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Guide to the

C. A. Muller actors portraits

circa 1870-1897

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Summary

Creator: Mu_ller, C. A. (Conrad A.)

Title: C. A. Muller actors portraits

Date: circa 1870-1897

Source: Portraits: gift, Mrs. Frank Schwable, 1983

Abstract: Watercolor portraits of actors by C. A. Muller, signed by many of the actors and dedicated to John W. Albaugh.

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Creator History

C. A. Muller, artist.

Custodial History

The collection was donated to the Billy Rose Theatre Division in 1983 by Mrs. Frank Schwable.

Scope and Content Note

The C. A. Muller Actors Portraits consists of 32 watercolor portraits of actors in costume from about 1870 to 1897. Most are signed by the actor, many also containing a quote from the play depicted. Most of the portraits are also signed by Muller and were probably rendered from photographs. The images are primarily inscribed to J. W. Albaugh, a theater manager from the Washington D.C. area, with personal notes from the actors. Some of the actors included are Mary Anderson, Lawrence Barrett, Sarah Bernhardt, Edwin Booth, Lotta Crabtree, Fanny Davenport, Edwin Forrest, Joseph Jefferson, Richard Mansfield, Ada Rehan and E. H. Sothern.

Key Terms

Subjects

Actors -- Portraits

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Portraits

Names

Mu_ller, C. A. (Conrad A.)

Albaugh, John W.

Anderson, Mary, 1859-1940

Barrett, Lawrence, 1830-1891

Bernhardt, Sarah, 1844-1923

Booth, Edwin, 1833-1893

Crabtree, Lotta, 1847-1924

Davenport, Fanny, 1850-1898

Forrest, Edwin, 1806-1872

Jefferson, Joseph, 1869-1919

Mansfield, Richard, 1857-1907

Rehan, Ada, 1857-1916

Sothern, E. H. (Edward Hugh), 1859-1933

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 **Portrait / Edwin Adams** (1 folder)
HamletShakespeare, William, 1564-1616
Color portrait of Edwin Adams as Hamlet.
- b. 1 f. 2 **Portrait / Mary Anderson 1876** (1 folder)
Anderson, Mary, 1859-1940--AutographsLovell, Maria, 1803-1877
Color portrait of Mary Anderson de Navarro as Parthenia in the play Ingomar, the Barbarian.
Autographed by Mary Anderson.
- b. 1 f. 3 **Portrait / Lawrence Barrett 1890** (1 folder)
Barrett, Lawrence, 1830-1891--AutographsRienziMitford, Mary Russell, 1787-1855
Color portrait of Lawrence Barrett as Rienzi. Autographed by Lawrence Barrett.
- b. 1 f. 4 **Portrait / Sarah Bernhardt 1891** (1 folder)
Bernhardt, Sarah, 1844-1923--Autographs
Color portrait of Sarah Bernhardt. Autographed by Sarah Bernhardt.
- b. 1 f. 5 **Portrait / Edwin Booth December 1891** (1 folder)
Booth, Edwin, 1833-1893--AutographsOthelloShakespeare, William, 1564-1616
Color portrait of Edwin Booth as Othello. Autographed by Edwin Booth.
- b. 1 f. 6 **Portrait / D. P., Mrs Bowers** (1 folder)
Bowers, D. P., Mrs., 1830-1895--AutographsShakespeare, William, 1564-1616
Color portrait of Mrs. D. P. Bowers in Macbeth. Autographed by Mrs. D. P. Bowers.
- b. 1 f. 7 **Portrait / Frank S. Chanfrau** (1 folder)
Selby, Charles, 1802?-1863
Color portrait of Frank S. Chanfrau as Jerry Clip in the play The Widow's Victim.
- b. 1 f. 8 **Portrait / Constant Coquelin** (1 folder)
Color portrait of Constant Coquelin.
- b. 1 f. 9 **Portrait / Charles W. (Charles Walter) Couldock 1897** (1 folder)
Couldock, Charles W. (Charles Walter), 1815-1898--AutographsMacKaye, Steele, 1842-1894
Color portrait of C. W. Couldock in the play Won At Last. Autographed by C. W. Couldock.
- b. 1 f. 10 **Portrait / Lotta Crabtree 1890** (1 folder)
Crabtree, Lotta, 1847-1924--Autographs
Color portrait of Lotta Crabtree. Autographed by Lotta Crabtree.
- b. 1 f. 11 **Portrait / William H. Crane 1892** (1 folder)
Crane, William H., 1845-1928--AutographsLloyd, David Demarest, 1851-1889
Color portrait of W. H. Crane in the play The Senator. Autographed by W. H. Crane.
- b. 1 f. 12 **Portrait / Edward Loomis Davenport** (1 folder)
Massinger, Philip, 1583-1648
Color portrait of Edward Loomis Davenport as Sir Giles Overreach in the play A New Way to Pay
Old Debts.
- b. 1 f. 13 **Portrait / Fanny Davenport 1891** (1 folder)
Davenport, Fanny, 1850-1898--AutographsLa toscasardou, Victorien, 1831-1908
Color portrait of Fanny Davenport in Tosca. Autographed by Fanny Davenport.

- b. 1 f. 14 **Portrait / Louisa Drew 1894 (1 folder)**
Drew, Louisa, 1820-1897--Autographs
Color portrait of Louisa Drew. Autographed by Louisa Drew.
- b. 1 f. 15 **Portrait / William Jermyn Florence (1 folder)**
Florence, William Jermyn, 1831-1891--Autographs
Color portrait of William Jermyn Florence. Autographed by William Jermyn Florence.
- b. 1 f. 16 **Portrait / Edwin Forrest (1 folder)**
Forrest, Edwin, 1806-1872--Autographs
Color portrait of Edwin Forrest. Autographed by Edwin Forrest.
- b. 2 f. 1 **Portrait / Joseph Jefferson (1 folder)**
Jefferson, Joseph, 1829-1905--Autographs
Heir at law Colman, George, 1762-1836
Color portrait of Joseph Jefferson as Dr. Pangloss in the play Heir-at-Law. Autographed by Joseph Jefferson.
- b. 2 f. 2 **Portrait / Thomas Wallace Keene (1 folder)**
Keene, Thomas Wallace, 1840-1898--Autographs
King Richard III Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616
Color portrait of T. W. Keene as Richard III. Autographed by Thomas W. Keene.
- b. 2 f. 3 **Portrait / J. M. (Jean Margaret) Lander (1 folder)**
Lander, J. M. (Jean Margaret), 1829-1903--Autographs
Najac, E_mile de, 1828-1889
Color portrait of Jean Davenport Lander as Hester Prynne in the play The Scarlet Letter. Autographed by Jean Davenport Lander.
- b. 2 f. 4 **Portrait / John McCullough (1 folder)**
Virginius Knowles, James Sheridan, 1784-1862
Color portrait of John McCullough as Virginius.
- b. 2 f. 5 **Portrait / Richard Mansfield (1 folder)**
Mansfield, Richard, 1857-1907--Autographs
Fitch, Clyde, 1865-1909
Color portrait of Richard Mansfield as Beau Brummell in the play Beau Brummell. Autographed by Richard Mansfield.
- b. 2 f. 6 **Portrait / Maggie Mitchell (1 folder)**
Mitchell, Maggie, 1837-1918--Autographs
Waldauer, August, 1826-1900
Color portrait of Maggie Mitchell as Fanchon in the play Fanchon, the Cricket. Autographed by Maggie Mitchell.
- b. 2 f. 7 **Portrait / John E. (John Edmond) Owens (1 folder)**
Owens, John E. (John Edmond), 1823-1886--Autographs
Color portrait of John E. Owens. Autographed by John E. Owens.
- b. 2 f. 8 **Portrait / John T. Raymond (1 folder)**
Raymond, John T., 1836-1887--Autographs
Color portrait of John T. Raymond. Autographed by John T. Raymond.
- b. 2 f. 9 **Portrait / Ada Rehan (1 folder)**
Rehan, Ada, 1857-1916--Autographs
Sheridan, Richard Brinsley, 1751-1816
Color portrait of Ada Rehan as Lady Teazle in the play School for Scandal. Autographed by Ada Rehan.

- b. 2 f. 10 **Portrait / Stuart Robson (1 folder)**
Robson, Stuart, 1836-1903--AutographsMacKaye, Steele, 1842-1894
Color portrait of Stuart Robson in the play An Arrant Knave. Autographed by Stuart Robson.
- b. 2 f. 11 **Portrait / Sol Smith Russell (1 folder)**
Russell, Sol Smith, 1848-1902--AutographsKidder, Edward E., 1849?-1927
Color portrait of Sol Smith Russell as Noah Vale in the play A Poor Relation. Autographed by Sol Smith Russell.
- b. 2 f. 12 **Portrait / E. H. (Edward Hugh) Sothern 1897 (1 folder)**
Sothern, E. H. (Edward Hugh), 1859-1933--AutographsSheridan; or, the maid of BathPotter, Paul M. (Paul Meredith), 1853-1921
Color portrait of E. H. Sothern in the play Sheridan, or The Maid of Bath. Autographed by E. H. Sothern.
- b. 2 f. 13 **Portrait / James William Wallack (1 folder)**
King Richard IIIShakespeare, William, 1564-1616
Color portrait of James William Wallack as Richard III.
- b. 2 f. 14 **Portrait / Lucille Western (1 folder)**
Color portrait of [Pauline] Lucille Western.
- b. 2 f. 15 **Portrait / Edward Smith Willard 1890 (1 folder)**
Willard, Edward Smith, 1853-1915--AutographsJones, Henry Arthur, 1851-1929
Color portrait of Edward S. Willard as Cyrus Blenkarn in the play The Middleman. Autographed by Edward S. Willard.
- b. 2 f. 16 **Unidentified portrait (1 folder)**
Unidentified color portrait possibly of an actress named Jane Nadine.