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- AIREY COLL/37 My Auto-Biography by Charles Chaplin
- AIREY COLL/63 Six Thousand and One Nights, 40 Years of Dramatic Critic by W. A. Darlington
- AIREY COLL/65 Theatre for the People, The Story of the Volksbuhne by Cecil W. Davies
- AIREY COLL/66 The Grades, The First Family of British Entertainment by Hunter Davies
- AIREY COLL/67 I Tell You by Albert de Courville, 1928
- AIREY COLL/68 Recollections of Vesta Tilley by Lady de Frece, 1934
- AIREY COLL/82 Tom Driberg, The Life and Times of Hannen Swaffer
- AIREY COLL/93 Alexandra Theatre (1948) by M.F.K Fraser
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- AIREY COLL/132 Europe 1815-1914 by E.J. Knapton and T.K Derry
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- AIREY COLL/213 My Life, My Stage by Ernest Stern, 1951
- AIREY COLL/231 Grock King of Clowns by Gock (Adrien Wettach)
- MAGIC 171, Reminiscences of a Showman by Vic Taylor
- Q VANS/1806 Tivoli by Frank Straten
- Q TOUL/2449 (Chapter 5, There’s No Women Like Show Women 168-212p.) by Professor Vanessa Toulmin’s
- World’s Fair newspapers 1914-1919
- BERN/2671 Till The Fall of the Curtain: Treasures from the National Fairground Archive
- BOST/17 Menageries, Circuses and Theatres by E.H. Bostock, 1927
- LOW/224 The History of the British Film 1914-1918 by Rachael Low
- War Circus: Charting the lives of the international circus community through The Great War 1914 & 1918
- The Circus in Wartime by William G. Bosworth
- Black Poppies: Britain’s Black Community and the Great War by Stephen Bourne
- White Socks and Walking Stick: The Life of Albert Barnes, One of Rhyl’s Silent Forces by Kathryn Ned
- Have You Ever Wondered How a Fair Ground Came to Be? A showman’s Story Including the Transport Used by Kay Townsend
- The Showmen’s War by The Fairground Heritage Trust
- 792.7 (T) Vesta Tilley by Sara Maitland 1950

Various:

178Z28.30 The World at War Fantasia by Haydon Augarde 1914
Musical Score, brown illustration on white background of battle ground showing German and allied soldiers fighting, green border and white and brown type on the front cover, inside musical score with descriptive information including war declared, British troops
off to the war, Regimental march-The Girl I left Behind Me and Vive la France
Published by The Lawrence Wright Music Co., 8 Denmark St. Charing Cross Road, London, Australia & New Zealand, E. W. Cole Book Arcade, Melbourne
2pp.
260mm x 360mm
Cyril Critchlow Collection

178Z26.3 Emergency passport issued to Lily Smith (Ohmy) in Berlin, Germany, October 1914
Typescript
290mm x 433mm
Cyril Critchlow Collection

178Z47.12 Army reserve certificate of exemption issued to John Henry Scott, circus clown, on confidential grounds upon doing work of national importance to the satisfaction of the military representative
8 January 1914
Green card with black type and hand writing
2p.p
90mm x 115mm
Marshall and Scott Family Collection

178Z52.5 Various WWI related documents and medals related to George William Dobson
1914-1918
Various sizes
Selina Dobson Collection

178Z17.1 First World War Showmen’s Guild medal
Awarded to James Stokes in recognition of his services during WWI 1914-1918
Silver on front low relief of fairground scene with blue enamel on bottom section and inscription reading Showmen’s Guild of Great Britain & Ireland on reverse inscription reading Presented to J Stokes on returning from H.M. Forces
30mm x 30mm
James Stokes Collection
Donated by Freddie Stokes

178Z17.2 Portrait of James Stokes in soldier's uniform
1914-1918
Black and white three quarter portrait of James Stokes printed on a postcard wearing his WWI soldier uniform
75mm x 124mm
James Stokes Collection
Donated by Freddie Stokes

178Z17.3 Notes from Freddy Stokes
Hand written notes regarding Freddy's family involvement on WWI and WWII, including James, George, Sammy, Billy, James C., George W., Christopher, William and Freddy Stokes
127mm x 200mm
James Stokes Collection
Donated by Freddie Stokes

178Z17.4 Showmen’s Guild certificate for war services
1914-1918
Showmen’s Guild of Great Britain & Ireland certificate awarded to Corporal James Stokes in recognition of his services during the Great War
Red and blue type and hand signed signatures, black and white portrait of King George V encased in a medallion and other portraits of men in uniform along the right edge, also illustration of a cannon on bottom left and an airplane on bottom right
Printed by J & W Griffin, Ltd, Walsall
200mm x 300mm
James Stokes Collection
Donated by Freddie Stokes

178Z1.59 Vesta Tilley
Nicholson Portrait from 1899
190mm x 270mm
NFA Collection

Posters:

178R12.229 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 14th Sep, 1914
Jack and Evelyn
The Harmony Four-Musical Comedy
Alick Lauder-Scottish Character Comedian
Lily Leonhard-Soprano Vocalist
Harold Baker-Comedian
The Vedras-Comic Acrobat
Brown’s Royal Bioscope, showing news in animation, including the very latest war pictures
George D’Albert-Comedian and Descriptive Vocalist
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection
178R12.230  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 21st Sep, 1914
Charles Austin Assisted by Company of London Artistes in
‘Parker On the Panel’
The Kebbles (Nora & Edith)-Character Studies
Adam Tomlinson-Comedian
The Joannys-French Shadowgraphics
Lucille Benstead-Prima Donna
Walter Stanley-Tyneside Comedian
Brown’s Royal Bioscope, showing news in animation, including the
very latest war pictures
Arthur Aiston-Song Character Impersonator
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers,
Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.231  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 28th Sep, 1914
Ella Retford-Comedienne
Bay Russell-Comedian. Musical Comedy
Rosei Archer-humorous Songs and Sketches at the Piano
Mr and Mrs Harold Finden-Sketch Artistes
The Evans and Alton Troupe-Comedy Acrobatics and
Pantomimists
Fred Emney and Louie Tinsley in Episode Entitled, ‘A Sister to
Assist Her’
Palette’s Novel Performing Dogs
Arthur C. Clifton-Versatile Comedian
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Latest War Pictures
Yamamoto and Koyoshi-Japanese Equilibrists
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers,
Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.232  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 19th Oct, 1914
George Graves-Comedian in ‘Koffo of Bond Street’
Nora Delany-‘Liverpool Pantomime Idol’
The Four Curtis’s-Dancing Act
The Three Comerfords-Comedy
Bertha De Pas-Character Comedienne and Dancer
Syd Moorhouse-Novelty Vocal Act
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Latest War Pictures
Victor Kelly-Comedian
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers,
Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.233  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 2\textsuperscript{nd} Nov, 1914
Staley's Transformation Act, 'The Musical Coopers'
Robb Wilton-Confidential Comedian
Alexandre and Hughes-Musical Comedians
Edna Payne-Violinist
The Holsons-Comedians and Dancers
William Anderson-Operatic Basso
Kitty Clinton-Versatile Comedienne
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Latest War Pictures
Tom E. Finglass-'The Original Cowboy Coon'
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.234  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 3\textsuperscript{rd} Jan, 1916
Nixon Grey-Comedian
The 3 Scamps-'American Speed Boys and a Piano
Harry Hudson in 'Pianohumour'
Ena Dayne-Juvenile Comedienne
Brooklyn Comedy 4
Royce Babs and Royce-Singing and Dancing Act
Albert Letine-Burlesque Impersonations
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing 'Daily News in Animation' and
the Latest War Pictures
Nicol and Martin-Comedy Cycling Act
The 7 Bramasas-Brass Band Extravaganza
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.235  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 10th Jan, 1916
‘Step This Way’-Musical Comedy Melange Including:
Elven Hedges (of Hedges Brothers & Jacobson)
Tom Bryant-Welsh Harpist
Billy Leonard (of Norman-Leonard Trio)
Marie Montague
Rowland Green
Alf Leonard with a violin (Of Norman-Leonard Trio)
Ivy Howard
Peggy Hope
Gordon James
Isabelle Dillon-Musical Comedy Artiste
The Four Oriental Queens and a Rosebud Garden of Lovely Girls
Gene Gordon-Comedy Magician
Barry Leighton & Sadi Melville-Quick-Change Comedy Act
Jackson Potter-Baritone
Harry Hasto-Comedian
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-showing ‘Daily News in Animation’ and the Latest War Pictures
Barnard & Bunny-Comedy Act
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 17th Jan, 1916
Whit Cunliffe-Comedian
Gilday and Fox-Singing Hebrew Humorists
Leo Cud and Company in the L.C.C.’s 6 Musical Navvies-Musical Comedians
The Irish Strollers, ‘Violin and a Voice’
Syd Moorhouse, ‘the Dandy Demon’
Stella Stahl—in Song and Dance
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-showing ‘Daily News in Animation’ and the Latest War Pictures
Mollie Lindsay and Company in Scotch Domestic Company ‘The Washing House Key!
Jack Lorimer-Scotch Comedian and Dancer
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 20th Mar, 1916
Jack and Evelyn in Their Latest Success, ‘Carry On’
Tom Hearn, the Lazy Juggler
Keir and Kempton-Scotch Vocal Duo
Pynkie Whyte-Californian Comedy
Harry Levaine-Character Comedian
Harry Wenburn-Comedian
P.J. Gillen and Company-In Comedy Sketch, ‘Rogers’
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-showing ‘Daily News in Animation’ and
Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 25th Sep, 1916
Gertie Gitana
Tom Purslow-Burlesque Operatic Comedian
Fuji Family-Japanese Jugglers and Equilibrists
George D'Albert-Versatile Comedian
Frances and Alfred-Juggler
Ivy Hurley-Singer and Dancer
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-showing 'Daily News in Animation' and
the Latest War Pictures
Wilbert Gamble-Comedian
Fyne & Hurley-Burlesque Comedians
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 5th March, 1917
Bransby Williams in Selections From His Wonderful Repertoire
Ernie Ream and his Baby Grand
Duncan and Godfrey-Comedy
Ford & Truly-Variety
Dolly Ross-Chorus Comedienne
Bruce and Iris Clare-Humorous Entertainers
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing 'Daily News in Animation' and
the Latest War Pictures
Sam Stern-Character Comedian
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red
NFA Collection

Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 15 July, 1918
Talbot O'Farrell-Witty Songs and Stories
The Piccadilians (Jessie, Estelle and Juliette)-Musical Act
Babusio & Dax-Comedy Acrobats and Tumblers
Jim C. Max in a Medley of Coon Songs and Dances
Gaye Gordon-Comedienne
Royal Kondo-Japanese Foot Juggler
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-showing Latest War News in Animation
Molly Wells-Chic Comedienne Assisted by Frank Mayban
Some Bookworm Damage
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.241 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 22nd July, 1918
Coram and the New Recruit ‘Jerry’-in Ventriloquial Scena
The Quaint Q’s-Comedy, Glee songs and Novel Dance
Zetta Mor-Comedienne
Frank Powell-Character, Patter Comedian
Vera Caine-Athletic Girl
J.B. Strain-Irish Comedian
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Suther-One Man Musical Revue
Some Bookworm Damage
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.242 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 29th July, 1918
Maidie Scott-Comedienne
Fyne and Hurley-Burlesque Comedians
Herbert La Martine-Dancer
Harold Baker-Eccentric Comedian
Jackson and Marte-Comedians
Ivy Hurley-Comedienne and Dancer
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing latest War News in Animation
Gomez Trio-Vocal and Instrumentalist Scena
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.243 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 5th Aug, 1918
Wilkie Bard-Comedian
J.H. Scotland-Song and Comedy
Woodward and Page-Cycling, Music and Dancing
Les Altos-Equilibristic Act
Sara Rosebury, the Lively Lancashire Lass
Marie & Rubie O'Rourke-Musical Comedy and Dancing
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
John Lester's Frisco 5, the Jollities of 'Jazz'
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.244  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 19th Aug, 1918
Miss Margaret Cooper and a Piano
Billy Housini and Company-Comedy Juggling and Balancing Act
Hal Wright-Burlesque Comedian
Brothers Curran-Boxing Comedians
Hayes and Doree-Comedy Duo
Sisters Gaye-Comediennes and Speciality Dancers
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
May Sherrard-Comedienne
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.245  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 26th Aug, 1918
The Westminster Singers-Male Voice Quartette
Marcelle and his Unique Partner, a Sea Lion
George Wilby-Expressionist and Mimic
The Kitchen Comedy Four
Josephine Langley-Ventriloquist
Sisters Gannon-Duettists and Dancers
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
G.S. Melvin-Versatile Scot
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.246  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 2nd Sep, 1918
Ernie Lotinga in New Comedy Sketch 'Wanted A Wife'.
Fred Barnes-incomparable Artiste
The Pigquays and Imp-American Novelty Artistes
Delany and Dean-Vocal, Comedy and Dancing
Marjorie Fulton-Comedienne
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing latest War News in Animation
Rich Hayes-Clown
Daisy Taylor-Scotch Comedienne
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.247 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 9th Sep, 1918
George Graves and Company in 'Koffo, of Bond Street'
Tom E. Hughes
Edna Lyall-Soprano Vocalist
Roelgin's Parrots-Performing Bird Act
Jaffa-Conjoring Comic
Gwennie Morgan-Comedienne
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
George Hatton Presents The Bell-Hattons-a Refined Musical Act
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.248 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 16th Sep, 1918
Miss Clarice Mayne and "That"-Selections From Their Repertoire
Nora Delany-Comedienne
Ernest Krake and Company-Comedy Act In 'The Electric Tram Car Conductor'
Alex Prince-Concertina Soloist
Leonard & Stevens-In Comedy Sketch 'Coming Home'
Jack Poulter-Comedian
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Wilfred Burnand-Original Character and Song Studies
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.249 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 23rd Sep, 1918
Jack Pleasants-Comedian
Will Walton & Co.-Lancashire Comedy Act
Kitty Curtis-Impressionist
Belle & Betty- Novel Dancing Scenas
George Ackroyd & Ethel Remish-Flautist and Soprano
Nora & Dane-Acrobatic Absurdities
Brown's Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Fred Curran-Comedian
178R12.250  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 30th Sep, 1918
Whit Cunliffe
Charles Cohan-Hebrew Comedian
Sisters Reeve-Pantomime Favourites in Dainty Songs and Duets
The Johnnys in Colour Shadow
Southwood, His Pink Lady and a Piano
The 2 McCuskers-Comedian and Dancer
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Jerome & Carson-In Vaudeville Breezes
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.251  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 14th Oct, 1918
Mdlle. Marguerite Scialtiel Supported by Jane Wells & Martin Walker
In One Act Comedy ‘My Lonely Soldier’
Jack Lane-Yorkshire Rustic
Mart & Pep-Spanish Entertainers
Ethal Leslie, “The Gallant”
Band-Master Morris-One Man Band
Little Hazel-Juvenile Comediennne
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Oswald Bemand-and his Famous Pet Wonder Pigeons
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.252  Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 21st Oct, 1918
Gilbert Payne and Company-In Farcical Comedy, ‘Bingle’s Bungle’
Jack Thompson and Annie Walker-Vocalists Assisted by Cecila Johnson, Violinist
The Martini’s-Piano Cabaret Scena introducing the Latest American Society Dances
Manuel Vega-Comedy Act
Cassie Walmer-Eccentric Contralto and Dancer
Katie Butler-Character Comediennne
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Finlay Dunn-‘Joke at the Piano’
Julot and Partner-French Laughter Maker and his Tenor
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.253 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 28th Oct, 1918
Bransby Williams, “The Seven Ages of Man”, From Baby to Old Man 102.
Those Two Nondescripts and a Piano
George de Alma-Banjo Boy
Freda Lawrence & Billie Bowie-Comedy Entertainers
Sophie Forrest-Comedienne
James Barry-Dancing Marvel
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Artemas-Comedy Illusionist
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R12.254 Argyle Theatre of Varieties, Birkenhead
Playbill for week commencing Mon 16th Dec, 1918
Horace Hunter and Lily Hammersley and West End Company in ‘The Years Between’
Haley’s Juveniles-Vocal Scena
Lydia & Francis-Parisian, Artistic and Acrobatic Dances
Tom Costello-Comedian
Lucy Brennan-Comedienne
Thelma Hamilton-Soprano Vocalist
Brown’s Royal Bioscope-Showing Latest War News in Animation
Frank Whitman-Dance Mad Fiddler
Printed: None given but probably S Griffith & Co, Printers, Liverpool
1pp. blue and red. 285mm x 890mm
NFA Collection

178R14.69 Empire Theatre, Bradford
Programme for week commencing 17th April, 1916
A Real Vaudeville Novelty! ‘A Modern Eve’
Stephen Adeson
Edna Payne
Georgie de Lara and others
Lona Wayne-Characteristic Comedienne
War Films
Kavanaghs-Australian Comedy Jugglers
Bert Errol—with the Tetrazzini voice and gorgeous gowns
Red and blue 310mm x 500mm
NFA Collection

178R17.81  Whitehall East Grinstead
27th-29th August
Ben Jackson, Banjo tricks
Lost in Mid-ocean, vitagraph drama
The latest war news
Printed by: Maplesdesn’s Grovesnor Printing Works, 1 and 3 High Street, East Grinstead
Black type on yellow background
505mm x 760mm
NFA Collection

178R14.110  Grand Theatre, Falkirk
Monday, 9th Sep, 1918
Harry Leaton Presents Theresa Collins—the Scoto-Irish Nightingale, Queen of Street song
Pasquali-Magician
Rena Hall—Musical Speciality Act. Violin and Dancing
Dean & Clifton—High Class Singing and Eccentric Dancing Act
Teddy Stream—first time here, Eccentric Comedian in all his Latest Successes
Gordon & Marston—Refined Vocal Comedy Actor
Lil Devlin—Dainty Comedienne and Speciality dancer
The Original Mezzettis—Great Comedy Gymnastic Act
Printed: Geo. Inglis, Howgate, Falkirk
Black and red. 340mm x 630mm
NFA Collection

178R14.113  Music Hall Inverness
Programme for week commencing Mon, 24th Mar, c1919
Harry Leaton & Scott Watson’s Victory Edition of the popular and Well-Known Musical Comedy revue, ‘Cheer-o’
With Teddy Stream—the ‘Rippling’ Comedian’
Una Harvey
Scot Watson—the Inebriated count!
Lena Dare
Dora Sefton
Arthur Beaufort
6 Lauder Lassies—Ladies’ pipe band and Highland Dancers
JF Leonard
Harry Carson, and a Monocle
Full London Chorus
Printed: Highland News
Blue type. 505mm x 760mm
NFA Collection

178R14.622 The Nottingham Empire
Programme for week commencing mon 7th Sep, 1925
Hetty King-male impersonator
Tucker-the singing violinist
Du Calion-loquacious Laddie on the Tottering Ladder
Harry Herbert
Edgar Curtis-the Lillipution Wonder
Vesta Sisters-dainty and delightful
Wallau and partner
*Faded in quality*
Red and blue print with photos
250mm x 760mm
NFA Collection

178R27.20 Hodson’s Comedy Theatre FRAMED
Mr Papworth’s Field, South Kirkby
Week commencing Monday 14th May, 1923
Jane Shore, historical drama
Zoe The Octofoon Girl, American drama
The Tomboy-songs and dances with Miss A Wynn and Joe Hodson
The Romance of Terrance O’Moore, Irish play with Mr Geo Wynn and
Miss Lavander Lee
A Race for Love, thriller
Babes in the Wood
A Fighting son of Belgium, war drama followed by screaming sketch
‘Doctor cut ‘em up
Monday and Tuesday 21st and 22nd May, Aladdin and his wonderful
lamp
Blue type on off white background
254mm x 758mm (print)
472mm x 972mm (framed)
Cyril Critchlow Collection

Diaries:

178L1.1 Waddington, Abraham
Diary, 1 January – 20 March 1916, of Abraham Waddington (1900-1918), son of J. W. Waddington Senior
1916
Includes several loose inserts and notes
Passim.
Programmes:

178K14.92 The London Coliseum
Programme for week commencing 8th Apr, 1918
Including: Matt Fields & Dora Doreen - Dancers
Jack Kellino - Comedy Musician
La Petite Nina - and Her Motor Cycling Sea Lions
Tom Clare - Songs at the Piano
Weedon Grossmith & Co. in "Stopping the Breach", a Farce by Herbert Thomas
Fred Duprez, "Mr Manhattan" - Famous American Comedian
WH Squire (Cellist) Lily Fairney (Vocalist) and Marie Novello (Pianiste)
George Graves and Co. in 'Koffo of Bond Street.'
Daunton Shaw Troupe - Australian comedy Cyclists
Bioscope - War Office Topical Budget
Has been hole punched for filing
12p.p illus.
139mm x 257mm
NFA collection

178K14.4 National Federation of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, Southwark
Elephant Theatre, 15 December 1917
Programme of Grand Matinee Concert to augment the funds of club for discharged sailors and soldiers of Southwark by kind consent of Charles Barnard, Esq
Blue type on green paper with decorative border on the front cover programme inside and call to join the Federation on back cover
Printed by Unique Publicity Co., (T.U.) Ltd, 100 Westminster Bridge Road, S.E.
2p.p
140mm x 225mm
NFA collection

178K12.198 The great Victory Circus and Allied Fair
Olympia 12 December 1919 to 17 January 1920
Presented by Fred A. Wilkins
Colour illustration of woman in allegorical outfit riding a white horse, holding a white pigeon and blowing a trumpet on an orange background and circus parade on the bottom section on a blue background on the front cover, inside list of circus personnel and supporters, introduction to the benefit of WWI veterans, programme
in the centre and commercial advertising, some blue and white photographs of performers and text
10p.p
Printed by J. Weiner Ltd, London W
185mm x 248mm
NFA Collection

178K14.91 The London Coliseum
Programme for week commencing 24th Dec, 1917
Including: Sergeant Brennan—the World’s Champion Diabolist
Emile Hayes—Vocalist
Dalmere’s Table Circus—performing rabbits, Cats, Dogs, Rats, Doves
and Monkeys.
Miss Elsie Spain and Mr Randall Jackson, Musical Comedy Artiste and
Popular Baritone, in ‘Gems from a Musical Comedy’.
Miraculous Ching Wu—Chinese Magician
Marguerite Sciatel in ‘Maid of France’ by Harold Brighouse
Coram—in Ventriloquist Scena and the New Recruit, “Jerry”
Lockhart’s Elephants—presented by Captain Taylor
Grock and His Partner—Famous French Clown in Novel Musical
Comedy
Bioscope, News of The Day
Contains information on war seals and the war seal foundation
12p.p illus.
139mm x 257mm
NFA collection

178K14.92 The London Coliseum
Programme for week commencing 8th Apr, 1918
Including: Matt Fields & Dora Doreen—Dancers
Jack Kellino—Comedy Musician
La Petite Nina and Her Motor Cycling Sea Lions
Tom Clare—Songs at the Piano
Weedon Grossmith & Co. in “Stopping the Breach”, a Farce by
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Fred Duprez, “Mr Manhattan”—Famous American Comedian
WH Squire (Cellist) Lily Fairney (Vocalist) and Marie Novello
(Pianiste)
George Graves and Co. in ‘Koffo of Bond Street.’
Daunton Shaw Troupe—Australian comedy Cyclists
Bioscope—War Office Topical Budget
Contains information on war seals and the war seal foundation
12p.p illus.
139mm x 257mm
NFA collection

178K43.603 Empire, Penge programme
Circa 1915
The Great Carmo, One Man Revue, Monday 13 September and during the week,
Black and white photograph of Carmo wearing an evening suit within an oval shape on the front cover and black type on off white background,
inside programme, on back cover, reward notice,
Printed by Cullingford & Co., Printers, Colchester, 2p.p
135mm x 217mm
Circus Friends Association Collection

Newspaper cuttings:

178G37.2 Scrapbook of autographs containing b&w photographs, drawings and cabinet cards for various artistes with autographs and dedications 1913-1915 56p.p 177mm x 128mm The Decar and Tomato Collection

178G37.3 Scrapbook of autographs containing b&w photographs, drawings and cabinet cards for various artistes with autographs and dedications 1914-1916 48p.p 205mm x 160mm The Decar and Tomato Collection

178G33.1 8 scrapbooks containing newspaper cuttings and reviews related to the Argyle theatre dating from 1916 to 1940 Argyle Theatre Collection

178G13.20 Performers scrapbook Circa 1910-1918 Containing pictures and photographs of music hall entertainers WWI material 250mm x 310mm NFA Collection

Correspondence:

178F20.12 Postcard correspondence related to the Ohmy Circus family, including a postcard from Lillie Reeve to Mr Claude Smith while he was a prisoner of war in Germany 1905-1929
17 items
Cyril Critchlow Collection

178F33.2  9 items of correspondence
          1917-1918
Postcards and correspondence mainly between Mrs Dobson and Mr J. Dobson, some are WWI related
Various sizes
Selina Dobson Collection

Photographs:

Dobson Family Collection photographs:

178C112.390-409 and 178C112.415-425 Black and white photographs and postcard of members of the Dobson family in soldier uniform during WWI

William Keating Collection photographs:

178C77.1028 John Green’s Switchback, tank, circa 1917, Preston
178C77.1029 John Green’s Switchback, tank detail, circa 1917, Preston
178C77.1030 John Green’s Switchback, tank detail, circa 1917, Preston
178C77.549 George Irvin’s Foster engine - number 14057 Marvellous - on war work circa 1918, London

NFA Collection photographs:

178C72.70 William Taylor’s Bioscope Show at Oxford St Giles’ Fair September 1914 after the outbreak of the First World War.
178C31.139 Digital image H. Spencer and Victor White in First World War British army uniform, circa 1915
178C31.138 Digital image Victor White circa 1915, in First World War army uniform
178C39.1133 ‘My Army Job’ engine doing work for the Ministry of Munitions during World War I
178C50.135 The Fletcher brothers, timber hauling during World War I. Third from Left, Jim Fletcher. On wheel, Joe Fletcher. Far right, Jack Fletcher, 1915
178C81.771-785 Vesta Tilly photographs
178C81.714 The Whizzbangs Bethune Theatre, March 1917
178C81.713 The Whizzbangs on the steps of Bethune Theatre, March 1917, since smashed by shell fire

178C81.715 The Whizzbangs in Bethune Theatre, March 1917

178C81.716 Christmas card showing a comedy act, 1917, Ada Band, postcard signed by W. J. Moss C.P.O. 21st Wing H.Q. Royal Flying Corps, Cirencester

178C81.717 Group portrait of The Wombwells Pierrots, four members in soldiers uniform and female impersonator in the centre.

178C81.718 Group portrait of the Depot Demons – Director corporal C. J. Jones with female impersonator in the centre

178C81.290 Cap. Fred Woodward, sea lion trainer and performer 1913

178C81.805 Betancourt chair balancer including him dressed in soldier's uniform, Palace Manchester April 25th 1919

Rowland Scott Collection photographs:

178C57.4982 A. Newsome's Burrell engine number 3471 The Rover 1914. Durham Barnard Castle

178C57.4980 Charles Heal's Burrell engine - number 2877 His Majesty and loads, photographed 1914. Glastonbury

Harry Lee Collection photographs:

178C78.177 Marshall's Fowler engine - Hero - doing war work, 1915


178C78.272 Army group circa 1915

Bill Weeks Collection photographs:

178C4.18 Fowler Class E 3 cylinder Military Steam Tractor number 9951, 1915

Jack Leeson Collection photographs:

178C33.298 Wanstead Flats Fair, 1915. Marine on William Thurston's Gallopers

Orton & Spooner Collection photographs:
178C76.1064 Army group 1915

178C76.974 (David Lloyd George?? Prime Minister)

178C76.986 Carved front with German Kaiser Wilhelm II

178C76.987 (David Lloyd George?? Prime Minister)

178C76.988 The Kaiser's Ass, black and white photograph of target game made by Orton and Spooner

178C76.989 The Kaiser's Ass, black and white photograph of target game made by Orton and Spooner

178C76.952 Carvings of George V and Queen Mary

178C76.1005 Portrait of George V

178C76.1006 Portrait of Queen Mary

**George Tucker** Collection photographs:

178C34.1025 W. G. Druce's Fowler engine - number 11799 The Victory - Built 1914 for war, photographed 1959

**Shufflebottom Family** Collection photographs:

178C20.50(xxiii)

178C20(xx)5 Portrait of John William Waddington junior in WWI uniform from the Army and Navy studio, circa 1915

178C20(xx)7 Group soldier photograph with John William Waddington (second row, second from right) circa 1915

178C20(xx)17 Portrait of Teddy Miller Webb in soldier's uniform, circa 1915

**Turner Family** Collection photographs:

178C47.22 Wilfred Turner in soldier's uniform, 1915

**Cyril Critchlow** Collection photographs:

178C110.35 Portrait of Bert Smith aka Ohmy in WWI soldier's uniform

**CFA Collection** photographs:
178C108.574 Portrait of Georgie Sanger in WWI soldier's uniform

Philip Swindlehurst Collection photographs:

178C61.283 S. Darke’s steam wagon on logging duties during WWI, 1915