Wilson Barrett:
An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Barrett, Wilson, 1846-1904
Title: Wilson Barrett Papers
Dates: 1852-1975 (bulk 1871-1904), undated
Extent: 30 document boxes, 1 oversize box (13.85 linear feet), 4 oversize folders (osf)
Abstract: The papers of the English actor-manager, dramatist, and producer Wilson Barrett include manuscript works by Barrett, business and personal correspondence, extensive financial records and legal agreements, as well as photographs, playbills and programs relating to Barrett’s productions, and Barrett and Heath family papers.
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Language: English
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Access: Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition: Purchases and gift, 1966-1980 (R3040, R3641, R5539, R5936, G735)
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Repository: The University of Texas at Austin, Harry Ransom Center
Biographical Sketch

Wilson Barrett was born William Henry Barrett just outside of Chelmsford, in Essex, England on February 18, 1846. His father was a farmer, and he had three siblings. Barrett’s first exposure to the theatre came in a provincial production of Uncle Tom’s Cabin in 1853. In 1857, his family lost their farm and they relocated to London, where Barrett became a fixture at a playhouse called The Queen’s Theatre (nicknamed the "Dust Hole" for its unsavory location). At the time, Barrett worked for a printer and honed his business skills, while indulging in reading Shakespeare on lunch breaks. He was also working on an act with his brother, George, and the two performed together at the Grecian Theatre in 1861. Afterwards, Barrett was able to secure employment as a “general utility” actor, and often travelled between London and Halifax for work.

While climbing the theater ranks, Barrett met Caroline Heath (1835-1887), a well-established actress and the official Reader to the Queen. The two were married on July 21, 1866 and raised a family of two sons (Frank and Alfred) and three daughters (Ellen, Katherine, and Dorothea, known as “Dolly”). Barrett and Heath performed both together and separately, while Barrett embarked on a career in theater management. He was adept at managing multiple theaters at once, and in his lifetime Barrett oversaw several playhouses, including the Theatre Royal in Hull (1877-1891) the Grand Theatre in Leeds (1878-1894), and the Princess’s Theatre in London (1881-1886), among others.

Disappointed by diminishing returns, in 1870 Barrett formed his own touring company, The Wilson Barrett Company, which originally consisted of actors he had some previous familiarity with, including his brother George and his wife Caroline. Touring the provincial towns of England was a prosperous move on his part and prepared him to take London by storm.

Upon returning to London, Barrett leased the Royal Court Theatre and brought the Polish actress Helena Modjeska to the British stage, where she became an instant smash in the Barrett-produced play, Heartsease (1880). During this phase of his career, he became entrenched in theater management and learned how to utilize publicity and advertising. Eventually he returned to the stage with Modjeska in a production of Romeo and Juliet (1881), playing the role of Mercutio. He was warmly greeted by theater-goers and critics alike, who had missed Barrett the actor.

From this point forward, Barrett’s illustrious and prolific career encompassed acting, writing and producing, and theater management, as he continually toured Great Britain and such far-flung locations as the United States, Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. He worked with leading novelists and dramatists of the day, such as Henry Arthur Jones (Hoodman Blind, The Lord Harry) and Louis Napoleon Parker (Man and His Makers), and often hired writers to pen original plays or to collaborate with him on adaptations, including George R. Sims (The Lights o’ London, The Romany Rye, The Golden Ladder) and Sir Hall Caine (Ben-My-Chree, The Manxman). Barrett’s own original works and adaptations include The Christian King, The Daughters of Babylon, Lucky Durham, The Never-Never Land, Nowadays, Pharaoh, and The Sign of the Cross.
Although Barrett performed Shakespeare throughout his career (his version of *Hamlet* proved to be quite popular), the actor excelled at melodrama, which placed an emphasis on morality and hopefulness. In this realm, his plays generally sought to position the protagonists inside complex ethical matters that dealt with personal, as opposed to public, issues. While not always critically embraced, Barrett had loyal followers throughout the world who felt his plays spoke to them.

While Barrett enjoyed a successful career, his life was also marked by tragedy. His wife Caroline passed away in 1887, and he lost two daughters (Ellen and Katherine) and his two brothers (Robert and George) between the years 1892 and 1894. Undeterred, Barrett continued to tour, with his most well-regarded work, *The Sign of the Cross*, premiering at the Grand Opera House in St. Louis, Missouri on March 27, 1895. Noted for its heavy religious overtones, *The Sign of the Cross* was revered by middle-class audiences: it opened in London at the Lyric Theatre in 1896 and enjoyed 435 performances into 1897. It was adapted into a silent film in 1904 and remade in 1932 by Cecil B. DeMille with a star-studded cast including Fredric March and Claudette Colbert.

For the remainder of his career, Barrett never experienced the same kind of success he had with *The Sign of the Cross*, although he continued to produce new material, such as *The Manxman* and *Man and His Makers*. He also revived his Shakespearian productions of *Hamlet* and *Othello* and continued touring. The last play he wrote, produced, and appeared in was *Lucky Durham*, which opened at the Shakespeare Theatre in Liverpool in January of 1904. He had signed on to manage the Comedy Theatre in London in June, but died on July 22, 1904 after undergoing an operation for cancer.

Sources:


Scope and Contents

The papers of the English actor-manager, dramatist, and producer Wilson Barrett include manuscript works by Barrett, business and personal correspondence, extensive financial records and legal agreements, as well as photographs, playbills and programs relating to Barrett’s productions, and some Barrett and Heath family papers. Many of the actors, artists, authors, composers, designers, managers, and others with whom Barrett collaborated are represented, including Sir Hall Caine, Samuel French, William Greet, Caroline Heath, Sir Henry Irving, Henry Arthur Jones, Louis Napoleon Parker, and William Gorman Wills.

The papers span 1852 to 1975, with the bulk dating from 1871-1904, the period in which Barrett was most active. Most of Barrett’s theatrical career is documented to some extent, especially his most popular plays, *The Silver King* and *The Sign of the Cross*. Other plays represented include *Ben-My-Chree*, *The Christian King*, *Claudian*, *The Daughters of Babylon*, *The Golden Ladder*, *Hamlet*, *Hoodman Blind*, *Junius*, *The Lady of Lyons*, *The Lights o’ London*, *The Lord Harry*, *Lucky Durham*, *Man and His Makers*, *The Manxman*, *Nowadays*, *Othello*, *The People’s Idol*, and *The Romany Rye*, among others.

The papers are organized into four series, I. Works, 1894-1904; II. Letters, 1871-1904; III. Recipient, 1876-1903; and IV. Miscellaneous, 1852-1975. Materials in boxes 1-21 were previously described only in a card catalog. This finding aid replicates and replaces that information. Please see the explanatory note at the end of this finding aid for information regarding the arrangement of the manuscripts as well as the abbreviations commonly used in descriptions.

Additional acquisitions that were previously not cataloged are now located in boxes 22-31 plus four oversize folders. This group of papers is now organized into the same four series and described using the same method used in the card catalog. Because of the large amount of overlapping Barrett correspondence, financial records, and legal agreements in the two segments of the papers, the new descriptions have been “interfiled” in the following container list to facilitate use by researchers.

The Wilson Barrett Papers were formerly a part of the Ransom Center’s Theater Arts Manuscripts Collection, but now form a separate, discrete collection.

Series I. Works, 1894-1904, undated, includes handwritten or typed manuscripts for four of Barrett’s original plays or adaptations: *Lucky Durham*, *The Manxman*, *Quo Vadis*, and *The Sign of the Cross*. These are accompanied by a small group of manuscripts or transcriptions of speeches, testimony, or interview answers given by Barrett.

Series II. Letters, 1871-1904, undated, contains business and family letters written by Barrett, alphabetically arranged by recipient name. The letters in this series are chiefly those written by Barrett to family members while he was on tour: to youngest daughter “Dolly,” Dorothea Wilson Barrett; to brother-in-law and financial advisor Frank Heath; and to his sister “Polly,” Mary Anne Barrett, who was married to Frank Heath. A few Barrett autographs, often signed with a line of dialogue from one of his plays, are also
Series III. Recipient, 1876-1903, undated, holds Barrett’s incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author’s name. Among the many notables represented through letters to Barrett are: Matthew Arnold, J. M. Barrie, Elwyn A. Barron, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, Robert Browning, Sir Hall Caine, Samuel Clemens, Dinah Craik, Charles Dickens, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, Helena Faucit, Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, Samuel French, Thomas Henry French, William Greet, Thomas Hardy, Bret Harte, Henry Herman, Frank Holl, Sir Henry Irving, Henry Arthur Jones, Richard Le Gallienne, Edward Robert Bulwer-Lytton 1st Earl of Lytton, Helena Modjeska, Louis Napoleon Parker, Sir Arthur Wing Pinero, Charles Reade, Robert Reece, John Ruskin, Olive Schreiner, Clement William Scott, Henryk Sienkiewicz, George Robert Sims, William Gorman Wills, Sir Charles Wyndham, Israel Zangwill, and others. Also of interest are letters from courtiers of Queen Victoria and numerous fan letters, most frequently from those corresponding with Barrett about *The Sign of the Cross*.

Series IV. Miscellaneous, 1852-1975, undated, is now divided into three Subseries: A. Wilson Barrett; B. Barrett and Heath Family; and C. Others. The original A-Z arrangement of materials in the Miscellaneous series has been revised to simplify access to these materials.

Subseries A. Wilson Barrett, 1867-1906, undated, is sub-arranged into nine categories of materials: copyrights, financial ledgers, financial records, legal agreements, licenses, photographs, productions, writings re Wilson Barrett, and miscellaneous. Financial, legal, and production records make up the majority of this subseries.

The financial records, 1870-1904, are arranged chronologically and are comprised of accounting ledgers and other financial documents detailing Barrett’s productions, his management of various theaters, and his company tours of the English provinces as well as those to America, Australia, and South Africa. In addition to the accounting ledgers, there are also balance sheets, treasury reports, salary lists, box office receipts, expense notes, cost reports, and more revealing the myriad of details of his extensive theatrical operations.

Barrett’s legal records date from 1867 to 1904 and are also arranged chronologically. There are a large number of agreements, contracts, indentures, leases and other legal instruments concerning acting engagements, assignment of rights, copyrights, performing and production rights, the writing and adapting of plays, royalties, theater management, and tours, as well as more mundane debt assignments, powers of attorney, trusts, and legal disputes with personnel or collaborators.

Materials for the bulk of Barrett’s productions, 1881-1904, are arranged alphabetically by production title and include playbills, photographs of Barrett and other performers, programs and souvenir programs, publicity clippings, and tour booklets. Also present are set design drawings for *The Golden Ladder*, *Hoodman Blind*, and *The Lord Harry*; costume and property designs for *The Lord Harry*; a photocopy of Barrett’s promptbook for his production of *Hamlet*; and a plot book for the Princess’s Theatre for his productions of *The Lights o’ London* and *The Romany Rye*.
Subseries B. Barrett and Heath Family, 1852-1975, undated, is sub-arranged alphabetically into nine groups of papers for several of Barrett’s family members: daughter Edith Dorothea Wilson Barrett (1870-1959); brother George Edward Barrett (1848-1894); daughters Katherine Margaret Barrett (1868-1893) and Ellen Anna Barrett (1867-1892); grandson Wilson Barrett “the younger” (1900-1981); wife Caroline Heath (1835-1887); brother-in-law Frank Heath (died 1914); and sister Mary Anne Barrett Heath (died 1942). The materials held for each person varies, but generally include either works, correspondence, or miscellaneous materials.

Daughter “Dolly” Barrett’s papers document some of her own efforts at playwriting and her correspondence includes letters she received both during her father’s lifetime and after his death. Among her correspondents are Mary Elizabeth Braddon, Sir Hall Caine, Margaret Clement Scott, Eugene Field, Ben Greet, Henry Arthur Jones, John Ruskin, Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, and others. Some of the letters concern posthumous productions of Wilson Barrett’s plays or their film rights, especially of *The Sign of the Cross*.

The papers of grandson Wilson Barrett “the younger” include a wealth of information about his grandfather. The manuscript of his unpublished biography of Barrett entitled "And Give Me Yesterday" was based upon the primary materials that now form the Wilson Barrett Papers. Also present are letters from John Beaumont, Lillah McCarthy, and Austin Melford, who either supplied information or agreed to interviews for the biography. (The remnants of an earlier unfinished biography of Barrett by Richard Le Gallienne are located in Subseries A. in the writings about Wilson Barrett.)

Some of the earliest materials in the Wilson Barrett Papers are found in Caroline Heath’s papers. Incoming letters include an 1852 letter from the English actor-manager Charles Kean, 1860s letters from persons associated with Queen Victoria (equerry Charles B. Phipps, secretary Charles Grey, and dresser Marianne Skerrett), and from dramatist Charles Reade. There are also several letters by Heath to her family, including her mother and father, but mainly to her brother Frank Heath and his wife “Polly,” who was Wilson Barrett’s sister. There is one playbill advertising Heath productions of *Dangerous* and *East Lynne* from 1874.

Because Frank Heath helped his brother-in-law Wilson Barrett with his financial recordkeeping and was later executor of his estate, his correspondence, financial ledgers and records, and legal agreements in this subseries provide an important source of information about productions of Barrett’s plays, particularly after his death in 1904.

Subseries C. Others, 1876-1967, undated, contains mainly third-party correspondence written by or to individuals other than Wilson Barrett or his family members. Some of the items may originally have been enclosures with correspondence or records elsewhere in the papers that became separated over time. There is a letter from one of Barrett’s two sons, Alfred Wilson Barrett (1870-1945), addressed to a solicitor in 1898. Other correspondents include Samuel French, Charles Frohman, and Henry Arthur Jones, among others. The subseries also contains a paper on Barrett’s Shakespearian acting style written for a drama class in 1967 that made use of the Wilson Barrett Papers. Several autographs and a small amount of unidentified material are also present, including three pages with mounted images of period costumes that are probably from a scrapbook.
Related Material

Additional Wilson Barrett materials at the Ransom Center include letters by Barrett located in the literary manuscript collections of Richard Le Gallienne, John Ruskin, and Robert Lee Wolff.

Among the Center’s performing arts collections, the B. J. Simmons & Co. Records include costume designs for The Sign of the Cross (for example, see http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/exhibitions/web/bjsimmons/actors/739_1.html and http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/exhibitions/web/bjsimmons/actors/739_2.html#1). The Simmons Production Portfolios include clippings and other printed materials documenting Barrett productions. The Playscripts and Promptbook Collection holds a marked typescript of The Manxman (1894-1895 production). The William Winter Papers contain correspondence he received from Wilson Barrett.

A photo album in the Center’s photography collection Literary File for actress Lillah McCarthy documents her years as a leading actress in Wilson Barrett’s touring company.

The British Library, the Folger Shakespeare Library, and the University of Leeds Special Collections Library each have a substantial number of letters by Wilson Barrett. The Victoria & Albert Museum Theatre and Performance Archives holds designs by Edward William Godwin for Barrett’s productions of Juana, Claudian, Hamlet, Junius, and Clito.

The papers of Wilson Barrett the younger (1900-1981), a grandson of Wilson Barrett who was also an actor-manager and toured with his own Wilson Barrett Company, are located in the Scottish Theatre Archive at the University of Glasgow.

Index Terms

People

Barrett, Caroline, 1835-1887.
Barrett, Wilson, 1846-1904.
Barrett, Wilson, 1900-1981.
Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931.
French, Samuel, 1821-1898.
Greet, William, 1851-1914.
Herman, Henry, 1832-1894.
Jones, Henry Arthur, 1851-1929.
Parker, Louis Napoleon, 1852-1944.
Wills, W. G. (William Gorman), 1828-1891.

Subjects
Actors -- Great Britain.
Dramatists, English.
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Theaters -- Great Britain -- History -- 19th century.
Theatrical managers -- Great Britain.
Theatrical producers and directors -- Great Britain.

Document Types
Business records.
Correspondence.
Legal documents.
Photographs.
Plays (performed works).
Souvenir programs.
Theater programs.
Series I. Works: 1894-1904, undated

Plays:

Lucky Durham, typescript, 93 pages, undated (circa 1904).

The Manxman, handwritten manuscript with revisions and some stage directions, 169 pages, undated (circa 1894). Written by Hall Caine, adapted by Wilson Barrett. Most of Act II lacking.

Quo Vadis, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 252 pages, undated (circa 1900). Written by Henryk Sienkiewicz, adapted by Wilson Barrett.

Quo Vadis, typescript with some handwritten pages and revisions, 72 pages, undated (circa 1900). Acts II and IV only, includes some duplicate pages.

The Sign of the Cross, handwritten manuscript with revisions, 84 pages, undated (circa 1895). Acts 1 and 2 only.

The Sign of the Cross, actor’s side for Marcus, handwritten manuscript, 14 pages, undated (circa 1895). Act I only.

Other works:


The Moral Influence of the Drama, handwritten manuscript / speech given at St. Paul’s Cathedral, Dunedin, New Zealand, 23 pages, 12 January 1902.

Speech at Halifax, typescript / transcript, 2 pages, 5 September 1898.

Speech at Leeds Grand Theatre, handwritten manuscript / transcript, 5 pages, 24 August 1894.

Testimony as to Morality in the Theatre, handwritten manuscript / incomplete, 2 pages (numbered 10 and 11), undated. Included with this: typed transcript of questions and answers, 6 pages, undated.

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Autograph to unidentified recipient, 31 January 1891.

Autograph to unidentified recipient, 2 November 1886. Includes a line from Chatterton.

Autograph to unidentified recipient, 24 November 1889? Includes a quote from old fable.

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ALS to unidentified recipient, 4 November 1886.

ALS to unidentified recipient, 8 May 1895.

ALS/ incomplete to unidentified recipient, undated.

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ALS to unidentified recipient Boyle, 3 January 188-. Written on Royal Princess’s Theatre letterhead. Possibly to Miss Mary Boyle.

ALI/ draft to unidentified recipient E. B., 23 June 1903. Possibly to Elwyn A. Barron.

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2 TccL/ copies to Albery, J., 3 November and 3 December 1871.

12 ALS, 5 AL/ incomplete to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1894-1904, undated.

ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 7 November 1894.

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ALS to Burton, Percy, 6 January. Includes envelope and note.

ALS/ draft, AL/ draft to Caine, Hall, Sir, 18 October 1894, 21 October 1894.

ALS/ copy to Caine, Hall, Sir, 10 September 1898.

ALS to Clarke, Henry Saville, 20 May 1885.
Telegram to Clarkson, Willy, 10 November 1902.

Autograph to Colville, W. E., 6 January 1902. Includes line from The Sign of the Cross.

ALS to Dairolles, Adrienne, 7 December 1896.

ALS to Dickenson, Miss?, 16 November 1900.

TL/ draft to French, Thomas Henry, 11 February 1896.

ALS to Gillig, H. F.? 20 August 1886.

ALS/ draft/ incomplete to Greet, _____, 24 October 1895?

Telegram/ incomplete to Greet, William, undated. Re Maxime Elliott.

ALS to Heath, Frank, 31 March 1895. Enclosed with this: 3 ALS, AL, TLS, TL to Barrett and one clipping, all re opening of The Sign of the Cross in St. Louis.

6 ALS, 105 ALI, AL/ incomplete, 11 TLI, 11 TL, telegram to Heath, Frank, 1876-1904, undated.

98 ALS, ALS/ incomplete, 4 AL/ incomplete, 2 TLS, 5 TL to Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly,” 1878-1904, undated.

ALS to Hemion, Russell, Mrs.?, 27 December 1889?

2 ALS to Jones, Henry Arthur, 27 February 1891, 10 March 1891.

ALS to M_____ de, Miss, 16 May 1897.

ALS/ incomplete to Mellon, G. Mrs.?, undated.

ALS to Milliken, ____ , 21 October 1886.

2 ALS to Mulholland, _____, 4 February 1889, 28 September 1890.

ALS to O’Reilly, _____, 21 November 1886.

ALS to Palmer, A. M., 10 August 1885.

AL/ draft to Pearpoint, Alfred Henry, 1894. Written on this: ALS Field to Beryl.

ALS to Penfield, Miss, 23 July 1886.
2 ALS to Porter, _____, 13 March 1898, 25 June 1899.  

ALS/ draft to Russell, Charles, 26 April 1899.  


ALS, ALI to Smith, George H., 17 July 1899.  

ALS to Stoddard, Charles Warren?, 27 January 1887.  

ALS to Symmonds & Brown, 21 July 1891.  

ALS to Tallison?, Arthur, 11 January 1899.  

ALS to Taylor, Mary, 12 May 1884.  

ALS to Wills, _____, 5 August 1885.  

2 AL/ drafts to the editor of The World, 1897.
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Unidentified author B., J. G. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 8 February 1898. Re Claudian.


Unidentified author (drama critic?). ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 22 September 1879.

Unidentified author (secretary to Henryk Sienkiewicz?). 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 1900.

Albani, Emma, 1852-1930. ALS, 2 ANS to Barrett, Wilson, 28 March and 18 April 1898, undated. Both ANS written on visiting cards.

Allen, Marie Townsend. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, undated. Re Pharoah.

Alma-Tadema, Lawrence, Sir, 1836-1912. 2 ALS, ALS/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, 6 October 1883, 22 May 1884, undated.

Archer, William, 1856-1924. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 13 June 1886.

Arnold, Edwin, Sir, 1832-1904. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 24 April no year.

Arnold, Matthew, 1822-1888. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 7 March 1883.

Ashton, George. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 13 September 1899.

Austin, Alfred, 1835-1913. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 4 September 1884.


Bancroft, Squire, Sir, 1841-1926. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 26 February 1901.

Baring-Gould, Sabine. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 27 October 1899.
Barrett, Lawrence, 1838-1891. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 16 July 1885.

Barrett, Lawrence, 1838-1891. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 11 May 1886.

Barrie, James Matthews, Sir, 1860-. 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 5 January 1896, 10 November 1903, 21 June no year.

Barron, Elwyn A. 4 ALS, AL/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, 1899-1903, undated.

Barton, Edmund, Sir, 1849-1920. 2 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 14 August and 9 September 1901.

Bayly, Ada Ellen, 1857-1903. 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 24 September 1896, 5 February 1899, undated.


Bell, Arnold. 2 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 16 September 1896, 1 March 1897.

Bellew, Kyrle, 1885-1911. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 7 April 1881.

Benedict, Julius, Sir, 1804-1885. 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 3 October 1883, 21 October 1884, 27 February 1885. Included with these: autograph cut from letter with autograph of T. P. O’Connor also cut from letter.

Benham, W. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 23 May 1887. Re Othello.

Bennett, Curtis. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 8 October 1899.

Bigge, Arthur. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 4 September 1889. Written on behalf of Queen Victoria.

Blouët, Paul, 1848-1903. 3 ALS, ANS to Barrett, Wilson, 12 April, 5 July, and 9 October 1889, undated.

Blouët, Paul, 1848-1903. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 6 July 1886. Re Claudian. Signed with his pseudonym, Max O’Rell.

 Boughton, George H. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 22 October 1884. Re Hamlet.


Browning, Robert, 1812-1889. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 7 October 1884. Part of postscript cut off.
Buchanan, Robert. ALS/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, undated.

Buckstone, John Baldwin, 1802-1879. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 28 February 1877.

Burnand, Francis Cowley, Sir, 1836-1917. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 8 December 1884.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924. 2 ALS, AN to Barrett, Wilson, undated.

Butler, R. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 2 April 1899.

Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931. 8 ALS, TLS to Barrett, Wilson, 1886-1900. Included with these: ALS/ draft to unidentified recipient, December 1803; quotations from the agreement, 9 November 1894.


Carte, J. S. 2 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 2 May 1886, undated. Re Clito and The Lord Harry.

Clarke, Edward George, Sir, 1841-1931. 2 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 30 November and 20 December 1898.

Clemens, Samuel Langhorne, 1835-1910. ANS to Barrett, Wilson, 2 April 1890. Written on visiting card.

Corelli, Marie, 1855-1924. ALS/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, undated.

Craik, Dinah Maria Mulock, 1826-1887. 8 ALS, ALS/ incomplete, AL/ incomplete, APCI to Barrett, Wilson, 1884-1887, undated.

Creswick, William, 1813-1888. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 28 November 1884.

Dickens, Charles, 1837-1896. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 20 November 1882.


Dodgson, Charles Lutwidge, 1832-1898. 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 15 January and 12 May 1884, 28 August 1896.

Edmonds, E. Vivian. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 10 April 1897. Written on behalf of Mary Austin.
Edwards, Fleetwood I. 2 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 10 October 1887, 6 January 1897. Written on behalf of Queen Victoria.

Engelbach, Edward C. ALS, 2 TLS to Barrett, Wilson, 1896-1898. Written on letterhead of Lyric Theatre. Included with one: enclosures from George C. Milne regarding bill reconciliation, 1898, and two bills, 30 July and 2 November 1898.

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Flemish Theater of Antwerp. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 28 March 1897. Signed by members of the company.

Forbes-Robertson, Johnston, Sir, 1853-1937. 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 30 October, 2 November, and 7 November 1894.

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French, Thomas Henry. 4 TLS to Barrett, Wilson 1893-1894.


Gilbert, William Schwenck, Sir, 1836-1911. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 10 December 1884.

Glyn, Isabella Dallas, 1823-1889. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 24 May 1883. Container 2.7

Godfrey, William. 2 memoranda to Barrett, Wilson, 1883? Re Charles Foster. Container 23.7

Godwin, Edward William, 1833-1886. 2 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 10 April 1881, 15 October 1884. The 1881 letter re Juana includes a drawing illustrating bellows on organ. The 1884 letter concerns Hamlet. Included with this: 2 receipts from Godwin to Barrett for payment of Hamlet fees. Container 2.8

Great Britain. Lord Chamberlain’s Office. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 1 February 1884. Encloses list of alterations required by the Metropolitan Board of Works for Princess’s Theatre. Container 23.7

Greet, William. 22 TLS, telegram to Barrett, Wilson, 1895-1900. Written on letterhead of Avenue Theatre. Container 23.8

Grundy, Sydney, 1848-1914. ALS, ALI, ANS to Barrett, Wilson, 13 November 1885, 15 March 1886, undated. Included with these: receipt Grundy to Barrett. Container 2.8


Hannay & Reynolds. ALS, memorandum to Barrett, Wilson, 7 July 1899, undated. Included with these: German receipt; telegram drafts Barrett to Hannay & Reynolds and to Greet & Engelbach. Container 2.8

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Herman, E. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 25 October 1894. Container 23.7

Herman, Henry, 1832-1894. 4 ALS, ALS/ incomplete, ALS / mutilated, AL/ incomplete, telegram to Barrett, Wilson, 1833-1890, undated. Included with these: receipt Herman to Barrett. Container 2.9

Hichens, Robert Smythe, 1864-1950. 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 26 July 1897, 2 November 1898, 1 March undated. Container 2.9

Hodson, Henrietta. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, undated.
Hodges, Sydney. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 2 May no year.

Hogg, W. TLS to Barrett, Wilson, 2 March 1896. Written on letterhead of Samuel French, Ltd.

Hole, Samuel Reynolds, 1819-1904. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 13 August 1896.

Holl, Frank, 1845-1888. 7 ALS, ALS/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, 1884-1888.


Holt, Clarence. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 13 April 1888.

Howard, Bronson, 1842-1903. 3 ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 11 December 1882, 16 October 1884, 23 February 1885.


Irving, Florence Brodribb. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 18 October no year.


Jones, Henry Arthur, 1851-1929. 71 ALS, 28 ALI, 2 ALS / incomplete, ALS/ mutilated, 2 AL/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, 1897-1894, undated. Included with these: ALS/ copy Jones to E. R. Russell; receipt Jones to Barrett.

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Kendal, Madge, Dame, 1849-1935. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, undated.

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Lacy, Walter, 1809-1898. ALS, ALS/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, 17 October 1884, undated.

Latimer, E. J. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 29 no month 1898.
Le Gallienne, Richard, 1866-1947. 6 ALS, 1 AL/ incomplete to Barrett, Wilson, 1889-1903, undated.

Lee, Jennie, 1846?-1930. ALS to Barrett, Wilson, 19 May no year.

Lennox, Henry, Lady. Telegram to Barrett, Wilson, 9 February 1897. Written on behalf of Prince Edward.

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Baron Rudolph, FDS, 1 page, 27 July 1881. For Royal Theatre, Hull.
Ben-My-Chree fees, FDS, 1 page, 11 May 1888. License receipt.

The Black Kitten, FDS, 1 page, 18 October 1894. For Royal Theatre, Cardiff.

Chatterton, FDS, 1 page, 9 May 1884. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

Claudian, FDS, 1 page, 22 November 1883. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

A Clerical Error, FDS, 1 page, 13 October 1879. For Royal Court Theatre.

Clito, FDS, 1 page, 10 March 1886. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

The Colour Sergeant, FDS, 1 page, 9 February 1885. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

Courtship, FDS, 1 page, 15 October 1879. For Royal Court Theatre.

The Daughters of Babylon, ADS, 1 page, 12 November 1896. For Lyric Theatre. Provisional license.

For Life, FDS, 1 page, 19 July 1880. For Royal Court Theatre.

Frou-Frou, FDS, 1 page, 24 May 1881. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

Globe Theatre, FDS, 1 page, 13 December 1887. Included with these: 2 receipts for fees.

The Golden Ladder, FDS, 1 page, 19 December 1887. For Globe Theatre.

Hoodman Blind, FDS, 1 page, 12 August 1885. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

Humpty Dumpty, FDS, 1 page, 8 December 1883. For Grand Theatre, Leeds.

Jenny the Barber, FDS, 1 page, 7 December 1891. For Prince’s Theatre.

Juana, FDS, 1 page, 2 May 1881. For Royal Court Theatre.

Junius Brutus, FDS, 1 page, 18 February 1885. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

The King, FDS, 1 page, 27 May 1901. For Grand Theatre, Swansea. Included with this: provisional license with ALS / cover letter.
The Lights o’ London, FDS, 1 page, 9 September 1881. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

The Lord Harry, FDS, 1 page, 17 February 1886. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

Man and His Makers, FDS, 1 page, 26 October 1899. For Lyceum Theatre, London.

Man and His Makers (new version), FDS, 1 page, 20 October 1900. For Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield.

Mary Stuart, FDS, 1 page, 30 September 1880.

The Miser, FDS, 1 page, 18 September 1890. For Royal Theatre, Birmingham.

The Never-Never Land, FDS, 1 page, 9 April 1902. For Victoria Theatre, Broughton, Manchester. 

Nowadays, FDS, 1 page, 11 February 1889. For Royal Princess’s Theatre. Included with this: receipt for fees.

The Old Love and the New, FDS, 1 page, 8 December 1879. For Royal Court Theatre.

The People’s Idol, FDS, 1 page, 27 November 1890. For New Olympic Theatre. Included with this: receipt for fees.

Quo Vadis, FDS, 1 page, 11 June 1900. For Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh.

The Romany Rye, FDS, 1 page, 6 June 1882. For Royal Princess’s Theatre. 

Royal Princess’s Theatre, 11 FDS, 3 pages each, 1881-1885. Included with these: 6 tobacco and beverage licenses.

The Sign of the Cross, FDS, 1 page, 18 March 1895. For Grand Theatre, Leeds. Included with this: ANS and receipt for fees.

The Silver King, FDS, 1 page, 9 November 1882. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

A Simple Sweep, FDS, 1 page, 12 May 1882. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

Two Old Boys, FDS, 1 page, 27 November 1880. For Royal Court Theatre.

The Wishing Cup, ADS, 1 page, 12 October 1896. For Prince’s Theatre, Manchester. Provisional license.
The Woman and the Law, FDS, 1 page, 17 July 1884. For Royal Princess’s Theatre.

Photographs:
- Publicity photographs of Wilson Barrett, undated. Container 26.8

Productions:
- The Acrobat, program, undated (1891?). Container 27.1
- Ben-My-Chree, photographs, 1893, undated. Container 27.2
- Ben-My-Chree, programs, 1892-1894. Removed to oversize box. Container 31.1
- Chatterton, photographs, undated. Container 27.3
- The Christian King, photographs, undated. Container 27.4
- The Christian King, program and souvenir programs, 1902, undated. One souvenir program inscribed to “George from Lillah, April 1903,” probably Lillah McCarthy. Container 27.5
- Claudian, photographs, undated. Container 27.6
- Claudian, playbill, Theatre Royal, Brighton, 1 February 1904. Also lists The Manxman and promotes production of In the Middle of June to open 8 February 1904. Removed to oversize folder. Container osf 2
- Claudian, programs, undated (1883-1884?). One program also promotes A Clerical Error. Container 27.7
- Clito, program, undated (1886?). Container 27.8
- The Daughters of Babylon, programs and souvenir programs, 1897, undated. Container 27.9
- Father Buonaparte, program, undated (1891?). Container 27.10
- The Golden Ladder, first night plan, 22 December 1887. Removed to oversize folder. Container osf 1
- The Golden Ladder, photographs, program, undated (1887?). Program also lists Hamlet matinee. Container 27.11
The Golden Ladder, set design drawings by G. Robertson, bound volume, undated. Removed to oversize box.

Hamlet, costume estimate from V. Barthe, Paris, undated.

Hamlet, photographs, undated.

Hamlet, playbill, Theatre Royal, Brighton, 16 February 1903. Other productions listed include The Silver King, The Sign of the Cross, Othello, and The Manxman. Removed to oversize folder.

Hamlet, programs, publicity clippings, 1889-1893, undated.

Hamlet, programs, 1886-1887, undated. Other productions listed include Claudian, Chatterton, A Clerical Error, The Colour Sergeant, Clito, and The Lady of Lyons. Removed to oversize box.

Hamlet, promptbook (photocopy), 153 pages, undated.

Hoodman Blind, photograph, program, synopsis, 1885?, undated.

Hoodman Blind, set design drawings by unidentified artist (Walter Hann?), bound volume, undated. Removed to oversize box.

In the Middle of June, playbill, Theatre Royal, Brighton, 8 February 1904. Also lists upcoming productions for week of 15 February 1904: The Sign of the Cross, The Manxman, Ben-My-Chree, and The Silver King. Removed to oversize folder.

Juana, promotional drawing of Barrett as Friar John, undated.

Junius, program, undated (1885?). Also promotes productions of The Colour Sergeant and The Silver King.

The Lady of Lyons, program, undated (1890?).


The Lights o’ London, programs, undated (1881-1891?). One program also promotes Father Buonoparte.
The Lord Harry, costumes and property drawings by unidentified artist, bound volume, undated. Also includes photograph of Barrett in costume.  

Container 28.1

The Lord Harry, set design drawings by unidentified artist, bound volume, undated. Removed to oversize box.

Container 31.4

Man and His Makers, photograph, program, undated (1899?).  

Container 28.2

The Manxman, photographs, undated.  

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The Manxman, playbill, New Theatre Royal, Middlesbrough, 8 June 1903. Other productions include The Christian King, In the Middle of June, and The Sign of the Cross. Removed to oversize folder.

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The Manxman, programs, review clippings, 1894-1896, undated. One program promotes production of The Sign of the Cross on Boxing Day.

Container 28.4

The Manxman, programs, 1894-1895. Removed to oversize box.

Container 31.1

Nowadays, photographs, program, undated (1889?).  

Container 28.5

The Old Love and the New, program, undated (1881?).  

Container 28.6

Othello, photographs, programs, undated (1899-1902?).  

Container 28.7

Othello, programs, 1894-1895, undated. One program also promotes production of Hamlet. Removed to oversize box.

Container 31.1

The People’s Idol, program, undated (1890?). Also promotes a production of A Clerical Error.

Container 28.8

Pharaoh, program, 1892-1893.  

Container 28.9

Quo Vadis, photographs, undated.  

Container 28.10

The Romany Rye, plot book, Princess’s Theatre, bound volume, 4 June 1885.  

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The Romany Rye, program, undated (1882?).  

Container 28.11


Container 28.12
The Sign of the Cross, inventory of wardrobe, scenery and properties for the South Company; programs, publicity clippings, tour schedule for North and South Companies, 1895-1899, undated. One program also promotes The Manxman, Ben-My-Chree, and The Silver King.

The Sign of the Cross, photographs, undated.

The Sign of the Cross, souvenir programs, undated.

The Silver King, photographs, promotional drawing, undated.

The Silver King, playbills, programs, undated (1882-1899?).

The Silver King, program, 1889-1890. Removed to oversize box.

Virginius, program, 1893-1894.

Unidentified production, photograph, undated.

Wilson Barrett recitation for grand concert on board U.S.M.S. Paris, 11 June 1894.


Writings re Wilson Barrett:

Clippings, 1896, undated

Goddard, Arthur. Players of the period, 1891.

Lawrence, Boyle. Celebrities of the Stage, Part 4, circa 1900. Includes biographical sketch of Wilson Barrett. Removed to oversize box.


Miscellaneous:

Pass for Wilson Barrett, 9 December 1886. For Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia.
Chisholm, A. H. Farewell Banquet to Wilson Barrett, Esq., handwritten manuscript in notebook, 28 pages bound, 12 August 1886. Transcribed remarks include those by Oscar Wilde.

Hare, John, Sir, 1844-1921. Receipt for Barrett, Wilson, 31 December 1879. For rent of Court Theatre.


Ormsby, Emmeline. Receipt for Barrett, Wilson, 4 January 1893.

Subseries B. Barrett and Heath Family, 1852-1975, undated

Barrett, Edith Dorothea Wilson “Dolly” (1870-1959):

Works:

Clover, box office receipt for a copyright performance at the Savoy Theatre, 8 June 1906.

Easter at Sorrento, in Cheddington magazine, 1898.

Heber Sayell, four actor’s sides, press notice, 1907.

Correspondence:

Ainley, Henry, 1879-1945. 2 TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, undated.

Albery, Wyndham. TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 21 January 1938.


Baden-Powell, Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, Baron, 1857-1941. 2 ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 9 and 12 July 1902.

Bancroft, Squire, Sir, 1841-1926. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 3 September 1904.

Bright, Addison. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 10 January no year.

Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931. 2 ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 21 December 1894, undated.
Clarke, Edward George, Sir, 1841-1931. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 23 December 1904.

Clement Scott, Margaret. 5 TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1918.

Engelbach, Edward C. 2 TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 30 September and 9 October 1914. Written on letterhead of Lyric Theatre. With TLS/ incomplete to Miss Barrett, 8 October 1914 and ALS from Mary Anne Barrett “Polly” Heath to Engelbach, 12 October 1914. All re film rights for The Sign of the Cross.

Field, Eugene, 1850-1895. 3 ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 27 September, 1 October, and 28 October 1890.

Forbes-Robertson, Johnston, Sir, 1853-1937. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, undated.

Greet, Ben. 19 ALS, telegram to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1926-1927, undated. Re revival of The Sign of the Cross. Two letters incomplete, some fragments also present. Includes AccL/ draft Barrett to Greet, 18 March 1927 plus one undated note by Barrett regarding Greet.

Harrison, Frederick. TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 6 October 1906. Written on letterhead of Haymarket Theatre.

Harvey, John Martin, Sir, 1863-1944. 2 ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 13 and 21 April 1930.

Irving, Laurence Sydney Brodribb, 1871-1914. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, undated.

Irwin, Edward. 3 ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 29 December 1927, 24 January 1928, 8 July no year.


Macdona, Charles. TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, re The Sign of the Cross, 22 May 1934.

MacLeod, W. Angus. TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 18 February 1925. Re Chatterton and The Sign of the Cross. Written on letterhead of Daniel Mayer Company, Ltd.

Manning, Ambrose. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, undated.
Manning, Cecilia. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 31 March 1940.

Mathew, A. T. TD and AL/ copy opinion to unidentified recipient, 18 September 1924. Re The Sign of the Cross film rights. AL/ copy includes Miss Barrett’s response to Charles Russell & Co., 28 October 1924.

Maxwell, Mary Elizabeth Braddon, 1837-1915. 4 ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1894-1904, undated.

Navarro, Mary Anderson de, 1859-1940. 2 ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1904, 2 October 1907.

Percyval, T. Wigney, 1865-. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1904.

Price, Nancy. 2 TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson 1932. Written on letterhead of People’s National Theatre.

Ridgeway, Philip. 4 ALS, TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1927-1933.

Ruskin, John, 1819-1900. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 7 May 1888.

Russell, Charles. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 8 March 1911.

Symonds, Francis Addington, 1893-. TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 1 February 1943.

Thomas, Brandon, 1848-1914. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, undated.

Tree, Herbert Beerbohm, Sir, 1853-1917. 2 TLS to Barrett, Dorothea Wilson, 18 and 21 September 1904.

Williams, Bransby. ALS to Barrett, Dorothea, 23 September 1946.


Barrett, George Edward (1848-1894). Writings re:

Biographical sketch (copy) from The Theatre, 1 November 1885.

Barrett, Katherine Margaret “Kitty” (1868-1893) and Barrett, Ellen Anna “Nellie” (1867-1892). Correspondence:
Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924. ALS to Barrett, Kitty, undated.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924. ALS to Barrett, Nellie, undated.

Craik, Dinah Maria Mulock, 1826-1887. ALS, ALI to Barrett, Kitty, 29 July and 9 August 1887. ALS directed to all the Barrett girls.

Barrett, Wilson “the younger” (1900-1981):

Works:


Correspondence:

Barrett, Helen Wilson. 2 ALS to Miss Booth, 9 March and 20 April 1923.


McCarthy, Lillah, 1875-. 2 ALS to Barrett, Wilson (the younger), 15 October and 9 November 1959.


Miscellaneous:


Heath, Caroline (1835-1887):

Correspondence:

Chapman, Patty. ALS to Heath, Caroline, 4 November no year.

Greet, Ben. ALS to Heath, Caroline, 9 May no year.
Grey, C.ALS to Heath, Caroline, 6 March 1860. Written from Buckingham Palace.

Grey, C. Envelope addressed to Heath, Caroline, undated.

Heath, Caroline. Autograph to unidentified recipient, undated.

Heath, Caroline. ALS to Heath, Frank, undated.

Heath, Caroline. ALS to Heath, Frank, 1878.

Heath, Caroline. Bound chronological group of letters, 1865-188-?:

ALS to Queen Victoria or her representative, 1865.

ALS to mother (Marrow, Caroline), 1865.

ALS to father (Watson, Andrew Kippis), 1866.

4 ALS to Heath, Frank, 1866.

ALS to Heath, Mary and Frank, 1866.

ALS to Heath, Frank, 1866. Second parts of letter precede the first?

ALS/ incomplete? to mother (Marrow, Caroline), 1868.

ALS to “my dearest love,” 1878.

ALS to Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly,” 1878.

ALS to Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly” and Frank, 1879.

ALS to Heath, Frank, 1880.

ALS to Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly,” 1880.

ALS to “my darling,” 188-?

Kean, Charles John, 1811?-1868. ALS, ANS to Heath, Caroline, 3 August 1852, undated.

Phipps, Charles B., Sir. 4 ALS to Heath, Caroline, 1865. Included with these: ALS Phipps to Miss Skerrett.

Reade, Charles, 1814-1884. 5 ALS to Heath, Caroline, 1865-1883, undated.
Skerrett, Marianne. ALS to Heath, Caroline, 26 June 1865.

Productions:

Caroline Heath readings, program, Mechanics’ Hall, Halifax, 9 and 11 February 1876. “As given by command before Her Majesty the Queen at Windsor Castle.”

Dangerous, playbill, Theatre Royal, York, 23 February 1874. Play East Lynne also on bill. Removed to oversize folder.

Writings re Caroline Heath:

Biographical sketch from The Dramatic List, photocopy, 2 pages, undated.

Anecdote about the Queen visiting Perth, typescript, 2 pages, undated.

Heath, Frank (died 1914):

Correspondence:

Armitage, H. ALS, TLS to Heath, Frank, 1903.

Barron, Elwyn A. 12 ALS to Heath Frank, 1899-1901, undated. Two addressed to “dear old chap” and “dear old fellow” could be to Wilson Barrett. Included with these: memorandum re an agreement, 1901.

Brownlow, Lord. 2 ALS to Heath, Frank, 7 May 1881, 8 July no year.

Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931. 3 ALS, TLS to Heath, Francis, 31 December 1904, 11 February 1905, 8 December 1909, 3 January 1910.

Jones, Henry Arthur, 1851-1929. 7 ALS, 2 TLS to Heath, Frank, 1904-1914.

Lethbridge, Joseph W. ALS to Heath, Frank, 20 June 1899.

Lindo, Frank. 4 ALS to Heath, Frank, 1899, undated.

Maclaren, William. ALS to Heath, Frank. 22 March 1914.

MacLeod, W. Angus. ALS to Heath, Frank, 1 June 1907.

Manning, Ambrose. 5 ALS to Heath, Frank, 1913.
Melford, Austin, 1884-1971. 2 ALS to Heath, Frank, 7 June and 12 November 1906.

Melville, Frederick. 2 TLS to Heath, Frank, 7 and 17 August 1912. Written on letterhead of Lyceum Theatre.

Polini, G. M. ALS to Heath, Frank, undated.


Smith, George H. TLS to Heath, Frank, 8 January 1900. Letter originally enclosed balance sheet for week ending December 30, 1899, probably same as financial report filed in folder 10.5.

Tearle, Edmund. ALS to Heath, Frank, 24 January 1908.

Estate of Wilson Barrett:

Abstract residuary notes, 1 page, undated.

Registration of plays, typed list, 2 pages, undated.

Unidentified list of receipts for plays, books, rights, 2 copies, 11 pages each, circa 1904.

Financial ledgers:


5. Weekly, 1907-1912.


9-10. Indexes by production name of manuscripts, actor’s parts/ sides, music, plots, legal and financial documents.
Statements of royalties in account with J. C. Williamson, Her Majesty’s Theatre, Sydney, for The Sign of the Cross, 16 reports, 1904-1915. One report for Claudian included.

The Silver King, North and South companies, receipts, 1 page, 8 September 1904.

Statement to A. W. Vaisey regarding royalties, 2 pages, February 1905.

Royalties balance sheet for several plays, 1 report, 31 March 1906.


Statement from Leonard Rayne, South Africa for The Sign of the Cross, 1 report, 1912-1913.

Receipts reported by William Greet, Lyric Theatre, for Lucky Durham in Blackpool, 1 report, 1913.

Personal income notes, 2 pages 1913-1917.

Box office receipt from Grand Theatre, for Lucky Durham in Blackpool, 1 report, 1914.

Box office receipt from Grand and Alexander Theatres, Hull for Lucky Durham, 1 report, 1914.

Box office returns and royalties from Samuel French for The Silver King at Lyceum Theatre, 1 report, 1914.

Box office reports from Strand Theatre for The Silver King, 2 reports, 1914.

Box office receipts from Lyric Theatre for Lucky Durham, 2 reports, 1915.

Box office receipts from Grand Theatre, Brighton and Grand Theatre, Doncaster, for Lucky Durham, 2 reports, 1915-1916.

Expense accounting notes for Claudian, personal, and unidentified, 3 pages, 1916.


Royalty and expense accounting notes for The Sign of the Cross and The Silver King, 2 pages, 1919-1920.

Unidentified accounting notes for S. C. Maclaren, 1 page, 1919.

Returns and royalties from Bannister Howard’s The Silver King tour, 1 page, 1920.


Royalties and expenses for The Sign of the Cross and The Silver King, 1 page, 1921-1921.

Royalties for The Sign of the Cross and The Silver King, 2 pages, 1922-1923.

Box office receipts from Morecambe Royalty Theatre, Lancashire for Lucky Durham, 2 reports, 1928.

Box office receipts from Palace Theatre, Redditch for Lucky Durham, 1 report, 1930.

Receipts for Lucky Durham, 3 pages, 1930-1931.

Box office receipts from Theatre Royal, Bristol for Lucky Durham, 1 report, 1931.

Legal agreements:

Memorandum of agreement between Frank Heath and Klaw & Erlanger for American and Canadian productions of Lucky Durham, 4 October 1904. Container 30.10


Insurance policies, 4 FDS, 1 page each, 1905-1908. Included with these: 2 ANS/ cover notes. Container 21.1

Memorandum of agreement with Eveleigh Nash concerning edition of The Sign of the Cross, TDS, 2 pages, 31 January 1905.

Memoranda of agreement with B. & F. Wheeler, 6 TDS, 2 pages each, 8 March 1905. Separate agreements for Ben-My-Chree, Claudian, Man and His Makers, Quo Vadis, The Sign of the Cross, and Virginius.

Copyright registration with Stationer’s Company for The Daughters of Babylon, 9 May 1905. Container 30.10

Assignment of publishing rights to Samuel French of A Clerical Error and The Colour Sergeant, TDS/ copy, 1 page, 27 May 1905. Container 21.2

Memorandum of agreement with James Cassius Williamson concerning Claudian, TDS, 3 pages, 24 October 1906. Container 21.3

Memorandum of agreement between Henry Arthur Jones, Frank Heath, and Samuel French granting German translation and productions rights for The Silver King to S. V. Lutz, 30 November 1907. Container 30.10

Memorandum of agreement between George R. Sims and Frank Heath granting Edmund Tearle touring rights in Great Britain and Ireland for The Romany Rye, 18 January 1908.

Memorandum of agreement between Frank Heath and Henry Arthur Jones granting Rollo Balmain production rights in Great Britain and Ireland for Ben-My-Chree, 7 May, 1908.

Memorandum of agreement between Frank Heath and Henry Arthur Jones granting Rollo Balmain production rights in Great Britain and Ireland for Hoodman Blind, 7 May, 1908.

Memorandum of agreement with Meynoll & Gunn concerning Lucky Durham, TDS, 3 pages, 3 July 1908. Container 21.3

Memorandum of agreement between Frank Heath and Aimee Ejok Dolchini granting production rights for Germany, Austria, and Italy for The Sign of the Cross, The Daughters of Babylon, and Pharoah, 22 October 1908. Container 30.10

Memorandum of agreement between Frank Heath and Leonard Rayne for production rights in South Africa for Ben-My-Chree, 6 August 1909.

Memorandum of agreement between Frank Heath and Leonard Rayne for production rights in South Africa for The Sign of the Cross, 6 August 1909.
Memorandum of agreement between George Robert Sims and Frank Heath for Sims to rewrite The Romany Rye and The Golden Ladder to the form and length required for performance in “the Two Houses a Night Theatres or Halls,” 21 September 1910.

Bandmann, Maurice Edward. Agreement with Frank Heath for performing rights of The Sign of the Cross in British colonies, TDS, 1 page, 7 October 1911. Included with this: TLS/ cover letter.

Agreement between Mary Anne Heath and Edith Dorothea Barrett assigning cinematograph rights in The Sign of the Cross to E. C. Engelbach, 12 October 1914.

Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly” (died 1942):

Correspondence:

Corelli, Marie, 1855-1924. ANS to Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly,” circa 1900.

Greet, Ben. ALS to Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly,” 18 October no year. Re The Sign of the Cross film rights.

Jones, Henry Arthur, 1851-1929. 4 ALS, TLS to Heath, Mary Anne Barrett “Polly,” 1914, undated.

Financial records:

List of securities held on account of Mrs. M. A. Heath, 2 reports, circa 1889-1945.

Subseries C. Others, 1876-1967, undated

Correspondence and other papers:

Unidentified author. AL to unidentified recipient, 26 April no year. Possibly written by Charles Reade.

Unidentified author. TL/ copy to unidentified recipient, 21 February 1898?


Unidentified author. TL/ copy to Vaisey, Mr., 14 April 1905. Possibly written by Frank Heath.
Alexandra, Consort of Edward VI, King of Great Britain, 1844-1925. Autograph, undated.


Blackmore, Richard Doddridge, 1825-1900. ALS to Caine, undated. Pasted with this: autographs of Annie Webster, Madge Kendal, and Mary Eastlake, all cut from letters.

Brooks, G. B. ALS to unidentified recipient, 30 December 1913. Possibly written to Frank Heath.


Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924. ALS/ incomplete to unidentified recipient, undated.

Craik, Dinah Maria Mulock, 1826-1887. ALS to Dickens, Miss, 6 January 1885.

Cross, John. ALS to unidentified recipient, 23 August 1894. Possibly written to Wilson Barrett; letter is from doctor about critical condition of an unnamed brother (George Edward Barrett, who died in 1894?).

Dana, Henry. ALS to unidentified recipient, undated. Re Wilson Barrett memorial.

Edmonds, E. Vivian. 3 ALS, TLS to Field, A. E., 1897.

Edmonds, E. Vivian. 5 ALS to Field, M., 1897.

Edward Moore and Sons. ALS to W. & D. Downey, 21 November 1896. Re The Sign of the Cross souvenir.


French, Samuel, 1821-1898. ALS to Greet & Engelbach, 17 March 1896. Written on letterhead of Samuel French, Ltd.


Harrison, Frederick. TLS to Smith, _____, 29 September 1906. Re play by Dorothea Wilson Barrett. Written on letterhead of Haymarket Theatre.
Herman, H. ANS to unidentified recipient written on a Royal Princess’s Theatre envelope, undated.


Jones, Sidney, 1861-1946. ALS to Greet, William, 20 November 1895.


Lethbridge, Joseph W. TLS to Porter, Caleb, 3 January 1899. Re The Silver King.


Somerset, ____. ALS to madam, 6 March. 1890?

Stirling, Fanny, 1813-1895. ALS to unidentified recipient, 1876.

Vanbrugh, Violet. TLS to Masterson, ____, 29 April 1940. Written on letterhead of Greater London Fund for the Blind.

Wolseley, Garnet Joseph, Viscount, 1833-1913. ALS to Jeune, Mrs., 21 January 1890.

Unidentified:

Clipping re production of Lady Clancarty at Abbey’s Theatre, 1884?


Norton, John W. Auction sale catalog, 30 April 1895.

Three loose pages from scrapbook, undated. With mounted images probably collected as examples of period costumes.
Original folders and envelopes.
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  - **Recipient:** the author’s incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by the author of the letter; and
  - **Miscellaneous:** all other manuscripts and correspondence, arranged alphabetically by creator.

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- **I** = initialed
- **Ms** = manuscript
- **Mss** = manuscripts
- **L** = letter
- **FL** = form letter
- **N** = note
- **D** = document
- **C** = card
- **PC** = post card
- **cc** = carbon copy
- **p** = page
- **pp** = pages
- **I** = leaf
- **ll** = leaves
- **nd** = no date
- **inc d** = incomplete date