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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Slover Puppeteer Collection
Date:	1880-1990
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1464
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Culture and the Arts Larson, Mary E.
Extent:	2 Cubic feet (4 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection relates to the Slover Family of puppeteers, and documents their lives and activities as they traveled the country with their show.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Mary E. Larson to the Division of Culture and the Arts, National Museum of American History, in 2004.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Culture and the Arts (now Division of Cultural and Community Life) 2018.

Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

Preferred Citation

Slover Puppeteer Collection, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

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The collection is open for research.

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Content Description

The collection relates to the Slover Family of puppeteers, and documents their lives and activities as they traveled the country with their show. The collection includes photographs, including photographs from their

earliest days when they were traveling in wagons; guest books; a manuscript for a memoir from the matriarch of the family; a ledger, 1916-1932, listing what the box office take was in each location the show was performed; a notebook containing content of the shows, jokes, etc.; a scrapbook containing photographs and other things; letters; clippings and articles; and printed music.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Puppeteers
- Puppets
- Traveling theater -- United States -- 19th century
- Traveling theater -- United States -- 20th century
- manuscripts

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings
- Guest lists
- Ledgers (account books) -- 20th century
- Letters (correspondence)
- Notes
- Scrapbooks

Names:

- Larson, Mary E.
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Culture and the Arts