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ACCESSION SHEET

Accession # 56 M 128

Location 8-I-3/4

Title Boniface - Jones Collection

Approximate inclusive dates ca. 1828 - 1902

Date of receipt December, 1956

Received from Mrs. John D. Boniface
via Theater Division

Volume on arrival Unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 5 RC; 1 AB - 5½ LF

Condition Fair; Some manuscripts brittle

Restrictions None

Description See attached sheets

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
 Other (list) _____

Temporary catalog card added entries

George C. Boniface, Sr.; George C.

Boniface, Jr.; Joseph S. Jones;

Nathaniel D. Jones; Actors, American -

19th century; Dramatists, American -

19th century; Theatrical Managers.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George C. Boniface (1832 - 1912) a New York City born actor, made his first professional appearance at the Falk Theater in Baltimore, in 1851. Having played principally in tragedy roles, his last part was in New York, in the play "Mid-Channel" with Ethel Barrymore. Boniface had three children: Symona, Ferner and George Junior.

George C. Boniface Jr. (1861 - 1917) actor and theater manager, began his professional career as a call boy at the Boston Theater in 1876. The following year he made his first stage appearance with John T. Raymond in "Colonel Sellers." Boniface later went into comic opera.

Joseph Stevens Jones (1811 - 1877) was a playwright and actor. For a time, Jones was manager of the Tremont Theater in Boston, where he made some of his earliest appearances on the stage.

Nathaniel Dexter Jones (1838 - 1912), son of Joseph Stevens, was also a playwright and theater manager. At the age of seventy-four, Jones, who in his day was known throughout the country, was Boston's oldest actor. He was a member of the Howard Athenaeum Stock Co. for many years and was connected with the stage for fifty-two years.

Nathaniel married Mollie Newton, member of the famous Newton Sisters.

The second generation Bonifaces were nieces and nephews of Nathaniel Dexter Jones.

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The collection, ca. 1828 - 1902, consists primarily of manuscripts of plays, most of which were written by Joseph Stevens Jones. There are account books, ca. 1839 - 1867, relating to theatrical production expenses at the Tremont Theater, Boston, and Bangor, Maine; prompt books used by George C. Boniface Sr., George C. Boniface Jr., and Nathaniel Dexter Jones, in addition to a journal, March to December 1857, of a voyage from Boston to Bombay, kept by Nathaniel while he was a crew member on board the ship "Santiago." The journal describes his duties, treatment by officers, food, weather, shipboard routines and leisure time activities.

Also included is one folder of misc. papers and business correspondence, 1828 - 1902, of the Jones and Boniface families.

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- 1 Misc. correspondence and papers of members of the Jones and Boniface families (one folder)
- Nathaniel D. Jones' journal of a voyage from Boston to India, March - December 1857
- J.S. Jones Cash Book, 1839 - 1867; 1842 (2 vols.)
- Portland Theater Cash Book, 1833 - 1835
- Account Book, 1855
- Misc. Memorandum (1 vol.)
- Index (1 vol.)
- Accounts and Clippings (1 vol.)
- List of Formulas of Popular Mixtures
- Madeline, (1 vol.)

MANUSCRIPTS OF PLAYS

- Amaleck The Arab
- Assassin
- Asses Milk
- Batkings At Home
- Brazier Of Naples
- Bride Of Jonah
- Brothers Of Cinq Mars
- Burning Of The Caroline
- Carpenter Of Rouen
- Cousin Tony
- Cruise Of The Somens
- Custom
- Demons Of The Night

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| | Fire Warrior |
| | Flirtation |
| | Guilty Mother |
| | Hard Times |
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| | Heart Of The Nation |
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| | Horatii And Curiatii |
| | Hunter Of The Far West |
| | In Search Of A Prima Donna |
| | Indian Mother |
| | Jacques Bonhomme: The Two Brothers |
| | Jacques Burke |
| | Juan Di Zienza |
| | Lady Of The Lake |
| | Last Days Of The Striped |
| | Last Dollar |
| | Leontine: The Maid Of Calabria |
| | Liberty Tree |
| | Love And Learning |

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Manager's Life
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Mister Smith And His Wife
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Moll Pitcher: The Fortune Teller Of Lynn
Mother And Daughter
Nicholas Dunks
Old Times
Orfa
People's Lawyer
Pirates Of The Savannah
Plymouth Rock
Pompeii
Potomac In Port
Queen Of Clubs
Rag Picker's Daughter
Rose Of Etterick Vale
Ruy Blas
Seven Knights Leap
Siege Of Boston
Soldiers Of Fortune

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Sons Of The Cape
Surgeon Of Paris
Surprise
Tam O'Shanter

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 Three Experiments Of Living
 Three Stars
 Turn Of The Tide
 Two Locksmiths
 Venison Preserved
 Voyage En Chine
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 Wild Horse Of The Prairie
 Wolf Of Brazil
 Yemassee

5 INCOMPLETE PLAYS

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