

COACH HOUSE THEATER COLLECTION, 1929 – 1950s

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS NO: 4

1 storage box, plus 3 boxed scrapbooks

LOCATION NO: A-3

ACQUISITION: The collection was donated by Mary Craddock, 1997.

ACCESS: Restricted access: materials fragile; access by request at Main Library archives only; material does not circulate.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection chiefly consists of theater programs for the Little Theater of the Akron Woman's City Club from 1936 – 1947 and the Coach House Theater from 1948 – 1958. The collection of programs is not complete. Also included are Woman's City Club Bulletins, miscellaneous correspondence, some photographs, scrapbooks and a few related items from other theaters.

CONTAINER LIST:

FOLDER 1: Billie Lahrmer presents: "Another Language", undated.

FOLDER 2: Billie Lahrmer presents: "Candle – Light", undated.

FOLDER 3: Billie Lahrmer presents: "Russet Mantle", undated.

FOLDER 4: Bulletin: Woman's City Club, 1929.

FOLDER 5: Bulletin: Woman's City Club, 1930.

FOLDER 6: Clippings – miscellaneous.

FOLDER 7: Correspondence: Woman's City Club, Little Theater Section.

FOLDER 8: (2 items) Gridiron: invitation, March 29, 1940.

FOLDER 9: (2 items) Gridiron: program, March 29, 1940.

FOLDER 10: Notes written by Mrs. Harriet B. Wilson on the history of the theater, Akron Woman's City Club.

FOLDER 11: Cain Park Theater program for "Kiss Me Kate", Cleveland, 1953.

FOLDER 12: (4 items) Coach House Theater photographs.

FOLDER 13: Coach House Theater, 1948 – 49 programs for;  
“First Lady”  
“Glamour Preferred”  
“Out of the Frying Pan”  
“Portrait in Black”

FOLDER 14: Coach House Theater, 1949 – 50 programs for;  
“January Thaw”  
“Burlesque”  
“Chicken Every Sunday”  
“Laura”

FOLDER 15: Coach House Theater, 1951 – 52 program for “Torch Bearers”.

FOLDER 16: Coach House Theater, 1952 – 53 programs for;  
“Vinegar Tree”  
“Love Me Long”  
“Summer and Smoke”  
“Home at Seven”

FOLDER 17: Coach House Theater, 1953 – 54 programs for;  
“Smilin’ Through”  
“Affairs of State”  
“As Husbands Go”  
“Be Your Age”

FOLDER 18: Coach House Theater, 1954 – 55 programs for;  
“Time Out for Ginger”  
“Death of a Salesman”  
“Ladies and Gentleman of the Jury”  
“His and Hers”

FOLDER 19: Coach House Theater, 1955 – 56 programs for;  
“Bernadine”  
“Night Must Fall”  
“Sabrina Fair”  
“Solid Gold Cadillac”

FOLDER 20: Coach House Theater, 1957 – 58 program for “The Drunkard”.

FOLDER 21: Hallowe’en Hilarities, A Woman’s Home Companion Booklet.

FOLDER 22: (2 items) Little Theater, undated program for “Marriage for King Paulinus”.

FOLDER 23: (3 copies) Little Theater, undated programs for “Room Service”.

FOLDER 24: Little Theater Players, undated program for “Hay Fever”.

FOLDER 25: Little Theater Players, 1936 program for “No More Ladies”.

FOLDER 26: Little Theater Players, 1938 program for the 11<sup>th</sup> season, 1<sup>st</sup> production  
“Three Men on a Horse”.

FOLDER 27: Little Theater Players, 1939 program for the 11<sup>th</sup> season, 2<sup>nd</sup> production  
“Her Master’s Voice”.

FOLDER 28: Little Theater Players, 1939 program for the 11<sup>th</sup> season, 3<sup>rd</sup> production  
“The Ninth Guest”.

FOLDER 29: (3 copies) Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 12<sup>th</sup> season, 2<sup>nd</sup> production  
“The Spider”.

FOLDER 30: Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 12<sup>th</sup> season, 3<sup>rd</sup> production  
“Personal Appearance”.

FOLDER 31: Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 13<sup>th</sup> season, 1<sup>st</sup> production “First Lady”.

FOLDER 32: Little Theater Players, 1940 program for the 13<sup>th</sup> season, 2<sup>nd</sup> production  
“The Donovan Affair”.

FOLDER 33: Little Theater Players, 1941 program for the 13<sup>th</sup> season, 4<sup>th</sup> production  
“When Ladies Meet”.

FOLDER 34: Little Theater Section, 1943 program for “Mr. and Mrs. Smith”.

FOLDER 35: Little Theater Section, 1947 program for “The Late George Apley”.

FOLDER 36: Play, 1946, “A Scrap of Paper”, unidentified.

FOLDER 37: Playhouse, Cleveland, program for the 14<sup>th</sup> season, 7<sup>th</sup> production “Escape”.

FOLDER 38: Portage Players, 1948 program for “Springtime for Henry”.

FOLDER 39: Scrapbook #1, Little Theater Players, Akron Woman’s City Club, 1936-1938.  
Note: This folder contains photocopies of the original contents in Scrapbook #1, which  
are listed below with further details.

FOLDER 40: Scrapbook #2, Little Theater, Akron Woman’s City Club, 1944-46.  
Note: This folder contains photocopies of the original contents of Scrapbook #2, which  
are listed below with further details.

FOLDER 41 A, B, C, D, = 4 folders: Scrapbook #3, Coach House Theater, 1940s-50s.  
Note: These folders contain photocopies of the original contents of Scrapbook #3, which  
are listed below with further details.

FOLDER 42: Spotlight Theater, undated program for “The Barker”.

FOLDER 43: Spotlight Theater, undated program for “Criminal at Large”.

FOLDER 44: Spotlight Theater, 1948 program for “Three’s a Family”.

FOLDER 45: Stan Hywet Hall Foundation, Seventh Annual Report dated March 28, 1966.

FOLDER 46: University Theater presentation, 1929 program for “Dulcy”, which played at the  
Goodyear Theater.

FOLDER 47: Weathervane brochure, “Fundraising is Fun...”

SCRAPBOOK #1: Contains various clippings about Akron Woman's City Club and Little Theater Players c. 1936-38. See Also FOLDER 39.

SCRAPBOOK #2: Contains various clippings about Akron Woman's City Club, Little Theater Players, programs, and miscellaneous flyers and invitations to other related events c. 1944-46. See also FOLDER 40.

SCRAPBOOK #3: Contains various clippings about Coach House Theater c.1940s-50s. (See also: FOLDER 41.) This Scrapbook also contains the following photographs:

- Clean-up gang, 3 photographs
- Bazaar-Carnival, 13 photographs
- Election Party (for Eisenhower), 6 photographs
- From the play "Glamour Preferred", 3 photographs
- From the play "Portrait in Black", 6 photographs
- From the play "First Lady", 3 photographs
- From the play "Claudia", 3 photographs