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Abstract

Letter from James Tipton to his parents in Nebraska describing his experience seeing Porgy and Bess in New York City, written February 12, 1942.

Creator

Tipton, James

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Historical Information

George Gershwin's iconic opera "Porgy and Bess" debuted in 1935. The work, set in a Black community in coastal South Carolina, chronicles the turbulent relationship between the titular characters. James Standifer notes that "it wasn't until World War II that 'Porgy' found financial success in a production by Cheryl Crawford." Presumably this is the revival that James Tipton saw in 1942.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of a short postcard from James Tipton to his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E.H. Tipton of Nebraska, briefly describing his experience seeing George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" in New York City while at school. The letter is dated February 12, 1942.

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Bibliography

Standifer, James. "The Tumultuous Life of Porgy and Bess." *Humanities* 18, no. 6 (November/December 1997).

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