Descriptive Summary
Creator: McCaddon, James
Title: Papers of James McCaddon
Dates: 188-1922 (bulk 1880-1910s)
Quantity: 1 manuscript box, 2 oversize boxes
Abstract: One of the key managers for the Barnum and Bailey Circus, the papers of James McCaddon feature personal material from McCaddon's life. They primarily include his memoir, and a number of personal scrapbooks that document family trips and the birth of his son, James McCaddon Junior.
Language: English
Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History
James T. McCaddon was born in Beverly, Ohio on January 31, 1859. Starting as a manager of Adam Forepaugh's circus, McCaddon went on to become the business manager of the Barnum and Bailey Circus. McCaddon was also the brother-in-law of James A. Bailey by way of James' sister, Ruth, and thus deeply connected to the business by family as well as interest.

Scope and Content Note:
Contains personal life material of James McCaddon. Of note is his memoir, undated, and a number of scrapbooks that contain photographs of family trips and correspondence.

Arrangement note:
Manuscripts were given priority, with the bulk of the collection focusing on the memoir written in McCaddon's hand. Scrapbooks were separated out from other material, and divided between McCaddon's professional life and personal life.

Administrative information:
Provenance: Purchase

Related Collections
McCaddon Collection of the Barnum and Bailey Circus (TC040), Princeton University. Library. Dept. of Rare Books and Special Collections, Manuscript Division. http://arks.princeton.edu/ark:/88435/02870v897
Preferred Citation:
Papers of James McCaddon (BHC-MSS 0008), Bridgeport History Center.

Names and Subject Tracings

Personal Names
Barnum, P. T. (Phineas Taylor), 1810-1891.
Bailey, James Anthony, 1847-1906

Corporate Names
Barnum & London Circus
Barnum and Bailey
Barnum and Bailey--History.
Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus

Subject headings
Circus--United States--History--19th century.
Circus--United States--History--20th century.
Circus owners.

Genres
Manuscripts.
Scrapbooks

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1.
1. Memoir, Index-page 28
2. Memoir, 29-239
3. Memoir, 243-341
4. Memoir, 349-end
5. Letterhead for the Estate of James A. Bailey including McCaddon's name, undated
6. Dispute of Will of James A. Bailey,
7. The Parish News, Philadelphia, May, 1895
8. Program, Liberty Theatre and Gaiety Theatre
9. Four Years in Europe: The Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth in the Old
   World, c. 1890s-1900s
10. National Geographic Magazine, October 1931

Box 2, oversize
1. Scrapbook, Barnum and Bailey, 1890-1931
2. Scrapbook, clippings related to Ruth L. Bailey (1912); Mary McCaddon (1912), Mary
   McCaddon Larkin (1906)

Box 3, oversize
1. Scrapbook, the Baby’s Biography for James McCaddon Jr., 1895
2. Scrapbook, Old Cairo, c. 1909
3. Scrapbook, McCaddon family, 1888-1922