

**Edward Miller Collection**  
**[1864-1894]**  
**Inventory**

Contents of scrapbook kept by Edward Thomas (Ned) Miller (1846-1908), interlocutor of the Maple Leaf Minstrels, being:

( i ) 76 photocopied sheets of those pages of the scrapbook relating to entertainments, mainly playbills, programs and newspaper clippings, including 11 loose playbills originally in the scrapbook. (Represented towns include Prescott, Ont.; Perth, Ont.; Deseronto, Ont.; Ogdensburg, N.Y.).

(ii) 4 photographs of E. Miller, copied from originals.

Copied May, 1976 from original scrapbook and photos owned by Mrs. Joseph (Helen) Mitchell (Toronto) (E. Miller's grand-daughter, d. June 1976)

Playbills

1894, March 29. Deseronto, Ont. Opera House. Readings...Prof. S.H. Clark (Chicago University) in aid of the Deseronto Mechanics' Institute; Selection by Mandolin Club; "The revenge" by Tennyson (Prof. Clark); vocal solo; The old man; the ship of faith; The other baby at Rudder Grange. Playbill (photocopy), p. 56

1891, Dec. 2. Deseronto, Ont. Union Hall. Grand concert in aid of St. Mark's Church. Playbill (photocopy), p. 46

1865, 71, 76, or 82, Dec. 28. Kingston, Ont. Garden Island. Grand concert and hop, given by the Mechanic Amateur Concert Co'y... to conclude with the laughable farce entitled Shakespearian Ball. Playbill (photocopy), p.33

1866, Aug. 25. Perth, Ont., Town Hall. Bob Welch's minstrels, burlesque opera troupe and brass band. Playbill (photocopy), pp.57-58

1864, Dec. 15, Jan. 25, 1865; July 6, 1865; Apr. 5, 1866; Aug. 6, 1874; Dec. 3, 1875\_\_\_\_, 1875. Prescott, Ont. Brady's Hall. Maple Leaf Minstrels (1<sup>st</sup> 5 playbills); Fruits of the wine cup, and Two buzzards (Prescott dramatic association); "Black eyed Susan" and "Kiss in the dark" (Prescott Dramatic Association); Second appearance of the Girard Bros. 8 playbills (photocopies), pp. 12, 17-17, 24-25, 59-68

1875; Dec. 23, Jan. 31, 1876;\_\_\_\_1876. Prescott, Ont. New Town Hall. Grand local opening of the New Town Hall; Concert and tableaux; Penny readings. 3 playbills (photocopies), pp.7, 15, 23.

1875, Feb. 23; Feb. 5, 1877; Nov. 9, 1877; Dec. 7, 1877; May 9, 1878; Oct. 17, 1879; Apr. 19, 1882; May 12, 1886; Nov. 23, 1886; Jan. 11, 1887. Prescott, Ont. Victoria Hall. Ali Baba; Odd-fellows entertainment for

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benefit of the poor; concert for benefit of Excelsior Fire Co.; Dramatic readings by Mrs. J. Billop Mauger; Tableaux vivants and concert; Entertainment by pupils of Prescott Model School; Broom drill; Grand concert; Grand musical and dramatic entertainment; (scenes from Nicholas Nickleby); Grand dramatic entertainment (incl. The Emigrant's daughter). 9 playbills (photocopies), pp.13; 20; 30; 42-43; 47-48; 52; 69-71

1877, Jan. 29. Wolfe Island, Ont. Masonic Hall. The Mechanics Amateur Minstrels..jokes, songs, dances and side-splitting farces (including "Trip around the world" and "laugh and grow fat"); The Eolian Minstrels...ballads, Ventriloquism..song and dance..the side-splitting burlesque, "The hospital". 2 playbills, (photocopies), pp.31-32; 41

1877, July 17. Ont. Dufferin Hall. Amateur concert. Playbill (photocopy), p.35

1865, July 19 & 21. Ogdensburg, N.Y., Eagle Hall. The Maple Leaf Minstrels! Burlesque opera and variety troupe. 2 playbills (photocopies), pp. 3, 76