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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	St. Felix Sisters' Scrapbook
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0294
Date:	1880-1904
Creator:	St. Felix Sisters (Collector) Warshaw, Isadore, 1900-1969 (Collector)
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Container:	Box 1

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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Biographical / Historical

The three Felix sisters, Henrietta, Clementina and Charlotte, performed in theatre companies, such as Tony Pastor's Vaudeville Theatre, and the D'Oyly Carte and E.E. Rice's Opera Comique Company. A fourth sister, Leonora, died in 1880. Their act consisted of original song and dance sketches which were described as "refined and elegant." They had a great variety of costumes of "richness of fabric and elegance of design."

On their annual tours with the vaudeville companies they performed in cities across the United States and in Montreal, Canada. Between 1887 and 1888 they toured Europe, playing for seven months in London; then in Paris, Vienna, Hanover, Dresden, Berlin and Rotterdam.

Scope and Contents

This scrapbook contains newspaper reviews & theatre programs in which the St. Felix Sisters are named, and which covers the period from April, 1880 to November, 1898.

The scrapbook also contains a newspaper article on the death of President Garfield, and article about Greenwood Cemetery where many "stage artists" were buried in the public lots, and an engraving titled "Puck and the Fairies" (Midsummer Night's Dream).

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Burlesque (Theater) -- 1880-1910
- Entertainers -- 1880-1910
- Entertainment
- Theater -- 1880-1910
- Vaudeville -- 1880-1910
- Women entertainers -- 1880-1910

Types of Materials:

- Clippings -- 1880-1910
- Programs
- Scrapbooks -- 1880-1910
- Theater programs -- 1880-1910

Names:

- D'Oyly Carte (theater company)
- E.E. Rice's Opera Comique Company
- Garfield, James A. (James Abram), 1831-1881
- St. Felix, Charlotte
- St. Felix, Clementina
- St. Felix, Henrietta
- St. Felix, Leonore
- Tony Pastor's Vaudeville Theater