

George D. Pyper photograph collection, 1860-1940

Overview of the Collection

Collector	Pyper, George Dollinger, 1860-1943
Title	George D. Pyper photograph collection
Dates	1860-1940 (inclusive) 1860 1939
Quantity	1231 photographs, 34 oversized photographs, and 108 glass lantern slides
Collection Number	P0001
Summary	The George D. Pyper photographs consist primarily of those items which Pyper collected during his nearly thirty years as manager of the Salt Lake Theater. George Dollinger Pyper served as manager of the Salt Lake Theatre from 1898 to 1929. He also served as general superintendent of the Deseret Sunday School Union and as a member of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
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Languages	English

Historical Note

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Content Description

The [George D. Pyper photographs](#) consist primarily of those items which Pyper collected during his nearly thirty years as manager of the Salt Lake Theater. Consequently the majority of the collection deals with theater and drama in Salt Lake City from the early 1860's to the 1930's. Included are not only photographs of local performers but also pictures of musicians, opera stars, actors and actresses from all over the world who came to perform at the Salt Lake Theater. As well as performers, the collection includes photographs of the theater itself, its management, and crew. In addition to theater material,

there are photographs of people and places pertaining directly to Pyper's life. These include pictures of Pyper's trips abroad, his involvement with the Tabernacle choir, and several portraits of prominent non-theater individuals.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

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Separated Materials

Manuscript materials were transferred to the George D. Pyper papers (Ms0001).

Related Materials

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