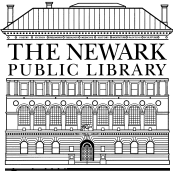


Schlesinger Collection



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- Extent:** 4 large flat boxes
- Processed:** Nadine Sergejeff; June 2016.
- Abstract:** The collection consists of autographed theatrical photographs which once decorated the lobby and corridors of the Broad Street Theatre (Newark, NJ). After the theater became a movie house, Morris Schlesinger donated the collection to the Library. Additional photographs were later added to this collection.
- Provenance:** Donated by Morris Schlesinger to the Newark Public Library

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Biographical Note:

Morris Sulzberger Schlesinger was born in Philadelphia in 1874 to Rabbi Leobaum Schlesinger. He studied at the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati and later at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY. He became interested in journalism before he completed his coursework and joined the staff of the *Wilkes-Barre Daily News Dealer* in Wilkes-Barre, PA in 1890.

In 1892, Schlesinger worked as a press agent for "The Wonderland," a dime museum in Wilkes-Barre, PA, managed by Max Anderson. That same year, he left his job at the newspaper and went to Cincinnati with Anderson as the treasurer and press agent for The Fountain Square Theater. In 1898, he became the manager of the Central Avenue Theater in Cincinnati and soon afterwards purchased the first feature motion picture to be made in this country, *The Passion Play*. He successfully toured with it throughout the East Coast.

Schlesinger became the manager of the Court Street Theater in Buffalo, NY and the Bijou Theater in Washington, D.C. He went on to the Arch Theater in Philadelphia, PA and the Lincoln Theater in New York. He subsequently sold the Lincoln Theater to Marcus Loew, who was responsible for forming Loews Theaters and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM).

Schlesinger came to Newark, NJ where the Orpheum Theater was built for him on Washington Street on the site of Machinery Hall. Sometime after, he also acquired the Broad Street Theater and the Schubert

Theater on Branford Place where he presented musical shows. Schlesinger also co-produced several plays. After unsuccessfully attempting to revive the Montclair Theater in Montclair, NJ, Schlesinger retired. He died in Orange, NJ, in 1944.

Exhibition Notes:

A portion of the collection was displayed at the Newark Public Library in 1938 and at the Newark Museum during the summer of the same year, and again at the Main Library in 1948 and 1987.

Processing Note:

The photographs were unframed and are organized alphabetically in four large boxes. Most of the photographs remain adhered to acidic cardboard. Wherever possible, non-archival mats were removed.

Additional Notes:

A majority of the autographs were made out to Morris Schlesinger. However, a few are made out to Jane (Jean Ferrell). Many photographs and programs were later added to the collection after it was donated.

Access Points

The entries below represent persons, organizations, topics, forms, and occupations documented in this collection.

Subject Names:

Bernhardt, Sarah
Cantor, Eddie
Hayes, Helen
Oakley, Annie
Pavlova, Anna

Subject Topics:

Actors -- Portraits.
New Jersey -- Individuals -- Portraits.
People -- New Jersey -- Portraits.

Document Types:

Cartes de visites
Photographs
Postcards
Programs

Box No.	Folder No.	Photograph/Item	Notes
1	1	Abarbanell, Lina*	Autographed. In "Flora Bella," 1916
1	1	Allen, Viola, and Young, James	Viola as "Viola" and James as "Sebastian" in 12 th Night
1	1	Anderson, Mary	
1	1	Anderson, Mary	as "Juliet"
1	1	Anderson, Mary	as "Parthenia"
1	1	Anderson, Mary	as "Galatea"

1	1	Anglin, Margaret*	Autographed
1	1	Arbuckle, Macklyn	Autographed. 1918
1	1	Arnold, Laura	Autographed
1	1	Bainter, Fay	Autographed. 1922
1	2	Barrett, Lawrence	
1	2	Barrymore, Ethel	Autographed
1	2	Barrymore, Ethel	
1	2	Barrymore, Ethel	In "Déclassée." Autographed. 1921
1	2	Barrymore, John	Autographed
1	2	Barrymore, Lionel	Autographed. 1918
1	2	Bates, Marie	Autographed
1	2	Belasco, Augusta	(Mrs. William Elliott)
1	2	Belasco, David	Autographed. 1919.
1	2	Belasco, David	Autographed. 1923.
1	2	Belasco, David	Autographed
1	2	Bennett, Richard	Autographed. 1922
1	2	Bennison, Louis	In "Johnny Get Your Gun"
1	2	Bernard, Barney	Autographed. 1916.
1	2	Bernhardt, Sarah	As "Mrs. Clarkson." Print.
1	2	Bernhardt, Sarah	
1	2	Bernhardt, Sarah	
1	2	Bernhardt, Sarah	
1	2	Bernhardt, Sarah	Includes program for "Gismonda"

1	2	Booth, Edwin	As "Hamlet." Print.
1	2	Bordoni, Irene	Autographed. 1926.
1	2	Brady, Alice	Autographed.
1	2	Brownell, Mabel	Autographed
1	2	Brownell, Mabel	Autographed
1	2	Burke, Billie*	Autographed. Added to the collection in the second half of the 20 th century.
1	2	Byron, Arthur	Autographed. 1918
1	3	Campbell, Mrs. Patrick (Beatrice Stella Tanner)	Postcard . Includes a program for her "American Tour."
1	3	Cantor, Eddie	Autographed. 1921
1	3	Carlisle, Alexandra	Autographed. 1918
1	3	Carter, Leslie	Autographed. 1922
1	3	Cawthorn, Joe	Autographed
1	3	Chatterton, Ruth	Autographed
1	3	Cheyney, Julia Arnold	Autographed. 1916
1	3	Claire, Ina	Autographed
1	3	Claire, Ina	Autographed
1	3	Cohan, George M.	Autographed
1	3	Collinger, Patricia	Autographed. 1917. As "Pollyanna."
1	2	Cornell, Katharine*	Includes a program for "Saint Joan"
1	3	Cowl, Jane	Autographed
1	3	Crane, William H.	Print
1	3	Creel, Blanch Bates	Autographed. 1918.

1	3	Crossman, Henriette (?)	Postcard. Not identified
1	3	Crossman, Henriette (?)	Postcard. Not identified
2	1	Davis, Ann	Autographed
2	1	Dawn, Eleanor	Autographed. 1920
2	1	Dawn, Hazel	Autographed. 1920
2	1	Ditrichstein, Leo	Autographed. 1917.
2	1	Dolly Sisters	Autographed. 1916
2	1	Dolly Sisters	Autographed. 1916
2	1	Doyle & Dixon	Autographed
2	1	Doyle & Dixon	Autographed
2	1	Donalda, Pauline*	c. 1906
2	1	Drew, John	Postcard
2	1	Drew, John	Postcard
2	1	Drew, John	Autographed. 1922
2	1	Drew, Sidney (and wife)	Autographed
2	1	Dunn, Emma	Autographed
2	1	Dunn, Emma	Autographed. Includes a program for "Casa Paterna" and "Francesca da Rimini"
2	2	Eddinger, Wallace	Autographed. 1918
2	2	Elliott, Maxine	Autographed. 1918. Includes program for "The Song of the Sword."

2	2	Eltinge, Julian	Autographed.
2	3	Faversham, William	Autographed. 1918. Includes program for "The Councillor's Wife"
2	3	Fenwick, Irene	Autographed. 1918
2	3	Ferguson, Elsie	Autographed
2	3	Ferrell, Jean	In "The Sun Daughter"
2	3	Ferrell, Jean	In "The Sun Daughter"
2	3	Ferrell, Jean	Silhouette. In "Tiger Rose"
2	3	Ferrell, Jean	In "Tiger Rose"
2	3	Findlay, Thomas	Autographed
2	3	Findlay, Thomas	Print. Autographed
2	3	Fisher, Lola	Autographed
2	3	Fiske, Mrs. (Minnie)	
2	3	Florence, William Jermyn	Print
2	3	Flynn, Marie and May Thompson	Autographed. 1914
2	3	Fortescue, May	
2	3	Frederick, Pauline and Thomas [?]	
2	3	Frederick, Pauline and Vera Beresford and Jean Ferrell	
2	3	Fulton, Maude	Autographed
2	4	George, Grace	Autographed

2	4	Gillette, William	Autographed. 1920. Includes program for "Sherlock Holmes"
2	4	Gish, Lillian	Autographed. 1932
2	4	Glendinning, Ernest	Autographed. 1917
2	4	Goodwin, Nathaniel Carl	Autographed
2	4	Gordon, Ruth	Autographed
2	4	Gray, Gilda	Autographed
2	4	Greene, Evie	
2	4	Greenwood, Charlotte	Autographed
2	5	Hajos, Mitzi	Autographed
2	5	Hall, Dorothy	Autographed
2	5	Hamper, Genevieve	Autographed
2	5	Harrison, Richard B.	Autographed. 1932. In "The Green Pastures"
2	5	Hayes, Helen	Autographed. 1923
2	5	Haynes, Minna Gale	Autographed
2	5	Henderson, Grace	
2	5	Herne, Julie	
2	5	Hitchcock, Raymond	Autographed. 1918
2	5	Hitchcock, Raymond	
2	5	Hodge, William	Autographed. 1919

2	5	Howard, J.B.	As "Rob Roy." 1887
2	5	Hull, Henry	Autographed. 1918
3	1	Jessel, George	Autographed. 1918
3	2	Kalish, Bertha	Autographed
3	2	Kelly, Gregory	Autographed. 1918
3	3	Langtry, Lillie	Includes program for "The Lady of Lyons" and "As In a Looking Glass"
3	3	Le Gallienne, Eve	Autographed
3	3	Larrimore, Francine	Autographed. 1922
3	3	Lauder, Harry	Autographed. 1918
3	3	Laurenti, Mario	Autographed. 1918
3	3	Lawrence, Gertrude	Autographed
3	3	Lawrence, Margaret	Autographed. 1920
3	3	Leau, Cecil	Autographed. 1917
3	3	Lewis, Ada	Autographed
3	3	Lowry, Hazel	Autographed
3	4	Mack, Andrew	
3	4	Mann, Louis	Autographed. 1919
3	4	Mansfield, Richard and Beatrice Cameron	Print. As "Gloster." Includes programs for "King Richard the Third," "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and "Prince Karl"
3	4	Mantell, R.B.	Autographed

3	4	Marlowe, Julia	Autographed. 1922
3	4	Marlowe, Julia	Print. As "Julia" in "The Hunchback." Includes program for "The Frederick Girl"
3	4	Mathison, Edith Wynne	Autographed. 1918
3	4	McCullough, John E.	
3	4	McRae, Bruce	Autographed. 1918
3	4	Miller, Henry	Autographed. Includes program for "Nadjy"
3	4	Miller, Marilyn	Autographed
3	4	Mitchell, Grant	Autographed. 1919
3	4	Moore, Florence	Autographed
3	4	Morris, William	Autographed. 1919
3	4	Mortimer, Dorothy	Autographed. 1907
3	4	Muni, Paul	Autographed
3	5	Niblo, Fred	Autographed. 1917
3	6	Oakley, Annie	1908
3	6	Oakley, Annie	1908
3	6	Oakley, Annie	Autographed. 1903
3	6	Olcott, Chauncey	Autographed
3	6	O'Neil, Peggy	Autographed. In "The Flame"
3	6	O'Neil, Peggy	In "The Flame"

3	6	O'Neil, Nance	Autographed.
4	1	Painter, Eleanor	Autographed
4	1	Pavlova, Anna	Autographed
4	1	Pennington, Ann	Autographed
4	1	Petrova, Olga	Autographed
4	1	Pixley, Annie	Print. As "M'Liss"
4	1	Powers, James	Autographed. 1924
4	2	Rambeau, Marjorie	Autographed. 1920
4	2	Rankin, Doris	
4	2	Rehan, Ada	Includes program for "The Country Girl"
4	2	Richman, Harry	Autographed
4	3	Schildkraut, Joseph	Autographed
4	3	Schlesinger, Louis	Clipping
4	3	Schlesinger, Morris S.	Photo from <i>The Jewish Community Blue Book of Newark</i> (1927)
4	3	Schubert Theater / Broad Street Theatre	Programs for "Ben Hur" and "The Big Parade"
4	3	Segal, Vivienne	
4	3	Segal, Vivienne	Autographed. 1917
4	3	Sembrich, Marcella*	
4	3	Skinner, Otis	Autographed. 1920. Includes program for "Kismet"

4	3	Sothorn, Edward A.	Autographed
4	3	Sothorn, Edward A.	Print. Includes two programs for "Lord Chumley" and "If I Were King"
4	3	Starr, Frances	Autographed
4	3	Stone, Dorothy	Autographed
4	3	Stone, Fred	Autographed
4	3	Swanson, Gloria*	
4	4	Taliaferro, Edith	
4	4	Tanguay, Edith	Autographed. 1917
4	4	Taylor, Laurette	Autographed. 1920
4	4	Tell, Alma	Autographed
4	4	Thomas, John Charles	Autographed
4	4	Thomas, John Charles	Autographed. 1918
4	4	Tone, Franchot	Autographed
4	4	Truax, Sarah	Autographed
4	4	Tynan, Brandon	Autographed
4	5	Ulric, Lenore and Jean Ferrell	In "Tiger Rose"
4	5	Ulric, Lenore	Autographed
4	5	Ulric, Lenore	Autographed
4	5	Ulric, Lenore	Autographed

4	5	Ulric, Lenore	In "The Pagan Lady"
4	5	Ulric, Lenore	In "The Pagan Lady"
4	6	Vallee, Rudy	
4	7	Walker, Laura	Autographed
4	7	Walsh, Grace	Autographed
4	7	Warfield, David	Autographed. 1917
4	7	Warfield, David	Autographed. 1917. Includes program for "The Music Master"
4	7	Webb, Clifton	Greeting card
4	7	Wheaton, Anne	Autographed. 1919
4	7	Wood, Peggy	
4	7	Wood, Peggy	Autographed
4	5	Wyndham, Olive	Autographed

*denotes this was added to the collection during the 20th century