

# Sender Theater Scrapbooks

These scrapbooks contain theater related items covering the years 1903-1917.

## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Unknown  
**Title:** Sender Theater scrapbooks  
**Dates:** 1903-1917  
**Size:** 2 scrapbooks, 2 boxes  
**Location:** SC66-3

## Administrative Information

**Restrictions on access:** Unrestricted access.

**Additional physical form available:** Both scrapbooks have been photocopied.

**Acquisition information:** Gift? 1938, Harry M. Sender.

**Custodial history:** Collection placed in the SC66, Fine Arts Theater Program series when processed.

**Citation note:** Sender Theater scrapbooks (SC66-3), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Collection Description

### **Biographical/Historical note**

Harry M. Sender was a local book dealer and collector of historical items who had a business in Kansas City in 1939 at 922 Walnut. Because the library had no formal accessioning system at the time it acquired these scrapbooks, it is impossible to determine whether Mr. Sender compiled the scrapbooks himself, bought them or traded for them, and whether or not he donated them or the library purchased them.

According to Mr. Sender's obituary, as published in the *Kansas City Star* on February 14, 1962, he died on February 13, 1962, at the age of 79. He had been a rare book dealer since 1928 and was living at 712 E. 47th Street when he died. Harry Sender was also the district manager for the Grolier Society.

### **Scope and content note**

This collection consists of two scrapbooks. They appear to have been classed as a part of the reference department, later a part of the scrapbook arrangement maintained by the Missouri Valley Room and later placed in the special collections unprocessed area. The scrapbooks measured 9"x11 ½ " with unnumbered pages. Pages were numbered with pencil before photocopying.

Both scrapbooks have been photocopied and where possible material has been excised from the scrapbook and kept with the photocopies. Photocopied pages indicate the penciled in scrapbook page number as well as the consecutive numbering done at the bottom of the photocopied page. Indexing includes the

theater or place of performance if local and does not include the cast or theater production. Cities outside of Kansas City have been indexed for some scrapbooks.

**Scrapbook #1** – Contains theater programs, play bills, club programs, etc., covering the dates 1905-1911. Many of the theater programs are from other cities and places. Only the local things were indexed. Many play bills only stated the performance and did not indicate the theater where it was given. A date and persons who accompanied the scrapbook compiler to the performance are many times written in on top of the playbill. The Willis Wood Theatre is well covered in this scrapbook.

**Scrapbook #2** – The first page indicates that the scrapbook contains theatre programs for 1903-1917. As #1, appears to be a gift from H.M. Sender, stamped September 24, 1938. It was also classed q095.6 S43, v.2. It contains pasted in playbills, not all local. Some of the non-local cities have been indexed. The owner of the scrapbook also penciled in with whom they attended the performance. Non-local cities were also penciled in on the page with the programs. The Shubert Theatre, Willis Wood Theatre and the Fritschy series are well covered in this scrapbook.

#### **Indexing for Scrapbook #1, v.1**

Auditorium – p. 17  
 Beldorf Theatre (Independence) – p.100  
 Convention Hall – p.12, 16, 64, 72, 73, 90  
 Imperial Theatre (St. Louis) – p.4  
 Kansas City Musical Club – p.64, 73  
 Kansas Federation of Women's Clubs – p.18, 63, 79, 81  
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 Paola Chautauqua Assembly – p.43  
 Paola, Kansas, City Hall (Art Exhibit) – p.101  
 Shubert Theatre – p.53  
 Willis Wood Theater – p.1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 17, 18, 39, 61, 62, 67, 68, 71, 76, 78, 82, 86-89, 91, 93, 95-97, 102  
 World's Fair (St. Louis, 1904), Daily Program – p.5

#### **Indexing for Scrapbook #2, V.2, 1903-1917**

Auditorium – p.25, 98-99-100, 103, 107  
 California locations – p.62, 90  
 Chicago, Ill. – p.1-2, 16-17, 31-33, 48-49, 60, 64-65, 91-94, 113  
 Collegiate Alumnae, Kansas City branch – p.75  
 Fritschy Concert Series – p.79, 103-104, 106-108, 110, 116-118  
 Garden Theatre - p.111  
 Grand Opera House – p.17, 20, 50, 61, 94-96  
 Junior League - p.111  
 Kansas City Symphony Orchestra – p.110  
 Minneapolis, Minn. – p.39  
 Orpheum – p.80, 111, 118-119  
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 Shubert Theatre – p.38-39, 41, 45, 50, 52-54, 56-58, 68-71, 73-77, 80-81, 99-100, 102, 105, 107-108, 110, 114, 116-118  
 Swope Center - p.111  
 Willis Wood – p.5-6, 9, 11-12, 15-16, 18-35, 42, 55-57, 69, 71-72, 78, 80, 83-84, 97, 113, 115

**Indexing for loose pages at end of Scrapbook #2**

Auditorium Theatre – p. 1-19, 27  
Shubert Theatre – p.20-21, 25, 28  
Willis Wood Theatre - p.22-24

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