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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC 0080

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Unit Date

1914-1924

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English .

Abstract

This collection features nine playbills from plays and musical acts performed at the Virginia Theatre and New Virginia Theatre from the early twentieth century. The theatre was located in downtown Harrisonburg.

source

Bookworm & Silverfish

Extent

0.08 cubic feet 9 items

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Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Purchased from Bookworm & Silverfish Book Dealers, Wytheville, Virginia in February 1995.

Processing Information

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Administrative History

The New Virginia Theatre was owned by Warner Bros. Circuit Management Corporation, and opened sometime around the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. It was originally built as an old opera house and was complete with a performance stage, balcony, and private box seats. During the early twentieth century, the New Virginia Theater hosted many different stage plays and musical acts. By the year 1950, the name was changed to the Virginia Theater and it was converted into a movie theater. The theater eventually fell into disrepair, and was closed around 1986 and later torn down. During its lifetime, the theater was one of the many favorite Harrisonburg attractions, and was enjoyed by both Harrisonburg residents and Madison College students alike.

Scope and Content

The Virginia Theatre and New Virginia Theatre Playbills, 1914-1924, comprise nine playbills (one folder) of the Virginia Theatre and New Virginia Theatre in Harrisonburg, Virginia, 1914-1924. The largest size is 15" x 6". Each gives the title of the program (several specify vaudeville and minstrels), actors, and producers. Many of the playbills also include advertising by local establishments, especially W.E. Fiddle's Restaurant. Most of the playbills are for plays that were performed by the theater. Two of the playbills are for concerts given by musical acts: The Lasses White All-Star Minstrels and John W. Vogel's Big City Minstrels.

Related Materials

Keywords

Playbills
Playbills -- Collections
Playbills -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg
Playbills -- United States -- 20th century
Vaudeville -- United States -- History -- 20th century
Minstrel shows -- United States -- 20th century
Theater programs -- United States -- 20th century
Theater -- Virginia -- Harrisonburg
American drama -- 20th century
Leisure -- Social aspects
Amusements
Advertising -- History -- 20th century
Advertising -- Performing arts
New Virginia Theatre (Harrisonburg, Va.)
Virginia Theatre (Harrisonburg, Va.)
W. E. Friddle's Restaurant
Bookworm & Silverfish

Arrangement

Arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Virginia Theatre and New Virginia Theatre Playbills

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25006

Unit Date 1914-1924, undated

Mixed Materials [1000885789] 9 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

The Prodigal Judge

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25971

Unit Date 1914 November 11

John W. Vogel's Big City Minstrels

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25970

Unit Date 1914 December 10

Fine Feathers

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25969

Unit Date 1915 November 15

Keywords

Columbia Players (Theater group : Washington, D.C.)

Her Husband's Wife

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25968

Unit Date 1915 November 16

Keywords

Columbia Players (Theater group : Washington, D.C.)

Lasses White All-Star Minstrels

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25967

Unit Date 1920 November 11

Keywords

White, Lasses, 1888-1949

Dardanella

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25974

Unit Date 1920 November 23

Just Married

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25973

Unit Date 1924 October 21

Flashes of the Great White Way

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25972

Unit Date 1924 November 18

The Old Haunted Station

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/25975

Unit Date undated