



The New York Public Library
Billy Rose Theatre Division

Guide to the

Townsend Walsh collection of visual materials

1897-1917 and n.d

*T-Vim 2014-045

Summary

Creator: Walsh, Townsend

Title: Townsend Walsh collection of visual materials

Date: 1897-1917 and n.d

Size: 6 items, 36 x 51 cm and smaller; 6 items, 36 x 51 cm and smaller

Abstract: Townsend Walsh (1872-1941), American theater press agent, business manager, drama critic, playwright and actor, was a collector of theatrical and circus memorabilia. Consists of two pencil portraits of Townsend Walsh; one portrait in watercolor and ink of Walsh in the role of Darby O'Hara in his play, *The Boys of Kilkeny* (1897); one handwritten poem "To the Players;" one small menu card showing a painted face and the words "Advocate" and "Townsend Walsh;" and three pieces of ephemera: some leaves, a menu and a card for Sir Frederick Pollock all pasted on one piece of cardboard, perhaps a souvenir from a dinner.

Access: Some collections held by the Dance, Music, Recorded Sound, and Theatre Divisions at the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts are held off-site and must be requested in advance. Please check the collection records in **the NYPL's online catalog** for detailed location information. For general guidance about requesting offsite materials, please consult: <https://www.nypl.org/about/locations/lpa/requesting-archival-materials>

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Key Terms

Subjects

Theater -- United States

Names

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