

Wingham Opera House Collection
(1884; 1905-1909)
Inventory

A selection of postcards and letters to the Town Clerk, Wingham, Ontario from performers wishing to book the Wingham Opera House, some on ornate letterhead advertising their specialties.

2 envelopes; 33 items

Env. #1: Postcards – 9 items

n.d. Self –addressed postcard to the Eckhardt Family, Petrolia, Ontario

1884, Dec. 8. London, Ont. from M.J. Kent, manager, London Loan Co. to Wm Bradley, Wingham, re receipt.

1905, May 15. Springfield, Mass. from Geo. R. Guy, Guy Brothers re: booking.

1906, Mar. 28. Galina, Illinois (postmarked Marion, Kansas) Patten & Perry re: change in booking (see also letter Nov. 20, 1905)

1906, Dec. 5. Mildmay, Ont. from W.H. Spear to J.B. Ferguson, Wingham re: booking

1907, May 8. St. Catharines, Ont. from Joe Marks, Marks Bros. to manager, Opera House re: booking.

1907, May 20. Liverpool N.S. from Harry LaReane, manager, Dooley's Trouble Co. to Town Clerk re: booking (see also letters of July 9 and Sept. 15, 1907)

1908, Apr. 11. Springfield, Mass. from George R. Guy, Guy Brothers Minstrels to manager re: booking.

1909, Sept. 2. Davisville, Ont. H.E. Love, Pullman Opera Co. to manager re: booking.

Env. #2: Letters and Flyers – 24 items

[n.d.] The Famous Schubert Symphony Club and Lady Quartette, Chicago. 4 pp. illustrated flyer including program, testimonials and favourable reviews.

[n.d.] Willfong & Corbett's "Uncle Tom's Cabin". 2 pg. illus. flyer.

[?], Jan. 1. Galt, Ont. Dr. E.H. DeAlva, DeAlva's College Girls, Lady Band & Orchestra, to Town Clerk re: booking. Letterhead illustrated with photo of DeAlva.

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[?], May 22. Penetang, Ont. E. Hoffman, "Maloney's Wedding Day" (Murray & Murphy, Comedians) to City Clerk re: booking. Chromolithograph pictorial letterhead.

1905, Oct. 11. Brantford, Ont. C.E. Strong, Quaker Remedy Company to Town Clerk. Request for information on recent bookings of rival medicine shows in area, description of their own company, and inquiry re terms and facilities of hall. 2 colour letterhead illustrated with photographs of company.

1905, Nov. 2. Altoona. Leon Washburn, Stetson's ... "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Company re booking. Illustrated letterhead with photograph and ornate type.

1905, Nov. 20. Lethbridge, N.W.T. [sic] Patten & Perry's Comedy Attractions to Town Clerk re: booking. Elaborate chromolithograph letterhead with photographs and illustration of marching band. (see also postcard Mar. 28, 1906)

1906, Feb. 1. Buffalo, N.Y. Fred G. Taylor to Town Clerk re: booking and terms. 2 colour letterhead with illustrations of melodramatic scenes from *An Idiot Slave*.

1906, Mar. 10. Buffalo, N.Y. James Trabue, manager for Irene Taylor, society & emotional actress, to J.B. Ferguson, Wingham, re: contracts and questions & information re: advertising. Letterhead printed red on blue paper listing Miss Taylor's repertoire.

1906, May 19. Petrolia, Ont. Fred T. Grenell, "Hooligan's Troubles" to manager, Opera House re: booking. Illustrated letterhead.

1906, July 9. Perth, Ont. R.W. Marks, Marks Bros. Dramatic Co. to Town Clerk re: booking and rehearsal time. 3 colour illustrated letterhead with photos of May A. Bell and R.W. Marks etc. Pencilled note on reverse gives rates: \$10/1 night, \$7/2nd night, \$5/3rd night. "Hall is new, will hold 500..."

1906, Oct. 8. Jack Barnett, Barnett Bros. Amusement Enterprises to manager, Opera House re: booking. 2 colour letterhead.

1906, Oct. 23. Jack Barnett, Barnett Bros... re: change of dates. 2 colour letterhead.

1906, Oct. 30. London, Ont. Jack Barnett re: dates. Letterhead of City Hotel, London illustrated with drawing of hotel.

1907, July 9. Pugwash, N.S. Harry LaReane, Mgr. Funny Mr. Dooley Co. to J. Ferguson re: dates and contracts. Lists various dates in Quebec for return mail. On decorated letterhead of Acadia Hotel. (see also postcard May 20, 1907)

1907, Aug. 17. Toronto. To J.B. Ferguson. Illustrated fold-out brochure for Robert Wilson, Humorist of 199 Markham St. Toronto. "Catalogue of fun" illustrates Mr.

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Wilson in 13 character roles (some in travesty) and includes quotes from favourable reviews.

1907, Sept. 15. Inlay City, Michigan. Harry LaReane, "The Gay Mr. Dooley" Company to J.B. Ferguson re: change in dates (see July 9, 1907). 2 colour letterhead.

1907, Dec. 1. Ottawa, Ont. Prof. John C. Green...High Class Moving Pictures to Town Clerk. Request for rates, including use of piano and electric current. Decorated letterhead, 3 colour including gold with stylized moving picture projector.

1908, Feb. 11. Woodstock, Ont. Tom Marks, Marks Bros. Attractions to manager, Opera House. Inquiry re: possible dates for booking. 2 colour decorated letterhead (memo size)

1908, June 20. Toronto, Ont. J.C. Conner, Mgr., J.C. Rockwell's New Sunny South Co. to manager, Opera House re: booking. 2 colour illustrated letterhead with photos of company members, brass band, dancers etc. "The Best of Coloured Talent."

1908, Nov. 5. Wallaceburg, Ont. Eddie DeNoyer, Mgr. Vaudeville Co. to manager, Opera House re: booking, describing acts and stating terms. 2 colour flyer, illustrated, with letter on reverse.

1908, Dec. 28. Simcoe, Ont. Archie Graeme, Mgr., Joe N. Machan Co. to manager, Opera House, re: booking. Letterhead listing repertoire. "We are not architects but we draw houses."

1909, March 1. Peterboro, Ont. G.H. Perry re: contracts. 2 colour decorative letterhead including gold. "Reuben and his Sweetheart".

1909, June 10. Toronto, Ont. J. Frank Mackey, Mackey Amusement Enterprises to manager, Town Hall. Re: booking for "Humanuva Company", vaudeville and moving pictures. Letterhead describing various acts. On reverse, "Our Canadian record" listing various runs in major cities and houses.

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