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# **Guide to the Robert Vandevander circus collection, 1907-2009, bulk 1935-1965 UASC.020**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University Archives and Special Collections
<b>Creator</b>	Vandevander, Robert
<b>Title</b>	Robert Vandevander circus collection
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1935-1965
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	1907-2009
<b>Extent</b>	10.5 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains circus-related books, magazines, programs, posters, and other materials collected by University of Dayton alumnus Robert Vandevander '53, also a former instructor in the School of Education at UD. Materials were collected from 1952 to 2009.

### Preferred Citation

[Item title.] Robert Vandevander circus collection, 1907-2009. University Archives and Special Collections, University of Dayton Libraries, Dayton, Ohio.

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## Biography of Robert Vandevander

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Robert Vandevander was born on April 5, 1924, and he received his B.S. from the University of Dayton in 1953 and his M.A. from Ohio State University in 1959. He was a UD faculty member in the School of Education from 1960 to 1966. He also served on the City of Dayton Board of Education until 1980. During his senior year at UD, Vandevander began collecting circus materials, an area of personal interest. He continued collecting until his final acquisition in 2009.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains materials on circus-related themes, with the majority focused on American circuses. Included are 104 books, 2 VHS tapes, and an album with 8 vinyl records. There are also a number of pamphlets, posters, programs, clippings, and other ephemera that have been arranged in two boxes. The materials span 1907-2009, with the bulk dating to 1935-1965.

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## Arrangement

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The books and VHS tapes have been entered into the University Libraries Catalog under local call number UASC 020. The remainder of the collection materials have been arranged in two boxes, one containing Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus programs, and the other containing ephemera and memorabilia.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Access to Materials

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### Acquisition Information

Robert Vandevander donated this collection to the University Archives and Special Collections on March 1, 2011.

### Processing Information

Materials were processed by David Brownell in March 2011. Books were entered into the University Libraries catalog under local call number UASC 020.

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## Search Terms

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Cole Bros. Circus
- Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Combined Shows

### Subject(s)

- Circus
- Circus posters
- Circus--United States--History

## **Other Finding Aid**

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The books and VHS tapes in this collection are cataloged in the University Libraries Catalog under local call number UASC 020.

## Collection Inventory

Box	Folder	
1	1	Cosmopolitan Magazine, June 1900
1	2	"Little Lady, Living Doll" postcard, July 1918
1	3	Cole Brothers Circus: Official Route Book, 1937
1	4	Cole Brothers Circus: Official Route Book, programs, 1941, 1989
1	5	Bonham, Earl E.: "One Ring Circus", [1960s]
1	6	National Geographic magazine, March 1948, March 1972
1	7	Papp, John: "These Golden Years...The Circus", 1971
1	8	"Kouzelny Cirkus" [The Wonderful Circus], undated
1	9	Aungst, Dean M.: "When the Circus Came to Town", 1969
1	10	"A Cavalcade of Clowns", 1985
1	11	"The Jolly Jump-ups: See the Circus, Jingling Bros., the Greatest Show", 1944
1	12	Little Circus Wagon magazine, June 1969, February 1970, February 1975
1	13	Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus Magazine and Daily Review, 1933
1	14	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus Magazine and Daily Review, 1939-1940, 1942
1	15	Bernstein, Margaret: "Upscale Circus Rolls into Town", May 2000
1	16	Circus bag, undated
1	17	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey posters, 1983, 2000, undated
2	1	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1970
2	2	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1971
2	3	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1973
2	4	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1975
2	5-6	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1977
2	7	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1982
2	8-9	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1985
2	10	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1988
2	11	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 1989
2	12	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 2001
2	13	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus souvenir program and magazine, 2003
2	14	"Columbia Presents Circus" vinyl records, undated
2	15	American Circus posters, 1978



2	16	Emmett Kelly Circus poster, undated
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