

# 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.

Twentieth century circus people: a dictionary of British circus biography / by John M. Turner. Vol.1-4, 1901-1950

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)
5. Copy of 'Victorian Arena: The Performers. A Dictionary of British Circus Biography Volume One' by John Turner.
6. 5 volumes of 20<sup>th</sup> 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.
13. Envelope containing 19 Postcards, 2 Blackpool Tower Circus Programmes, 2001 and Billy Smart Programme 1998
14. Photocopies of circus playbills:
  - Zoological Gardens, Hull with the Female Blondin
  - Edwin G- OVESTES Scarborough Circus.
  - Circus for the Benefit of Mr Kemp, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1826
  - Benefit of the Indian Youth. 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1826
  - Batty's Royal Circus
  - Pablo Fanque's Circus
  - Cooke's Royal Arena

## Box Two

1. 'Victorian Arena: The Showmen'. A dictionary of British Circus Biography Vol 3. John Turner. Contains 6 loose photocopies of 2 illustrations, possible from Illustrated News.
2. Blue file. '20<sup>th</sup> century Circus'-alphabetical list.
3. Blue file. '20<sup>th</sup> century Circus'-details of performers, 1 page.
4. Correspondence from Hampshire County Council re list of Madden Playbills, dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 1990.
5. Pink folder. 20<sup>th</sup> Century Circus People-Penultimate version
6. Blue file-'Vol 2 in final form' with handwritten corrections.
7. 70 colour photocopies from the circus programme, some from NFA collection.
8. 6 colour photographs for book cover.
9. Folder containing book cover proofs and legal deposit receipt from the British Library.
10. John Turner's copy of his circus performer's book.
11. Copy of marriage certificate issued at Portsea. Illegible.
12. List for circus and location dates from database
13. Photocopy of 'The Excitement and Romance of Circus History' by John Turner.
14. Photocopy illustration of Pimpo the Clown
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
18. Copy of Thesis. 'Wattle in the Sawdust: the Origins of Circus in Australia' by Mark St Leon
19. Copy of 'Recollections of an Equestrian Manger' by Charles W. Montague.
20. Index of Artistes and Acts appearing at the Palace Theatre of Varieties 1892-1914
21. Photocopy of 'The Menageries Library of Entertaining Knowledge Vol2 1831'
22. envelope of various articles
23. Green file of personal correspondence \*restricted access\*.

### **Box Three**

1. World's Fair notes 14<sup>th</sup> Sep 1912-13<sup>th</sup> Aug 1932
2. A-World's Fair notes 13<sup>th</sup> July 1935-25<sup>th</sup> Jan 1936
3. B-World's Fair notes 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1936-31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1936
4. C-World's Fair notes 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 1936-24<sup>th</sup> July 1937
5. D-World's Fair notes 31<sup>st</sup> July 1937-23<sup>rd</sup> April 1938
6. E-World's Fair notes 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1938-22<sup>nd</sup> April 1939 (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
7. F-World's Fair notes 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1939-23<sup>rd</sup> March 1940
8. G-World's Fair notes 30<sup>th</sup> March 1940-7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1942
9. H-World's Fair notes 14<sup>th</sup> February 1942-12<sup>th</sup> February 1944
10. I-World's Fair notes 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1944-24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1945
11. J-Notes from the Showman May 31<sup>st</sup> 1901-March 28<sup>th</sup> 1902 and World's Fair Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1945-May 31<sup>st</sup> 1947
12. K-World's Fair notes 31<sup>st</sup> May 1947-17<sup>th</sup> July 1948
13. L-World's Fair notes 24<sup>th</sup> July 1948-August 6<sup>th</sup> 1949. Some pages loose. (Contains personal addresses-restricted)

14. M-World's Fair notes 6<sup>th</sup> August 1949-24<sup>th</sup> June 1950
15. N-World's Fair notes 24<sup>th</sup> June 1950-12<sup>th</sup> May 1951
16. O-World's Fair notes 12<sup>th</sup> May 1951-29<sup>th</sup> March 1952-contains pages on Proctor family
17. P-World's Fair notes 5<sup>th</sup> April 1952-21<sup>st</sup> Mar 1953

#### **Box Four**

1. Q-28<sup>th</sup> March 1953-28<sup>th</sup> Aug 1954-loose Family tree of Davies in front
2. R-3<sup>rd</sup> July 1954-28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1953-loose inserts at front. (Contains personal addresses-remove prior to research use)
3. S-World's Fair notes 6<sup>th</sup> April 1957-14<sup>th</sup> Sep 1957-some pages loose.
4. T-World's Fair notes 21<sup>st</sup> September 1957-12<sup>th</sup> Jan 1959 (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
5. U-World's Fair notes 10<sup>th</sup> January 1959-17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1959
6. V-World's Fair notes 24<sup>th</sup> October 1959-25<sup>th</sup> June 1960
7. W-World's Fair notes 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1960-14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1961
8. X-World's Fair notes 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1961-30<sup>th</sup> June 1962
9. Y-World's Fair notes 7<sup>th</sup> July 1962-28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1963
10. Z-World's Fair notes 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 1963-18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1965
11. Notes from World's Fair 4<sup>th</sup> March 1961-18<sup>th</sup> 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
14. N-World's Fair notes 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1913-13<sup>th</sup> Nov 1915 and notes entitled 'General Circus'. (Contains personal addresses-restricted)

#### **Box Five**

1. O-World's Fair notes 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1916-3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1923 then July-Dec 1912
2. Q-World's Fair notes 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 1926-2<sup>nd</sup> June 1928 (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
3. R-World's Fair notes 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1928-28<sup>th</sup> Nov 1936
4. S-World's Fair notes 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 1936-24<sup>th</sup> May 1930
5. T-World's Fair notes 31<sup>st</sup> May 1930-17<sup>th</sup> January 1931-World's Fair notes Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1944-Nov 24<sup>th</sup> 1945
6. U-17<sup>th</sup> Jan 1931-14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1931-loose insert in back with list of names Z-World's Fair notes 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 1934-6<sup>th</sup> July 1935
7. V-World's Fair notes 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1931-9<sup>th</sup> April 1932
8. W-World's Fair notes 9<sup>th</sup> April 1932-18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1933
9. X-World's Fair notes 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 1933-30<sup>th</sup> Dec 1933
10. Y-World's Fair notes 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 1933-1<sup>st</sup> Sep 1934
11. Z-World's Fair notes 1<sup>st</sup> Sep 1934-6<sup>th</sup> July 1935

#### **Box Six**

1. I-World's Fair notes 18<sup>th</sup> Sep 1965-12<sup>th</sup> Aug 1966 (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
2. II-World's Fair notes 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1967-27<sup>th</sup> July-1968
3. III-World's Fair notes 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1968-22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 1-Notes mainly from Era. List on first page (Contains personal addresses-restricted)
8. 2-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)
12. Notes on Rabies from various sources. Includes cut-out from 'The Guardian'.4 pages of circus notes.
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**

1. Copies of the 'Lost Autobiography of James Henry Frowde' by John Turner
2. Plastic wallet containing Frowde research from the Theatre Museum
3. Original print of 'Lost Autobiography of James Henry Frowde' by John Turner in Gloucestershire History. No 15, 2001.
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.
5. Photocopy of 'The Froudes, or Frowdes, of Devon' by the Rev. R. E. Hoopell (read at Plymouth, July 1892). From Devonshire Association reports and Transactions, vol. 24, pp441-457.
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 Genealogists-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
8. File of various article for Hengler book research. All cited.
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 26<sup>th</sup>, 1988  
 Obituary of Jimmy Chipperfield, World's Fair Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> 1990, The Times, Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> 1990 and The Sunday Telegraph 22.4.90.
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
4. Four Disks of research. Computer game-5 discs and Booklet for Fiendish Freddy's, Not playable.
5. I cassette labelled Omnibus-Pablo Fanque
6. I 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.
15. Theatre Crafts September 1972.

### **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. 20<sup>th</sup> 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. 1879-1999
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.