

ENGLISH THEATER RECORDS, 1902-1944

Collection #
M 0451

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 boxes
COLLECTION DATES:	1902-1944
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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The English Theater, better known as English's Opera House, was constructed by William H. English for his son,

William E., in 1880. J.M. Elfatrick served as the architect for this structure located on the northwest quadrant of the circle in Indianapolis. A new, Oscar D. Bohlen designed, structure was erected in the same vicinity in 1897. The theater served as the showplace for a variety of performances, including plays featuring the Barrymore family, operas, movies, and civic functions. The structure was demolished in 1948.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of the theater's financial records, 1902-1944. Included are records involving money collected from attendance at specific performances and functions, 1902-1905, 1930-1936, including the number of seats sold and the price for each category of seating; money received from theater rental for specific performances and functions, 1936-1940; and the theater's ledger books, 1934-1944.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1 Financial Records, 1902-1940

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	Financial records from attendance, 1902-1905 (English Opera House)
2	Income from Attendance, 1930-1936
3	Income from Theater Rental, 1936-1940

Box 2 Ledgers, 1934-1944

FOLDER	CONTENTS
1	1934-1935
2	1937-1938
3	1938-1939
4	1939-1940
5	1940-1941
6	1942-1943
7	1943-1944

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