine**
Index cards
1. I-P
2. Q-Z
3. 2 boxes relating to Hengler

**Box Ten**
Archive box containing photocopied research notes:
1. Croueste’s (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
2. Davis’ “Olympic”
3. Ducrow
4. Fossett-includes family tree and copy of last will of John Fossett. (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
5. Ginnetts (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
6. Olympic
7. Pinder (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
8. Ryan

**Box Eleven**
1. Newsome’s
2. Sanger contains programme and photograph
3. Wombwell (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
**Box Twelve**

2. Plastic wallet containing Frowde research from the Theatre Museum
4. Photocopy of 'Fools and Horse, Sourcebook for Victorian Comic performance' by Jacky Bratton and Ann Featherstone, with contributions from Paul Newman and John Turner.
6. Frowde research folder containing: Lineage pamphlet, family tree, copies of Frowde the Proud-The Clown Evangelist by Dr John Turner, photocopies of research from Gloucester local studies centre notes, correspondence with Frowde family members and transcripts of two volumes of James Frowde’s autobiographical notebooks.
7. Manilla folder with photocopy and transcript of Frowde’s Autobiography vol. 1
8. Manilla folder with photocopy and transcript of Frowde’s Autobiography vol. 1 & 2
9. Manilla folder with photocopy and transcript of Frowde’s Autobiography vol. 2
10. Manilla folder with photocopy and transcript of Frowde’s Autobiography vol. 3
11. Manilla folder with photocopy and transcript of Frowde’s Autobiography vol. 4
12. Manilla folder with photocopy and transcript of Frowde’s Autobiography vol. 5

**Box Thirteen**

1. Information for Pablo Fanque In Norwich
2. List for Pablo Fanque’s Circus Royal with location and dates.
3. Envelope containing OHPs and notes for talks on:
   - Hengler
   - Pablo Fanque
   - James Newsome
   - For the Society of Geneologists-Theatre
   - Jim Frowde
4. Correspondence with Peter Brauning re circus and Allied Arts. Mainly German (restricted items)
5. Copies of articles in various languages.
6. James Bannister correspondence
7. Sanger research
8. Miscellaneous research
9. Envelope containing research on:
   - Leopold, Holloway and Bros Artois
   - Ohmy
   - Bostock
   - Fossett
   - Barnum

**Box Fourteen**

Hangler’s and related research
1. Various Illustrated news and photograph of Kingston-Upon-Hull
2. Black folder containing various photocopies of playbills
3. Envelope containing Hengler photocopies
4. Envelope of various Hengler articles
   - Hengler’s Grand Cirque
   - Hengler Family Tree
   - Hengler’s last tour in the Lake District x 2
   - Hengler’s Fireworks-Famous for 60 Years x 2
   - Hengler’s Circus visits Birmingham
   - Jenny Louise Hengler
   - Hengler’s Circus and Gloucester x 2
   - John Michael Hengler-The Living Illustration of the Modern Marvellous x2
5. Hengler birth certificates and family tree
6. Hengler’s and Liverpool research
7. Blue file containing list of Hengler’s Circus Artists
9. Envelope containing Hengler’s research, programmes, photographs and negatives, family tree and photocopy of articles and handbills.
   - Obituary of Tamara Hassini from the Daily telegraph, Nov 26th, 1988
10. Folder with Hengler’s research including ‘Horse races in Theatres’ by George Speight, Hengler’s circus plan, copy of marriage certificate, further certificates, articles and photos of Hengler. Picture of gravestone.
11. Paper file with photocopied material relating to Hengler’s circus with plan of the circus. Included are 4 packs of photographs, possibly duplicates. See earlier entry, box two 16.
12. Copy of Historical Hengler’s Circus Part one 1780-1856
13. Copy of Historical Hengler’s Circus Part Two 1857-1862
14. Copy of Historical Hengler’s Circus Part Three 1863-1869
15. Copy of Historical Hengler’s Circus Part Four 1870-1876
16. Copy of Historical Hengler’s Circus Part five 1877-1882
17. 3 postcards. Flora Hengler, Mary Hengler and the Hengler Sisters.
18. 2 photographs of Mr. Hengler’s Silver Falls.
19. Photo album containing photographs and photocopies of articles relating to Hengler’s. 1 pack of 5 copied photographs in manila envelope. (2 duplicates.)

**Box Fifteen**
1. Black file labelled Hengler’s grand Cirque. Argyll St etc.
2. Items from box file Hengler’s Vol 6.
3. 5 notebooks: B,D,F,G and J
4. paper roll with dates and circus locations
5. Wooden picture of Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey Combined Circus presenting the Durbar of Delhi.

**Box Sixteen**
1. One index box labelled Hengler Genealogy
2. One index box with miscellaneous notes
3. Six CD ROMs labelled Pablo Fanque
5. 1 cassette labelled Omnibus-Pablo Fanque
6. 1 set of index cards Pablo Fanque research
7. 1 wooden picture ‘Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey combined Circus presenting the Durbar of deli
8. CDRom-Leodis file:53 circus playbills
9. 10 computer discs of circus research.
10. 6 computer Discs of Pablo Fanque research.
11. CD of Pablo Fanque images
12. one bookmark for Chipperfields Xmas Circus Bingley Hall c1960s
13. one postcard
14. Programmes:
   - The Chinese State Circus c2000
   - The Great British Circus Wild Animal Spectacular, 2005
   - Circus Tono Boltini, Utrecht, 1966. In Dutch
   - Spanischer National Circus Tour in Germany, c1962. In German.

**Box files and other files**
These files contain notes and photocopies from research undertaken by John Turner. *Personal Correspondence is restricted and will need to be removed prior to research.*

**Shelf One**
1. Cooke
2. 20th Century Circus People
3. John Turner research and Originals
4. John Turner Indexes and Hengler
5. John Turner Research Programmes
6. Circus Family History
7. Illustrations: Hengler’s and Hengler’s Circus
8. Pablo Fanque
9. Pablo Fanque
10. Pablo Fanque
11. Pablo Fanque
12. Pablo Fanque
13. Pablo Fanque

**Shelf 2**
1. General Circus Chronological File
2. 1780-1878
3. 1879-199P
4. Sanger and Hernandez
5. Wallett
6. Rudderham Transcripts 1800-59
7. Fenwick
8. Astley’s Playbills
9. ABC of the Show etc.
10. Transcripts World’s Fair
11. Obituaries
12. Cooke
13. Cooke’s Circus posters
14. Black Archive Box-Research notes and photocopies filled A-Z

**Larger items**
- Hengler family tree-in larger flat box.