**Vardaman Collection, 1881-1927: Finding Aid**

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Mansel Vardaman Boyle (1877-1945) was a popular vaudeville performer known by the stage name Vardaman. Active on the vaudeville circuit from 1901 through 1925, Vardaman was billed as a female impersonator, often appearing on programs as "Vardaman, the Gay Deceiver" or "Vardaman, the Auburn-haired Beauty" and sometimes as "LaVarde" or "La Vardy." He performed extensively in the American West, and later, across the country and internationally, eventually becoming one of the best-known female impersonators of the period.

Vardaman was born in 1877 in Santa Cruz, California. His parents were Arthur E. Boyle and Mary A. Kennedy Boyle (d. 1905), both the children of Irish immigrants, and his siblings included A. Eugene Boyle (d. 1913) and Mary J. Manley. His family moved to Butte, Montana, in the mid 1890s, where his father and brother worked as miners at Belle Mine, while Vardaman worked as a clerk, stenographer, and bartender while beginning to perform in local theatrical productions with the Overland Minstrels, a local amateur theater group. The Boyle family moved to Alameda, California, in 1903. Around this time, Vardaman began touring around the country, with frequent performances in California, Montana, and other Western states, eventually expanding to cover the Midwest and East Coast vaudeville routes. He performed in a variety of vaudeville acts, including with a burlesque group named the Champagne Belles. At the height of his popularity, Vardaman went on a tour of the world, sailing from Honolulu in 1913. He performed to favorable reviews in Australia, South Africa, and England, while visiting many other places. From 1922 to 1925, Vardaman performed predominantly in the Los Angeles area.

By the late 1920s, Vardaman had ceased performing but maintained relationships in the theater community. In the 1930s, he lived in the household of Louis Sunlin, a theater owner in Flint, Michigan. He later returned to Los Angeles, living with Milford L. Bailey in the mid 1930s and later with silent film star J. Warren Kerrigan (1879-1947) from at least 1936 to 1938. He died on May 28, 1945.

This collection consists of personal, business, and family correspondence, appointment books, documents, photographs, scripts, sheet music, playbills, theater souvenir books, clippings, and other materials created by or related to vaudeville performer Vardaman (1877-1945). Materials are both professional and personal in nature, though the majority have to do with Vardaman's vaudeville career.

Vardaman's correspondence with theater managers, fellow entertainers, and admirers, route sheets and artist's contracts, and appointment books all provide insights into his travels within the United States and internationally from 1903 to 1925. There are also annotated scripts, sheet music, and lyrics sheets used by Vardaman during his performances. Photographic materials include studio portraits of Vardaman in costume and photogravure printing blocks used to print advertisements for his performances, as well as more informal snapshots, such as photographs of Vardaman with family and friends, travel photographs, and associated negatives. There is also a significant group of photographs of other vaudeville, minstrel, and burlesque performers active from the 1880s through the 1920s, including other acts who toured as female or male impersonators. Most of these prints are inscribed to Vardaman from the entertainers pictured, many of whom he likely met on the road.
Printed materials in the collection also document Vardaman's professional career, as well as the late 19th and early 20th century vaudeville community more broadly. There are clippings with reviews and announcements about Vardaman's performances, including a scrapbook, as well as playbills both for Vardaman's appearances and those of other entertainers who appeared at the same theaters. There are also some theater souvenir books, including materials related to Julian Eltinge (1881-1941), and programs from other theatrical performances.

The majority of the collection appears to consist of Vardaman's own papers, though a small amount of family papers and printed materials may have been added by later custodians of the collection before it arrived at the library.

Arrangement

Arranged by material type.

Access and Use

Access

Collection is open for research use.

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Acquisition and Appraisal

Provenance and Acquisition

Purchased as a collection from William Reese Company in September 1982.

Appraisal

No material was separated from the collection during 2018 reprocessing.

Processing and Other Information

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Descriptive Rules Used
Finding aid content adheres to that prescribed by Describing Archives: A Content Standard.

Subject Headings

- Vardaman, 1877-
- Eltinge, Julian, 1883-1941
- Burlesque (Theater) -- United States -- History -- 20th century.
- Entertainers -- United States -- 20th century -- Sources.
- Female impersonators -- United States -- 20th century -- Sources.
- Vaudeville -- United States -- 20th century -- Sources.
- West (U.S.) -- Social life and customs -- 20th century -- Sources.
- Appointment books -- 20th century.
- Clippings -- 20th century.
- Correspondence -- 20th century.
- Playbills -- 20th century.
- Photographs -- 20th century.
- Scrapbooks -- 20th century.
- Scripts (documents) -- 20th century.
- Sheet music -- 20th century.
- American history/Gilded Age, Populism, Progressivism
- Theater/Film
## Contents List

### Correspondence, 1898-1925

**Arrangement:** Arranged into file groups by person.

**Description:** Consists of assorted correspondence of Vardaman and his family, including letters and postcards to Vardaman concerning both personal and professional matters, correspondence between his family members, and a few letters by others.

#### Letters and Postcards to Vardaman, 1898-1925 February 16

**Description:** Consists of letters, postcards, telegrams, invitations, and announcements from friends and admirers of his work, as well as from vaudeville performers, theater managers, and authors. Correspondence spans both professional and personal matters.

**Arrangement:** Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

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<td>1913 March 26-April 2</td>
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### Postcards, 1909-1924

**Description:** Includes postcards from Max Manion, Charles F. Manley, I. M. Keene, "R.P.K," "Duntille," and others. Also includes some empty envelopes addressed to Vardaman.

**Box:** 1 Folder: 12

### Wedding Invitations and Birth Announcements, 1898-1918

**Box:** 1 Folder: 13
Family Correspondence, 1903-1916

Arrangement: Arranged by family member.

Description: Consists of letters and postcards to members of Vardaman's family, including some postcards from him.

Letters To Arthur E. Boyle (Father), 1905-1916  Box: 1 Folder: 14

Description: Includes postcards and letters to Arthur E. Boyle from Vardaman (son), Eugene Boyle (son), Mary J. Manley (daughter), Alice Manley (granddaughter), May Kellogg (niece), medical device salespersons, and others. There is also a withdrawal card from the Western Federation of Miners union, dated October 13, 1913.

Letters to Eugene Boyle (Brother), 1903-1913  Box: 1 Folder: 15

Description: Postcards from to Eugene Boyle from Vardaman (brother), Mary J. Manley (sister), Alice Manley (niece), May Kellogg (cousin), and others.

Postcards to Alice Manley (Niece), 1908 June 6-1913 October 27  Box: 1 Folder: 16

Description: Two postcards from Vardaman.

Letters to M. H. Spielman, 1916-1920  Box: 1 Folder: 17

Description: Two letters regarding a medal.

Financial and Legal Documents, 1883-1925

Arrangement: Arranged by type of document.

Description: Consists of financial and legal documents pertaining to Vardaman's career as a vaudeville performer, and to a lesser extent, his personal life. The artist's contracts and route sheets provide detailed information about his travels abroad and the conditions of his appearances at various theaters.

Artist's Contracts and Route Sheets, 1903-1925  Box: 1 Folder: 18

Description: Consists of a chronological file of Vardaman's performer's contracts with various theater companies in the United States, Canada, England, and South Africa, as well as route sheets documenting his travel circuits. The chronological run has some notable gaps; materials included here document the years 1903; 1908-1916; and 1922-1925.

Australian Income Tax Bill and Receipt, 1913-1914  Box: 1 Folder: 19

Description: Consists of an income tax bill and receipt for a tax of 18 shillings for four weeks of work in Wellington, New South Wales, Australia.

Receipts for Groceries, Shoes, and Prescription, 1883-1910  Box: 1 Folder: 20

Certification of Birth Attested to by Mary Jane Bennett (Aunt), 1914 July 9  Box: 1 Folder: 21

Certificate of Copyright Registration for "The Bathing Girl", 1909-1911 November 16  Box: 1 Folder: 22
Description: To "Mansel Vardaman, United States" for "The Bathing Girl. Lyrics and Music by Lynne A. Hazzard" (1911 November 16). Also includes a printed notice regarding copyright registration (1909).

Appointment Books and Contacts, 1909-1914

Arrangement: Arranged chronologically.

Description: Consists of three appointment books documenting Vardaman's travels as a vaudeville performer in 1909, 1910, and 1912. Entries consist primarily of the names of theaters where he was performing on certain dates, as well as notes about travel fares and schedules, contact information for theater managers, and indications of days taken off for rest. There is also a small collection of business and visiting cards from various vaudeville performers, theater managers, and others spanning from 1909 to 1914, some of which include handwritten notes.

Appointment Book, 1909  
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Appointment Book, 1910  
Box: 1 Folder: 24

Appointment Book, 1912  
Box: 1 Folder: 25

Visiting and Business Cards, 1909-1914  
Box: 1 Folder: 26

Photographic Materials, 1881-1923

Description: Consists of photographic materials, including photographic prints, negatives, and two photogravure printing blocks documenting Vardaman's professional career as a performer, as well as his travels and family life. Vardaman also collected photographs of other popular vaudeville performers from the 1880s through the 1920s, many of which are inscribed to him, that show a broader view of the turn-of-the-century vaudeville circuit.

Arrangement: Arranged by subject.

Studio Portraits of Vardaman as a Performer, circa 1901-1925, bulk 1908 September-1915

Description: Consists primarily of studio portraits depicting Vardaman in costume. Most are individual portraits, though some show Vardaman with other performers in his acts. While most photographs refer to Vardaman as "Vardaman," "Varde," or "Vardy," some are also captioned "Calvert." For some photographs, there is also a negative made from one of the prints.

"Vardy & Co.", circa 1901-1925  
Box: 2 Folder: 1

Description: 2 copies. Rembrandt, Chicago. Vardaman with four women and a man.

Vardaman Opening a Window, circa 1901-1925  
Box: 2 Folder: 2

Description: 4 copies. C.F. Garing & Co., Chicago.

"Varde & Girls", circa 1901-1925  
Box: 2 Folder: 3
"Varde & Girls, The Gay Deceiver", circa 1901-1925
Description: 4 copies. Rembrandt, Chicago. Vardaman with four women in bathing wear.
Box: 2 Folder: 4

"Varde & Girls in 'Oh, Auntie!'", circa 1901-1925
Description: 4 copies. Rembrandt, Chicago. Vardaman in bathing wear before an ocean scene.
Box: 2 Folder: 5

"Vardaman, The Gay Deceiver", circa 1901-1925
Description: 8 copies. Hartsook Photo. Vardaman posing alone.
Box: 2 Folder: 6

"Vardy & Co.", circa 1901-1925
Description: 4 copies. Rembrandt, Chicago. Vardaman posing with four women and one man.
Box: 2 Folder: 7

"La Vardy in Society Scandal", circa 1901-1925
Description: Several copies of multiple shots of Vardaman in various costumes. Davies, Portland, Oregon.
Box: 2 Folder: 8

Vardaman Posing on Chair, circa 1901-1925
Description: 5 copies. Silver, Chicago. In a white dress.
Box: 2 Folder: 9

Vardaman Side Profile Portrait, circa 1901-1925
Description: 7 copies. C.F. Garing & Co., Chicago/Hartsook Photo.
Box: 2 Folder: 10

"Vardaman", circa 1901-1925
Description: 2 copies. White, New York. Posing alone.
Box: 2 Folder: 11

"Vardaman, Julian Eltinge Revival", circa 1901-1925
Description: 4 copies. C. F. Gairington & Co., Chicago. In a formal black dress, holding an umbrella. Also includes an image from Morton, San Francisco, in the same dress.
Box: 2 Folder: 12

Vardaman Portrait in Formal Dress, circa 1901-1925
Description: 3 copies (1 is a similar shot).
Box: 2 Folder: 13

Vardaman in Formal Dress with Umbrella, circa 1901-1925
Description: 2 copies. Silver, Columbus, Ohio.
Box: 2 Folder: 14

Vardaman Removing Wig, Sardony, Sydney, 1915
Description: 4 copies. C. F. Gairington & Co., Chicago.
Box: 2 Folder: 15

"The Gay Deceiver", circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 16
Description: 3 copies. Baker Art Gallery, Columbus / Silver, Chicago. Vardaman posing alone in short dress.

Vardaman Bowing in Pale Dress, circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 17
Description: 2 copies. Silver, Chicago.

"Calvert - The Gay Deceiver", circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 18
Description: 1 copy. Baker Art Gallery, Columbus, Ohio. Posing alone in dark dress and hat with umbrella.

Vardaman Dancing with a Man, circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 19

Vardaman Posing with Chair, circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 20
Description: 2 copies. Dworshak.

"Vardaman, Female Impersonator - Mirror Week - Berl-Levey Circuit", circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 21
Description: 1 copy. Baker Art Gallery, Columbus, Ohio. Posing with bouquet.

Portraits Inscribed to Family Members, circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 22
Description: 2 copies of a mounted portrait (White, New York), one of which is inscribed by Vardaman to his sister.

Portraits Inscribed to Family Members, 1908 September
Box: 2 Folder: 23
Description: Four mounted portraits (J. A. Hood Studio, Racine, Wisconsin), inscribed by Vardaman to his father, sister, and brother.

Advertisements and Promotional Shots, circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 24

Photogravure Printing Blocks, circa 1901-1925
Box: 2 Folder: 26
Description: Two printing blocks, one including seven photographs of Vardaman along with his name and another including a full body portrait.

Studio Portraits of Vardaman in Menswear, 1903-1914
Box: 2 Folder: 25
Description: Eleven portraits of Vardaman in menswear, most of which are inscribed by him to his family members.

Photographs of Other Vaudeville Performers, 1881-1923
Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by the name of the performer or act.
Description: Consists of studio portraits, staged scenes from performances, card photographs, advertisement cards, and some candid shots of other vaudeville, minstrel, and burlesque performers. Most are signed and inscribed to Vardaman.

A, 1914-1916
Box: 3 Folder: 1

B, 1881-1915
Description: Includes Monty Banks, Chic Barrymore, Lou Bates, Harry Bawden, "Beatrice, alias La Reine," Bennett Five, Anita Birdsal (née Wing), Madge Beresford, Brosius and Brown, and Brown and Bristol.

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Boydell, Jeanne, circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 3

Brown, Lola, circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 4

Bryant, Leonce, circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 5

Burton, Elwood, circa 1881-1923
Description: One photograph also includes Mae Clarke.

Box: 3 Folder: 6

C, 1912-1917
Description: Includes "Carmencita," Margaret Cushing, Mae Clarke, Jim Chatham and Leah Dancourt, Filo Clarke, Janzo Cox, and King Cole and Jerry.

Box: 3 Folder: 7

Carpos Brothers, 1910

Box: 3 Folder: 8

Curtis Trio, circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 9

D, 1913-1922

Box: 3 Folder: 10

De Verne, circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 11

"Della", circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 12

E, 1913-1916
Description: Includes "Elmina, The Furniture Tusslers" and "Louise Elliotte, Female Baritone in Male Impersonations."

Box: 3 Folder: 13

"Edgar", circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 14

"Esmerelda", 1913-1914

Box: 3 Folder: 15

F, 1895-1912
Description: Includes Della Fox, Holly Favineau[?], The Frawley Co., and Sidney Forrester and Miss Ray Lloyd.

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Fortuna, Celia, circa 1881-1923

Box: 3 Folder: 17

G, 1909-1911

Box: 3 Folder: 18
Golding and Keating, 1913
H, 1910
Description: Includes Harry Hayward and Company, Little Jack Harlington, George Hayes, Hill and Silvany, and "Huntress."
Hazzard, Lynne, and Bonnie, 1913
Holden, Don, 1913
Hurlburt, Harold, 1911
I-K, 1914-1915
"Karrera", circa 1881-1923
Kunz, Edward, and Blanche, circa 1881-1923
L, 1881-1912
Description: Includes Lancanster 3, Ray Laurence, Ethel Lynton, "Lucca," "Low," "Mr. and Mrs. Chief Little Elk," Harry Le Pearl and Harry Walker, Fred Lewis and Martha Chapin, "Leta," A. La Forest, and "Les."
Laughlin, Jack, and June, circa 1881-1923
Leebold, Carolyn, 1911
Lesso, Nellie, and Tom, 1913
M-N, 1908-1923
McLaughlin, Nettie, and Earl Flynn, 1913
Nelson, Eva Mudge, 1911
O-P, 1882-1922
Description: Includes the Olympic Trio, "Olivotti, Moffett, and Clare," the Olympia Trio, the William O'Brien Troupe of Advanced Acrobats, Pantzer
Brothers, Potts Brothers and Co., Jack Phillips and Roy Rens(?), Chas Paxton, Alton Peterson and Jim Ratchford, Annie Pickening, Morina Palmer, and "Powell and Juno."

"Phasura", circa 1881-1923

Powell, Eddie, 1910

R, 1905-1916

Description: Includes Mae Richards, Redwood and Gordon, Roberts Trio, Hayes and A. Reves, Lolita Robertson, Billie Ryan, Madeline Rowe, Sam Rowley, and Jimmy Rose.

Reeder, Orville H., 1914

Rutledge, Pliny F., and Jeanne Pickering, circa 1881-1923

Description: Also includes Eliza Jance.

S, 1911-1921


Smith, George, 1914

Storke, Tillie (Somers and Storke), circa 1881-1923

"Stuart", circa 1881-1923

T-V, 1909-1917

Description: Includes "The Two Storys," Harry Tate's Company of English Comedians, George Thomas, Ella Von Kaufman, Van Houen, and "Valle, the Man Who Civilized the Accordion."

"Texico", circa 1881-1923

W-Z, 1913-1923


"La Belle Ziska", circa 1881-1923

Unidentified Performers, circa 1881-1923

Family Portraits, 1898-1923

Description: Consists of individual and group portraits, many of which are mounted studio portraits, depicting Vardaman and members of his family including Arthur E. Boyle, Mary A. Boyle, Alice Manley, and others. Some individual portraits are inscribed to other family members, and there are
several larger photographs of Vardaman with family members and others taken in Montana in 1898-1899.

Family, Friends, and Travel Snapshots and Negatives, 1898-1918

Family, Friends, and Travel Snapshots, circa 1898-1918

Description: Consists of small black-and-white photographs of family members and friends, some of which include Vardaman. Most of the photographs are uncaptioned. Many appear to have been taken in California, though some were also taken in Montana, Pennsylvania, Iowa, and at the Grand Canyon. Other shots include houses and dogs, and there are a few photographs that appear to be from travels abroad.

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Family, Friends, and Travel Negatives, circa 1898-1918

Description: Consists of nitrate sheet film negatives.

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Family, Friends, and Travel Wrappers for Negatives, circa 1898-1918

Description: Original wrappers for nitrate negatives, which include some notes.

Box: 4 Folder: 12

Travel Album and Postcards, circa 1910s

Description: Includes travel postcards from locations Vardaman visited during his travels, including various locations in the United States, Canada, England, South Africa, Spain, and American Samoa. Most are blank, though some include brief notes identifying places and dates (mainly 1913). There is also an album of photographs of buildings and cityscapes titled "Bath Views."

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Ships Postcards and Photographs, 1913-1915

Description: Consists of postcards and photographs of ships, some or all of which are ships Vardaman traveled on as a part of his international tours, including the S.S. Sonoma (1913), S.S. Eastland (1915), S.S. St. Paul, S.S. Ballarat (Sydney, Australia, to Durban, South Africa, January 10, 1914), and the S.S. Tyrone. There is also a passenger list for the S.S. Sonoma's trip for Honolulu, Pago Pago, and Sydney, departing from San Francisco on July 29, 1913, which lists a "Mr. Vardaman."

Box: 1 Folder: 28

Clippings and Press, 1903-1920

Arrangement: General clippings about Vardaman are followed by clippings of reviews of his performances, arranged alphabetically by theater.

Description: Consists of newspaper clippings about Vardaman's vaudeville career.

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Scrapbook on Vardaman's Vaudeville Career, 1904-1906

Box: 5 Folder: 2

Newspaper Clippings about Vardaman, 1906-1913

Box: 5 Folder: 3

Newspaper Clippings by Theater: A-G, circa 1903-1920

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Newspaper Clippings by Theater: H-N, circa 1903-1920
Newspaper Clippings by Theater: O-W, circa 1903-1920

Scripts, 1892-1910

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by title.

Description: Consists of printed, typescript, or handwritten scripts for short plays and monologues. Some are annotated.

"Behind a Curtain", 1892
"The Jolly Chaperon", undated
Description: Crossed-out title: "The Girl from Boston."
"Kissing", undated
"Nobody's Child", undated
"The Town Marshall", 1910

Sheet Music and Lyrics, 1903-1920

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically by title.

Description: Consists of sheet music and lyrics for vaudeville songs performed by Vardaman, including both handwritten music and professional copies of printed sheet music, many of which are annotated with various notes and stamped "Vardaman." Many of the handwritten pieces were composed and arranged by Lynne A. Hazzard. Some sheet music is accompanied by additional typescript or handwritten lyrics on separate sheets.

"The Athletic Girl", undated
"Au Revoir, But Not Good-bye, Soldier Boy", 1917
"Baby Boy", 1911
"The Bathing Girl", undated
"Bathing Parade", undated
"Beautiful Eggs", 1914
"Beware of Pink Pajamas", 1916
"Blessed is He Who is Loving and Blessed is She Who is Loved", 1915
"Come Take a Dip in the Deep With Me", 1909
"Driftwood", undated
"Help! Help! Help! I'm Falling in Love", 1909
"I Do Like a S'Nice S'Mince S'Pie", 1914
"I'll Marry a Millionaire", undated
"In the Land of Wedding Bells", undated
"My Last Train", undated
"Providing", 1914  
"San Do Meingo", undated  
"Snooky Ookums", 1913  
"That's the Kind of Baby for Me", undated  
"Things Are Getting Better Every Day", 1915  
"Tra La La La La", 1920  
"Under a Parasol", 1906  
"When She Walks Like This", 1903  
Sheet Music Covers, circa 1903-1917

Playbills, 1892-1927

Description: Consists of playbills for various vaudeville and other theatrical performances at theaters in the United States and England.

Arrangement: Playbills are arranged alphabetically by theater, geographical location, or topic.

Playbills: Alcazar Theatre, 1909-1927  
Playbills: California, 1901-1924  
Playbills: Hippodrome Theatre, 1918  
Playbills: London, circa 1905-1924  
Playbills: Mardonough Theatre, 1895-1906  
Playbills: Montana, 1901-1903  
  Description: Includes playbills from the Babcock Theatre, Helena Theatre, and Grand Opera House.
Playbills: New York, 1909-1918  
Playbills: Orpheum Circuit, 1913-1918  
Playbills: Other United States, 1892-1914  
Playbills: Tivoli Opera House, circa 1895-1911  
Playbills: Vardaman, circa 1903-1925  
Playbills: Ye Liberty Playhouse, circa 1910-1918

Theater Souvenir Books, 1901-1917

Description: Consists of theater souvenir books and related materials. The Julian Eltinge materials also include photographs and a copy of the "Julian Eltinge Magazine."

Arrangement: Arranged alphabetically.
"Cu Chin Chow: A Musical Tale of the East", undated  
Box: 7 Folder: 11

"Edna May in the Girl from Up There", 1901  
Box: 7 Folder: 12

"The Garden of Allah", 1911  
Box: 7 Folder: 13

"Julia Marlowe and Her Impersonations Reviewed by Eminent Critics", undated  
Box: 7 Folder: 14

Julian Eltinge Materials, 1917  
Box: 7 Folder: 15

Description: Consists of a playbill for Julian Eltinge in "Cousin Lucy," two photographs of Eltinge (one in costume and one in street clothes), and "Julian Eltinge Magazine and Beauty Hints: The Fascinating Widow."

Unidentified Cowboy Scenes, undated  
Box: 7 Folder: 16

Concert and Opera Programs, 1915-1920  
Box: 7 Folder: 17

Description: Consists of programs for various orchestra concerts and operas. Also includes a printed description of the opera Andrea Chenier, a copy of the libretto for Madame Butterfly, and a copy of The Little Theatre Magazine (June 1917).