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MEMBERSHIP CARD

Dear Member:

As President of the organization, it is with great personal pleasure that I present you with one of our recently printed membership cards. (See inside attached envelope, which can be used to send in new memberships.)

The expiration date stamped on your card represents the year anniversary of the month you joined the Museum. If the date is incorrect, please let the office know immediately.

Until further notice, your membership card will entitle you to a 10% discount on all Museum items costing \$5. or more, and on the admission price at fund-raising events, etc. It is another way of showing our appreciation for your help.

Sincerely,

Jim Hans

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RECENT DONATION

An interesting photograph of Hoboken's Madison Athletic Club Minstrels has just been donated to the Museum by Walter Dunn Sr., who himself was a minstrel singer and appears in blackface in the picture, taken about 1931 or 1932 on the stage of the old Brandt School on 9th Street. This group, which performed vaudeville routines at the time, numbers 38 in this photo. The photograph is hand-painted and quite large - 3½' X 6'. I will try to bring it to the next Museum meeting on March 4.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN AND EVENT

We have chosen to start this year's fund-raising efforts with two projects. One is the clear, realistic and simple goal of expanding the Museum membership to 200; this will satisfy the Post Office's minimum requirement for much lower bulk mailing rates. The other, a musician's show and mini-exhibit of Hoboken music-related items, will be held at Maxwell's in late April or early May. Steve Fallon supports the idea of a benefit for the Museum at his club, and will help us set this up in the next few weeks. Musician Perry Robinson, of our entertainment committee, is due back from Europe in a few days, after which time we will meet with Steve to work out the details.

As for the membership goal, the sooner we reach our goal of 200 addresses, the sooner we will be able to apply for the special bulk mail rate. As of today, the Museum has a mailing list of close to one-hundred names, including potential members, honorary members and sixty-one paid members. (John DePalma has just helped to acquire another member.) At our last meeting of February 4, Museum brochures were handed out with the idea that all present were to try and encourage new memberships. Let's see who can "sponsor" the most new members. Put your name on the form in the brochure before it's sent in. Let's boost that mailing list up to 200. Now you have a reason to get out and get around town. Go see friends you haven't seen in awhile. Talk it up. Work at it. As an old friend once suggested: Cry a lot. Tear out some hair. Be proud. Cry some more.



HOBOKEN THEATRES, MOVIE HOUSES AND CONCERT
HALLS (CABARETS) (ca. 1865 - 1964)

1. ATLANTIC GARDEN
Concert Hall (Cabaret)
90-92 River Street, near Newark Street
(ca. 1913 - 1916 - ?)
2. THE BIJOU THEATRE
Vaudeville, Burlesque (?), Stock (?)
118 Hudson Street
(Feb. 1895 - May 1895?)
3. BISHOP'S THEATRE
Motion Pictures
106 First Street, near Washington Street
(ca. 1911 - 1930?)
4. CITY THEATRE
Motion Pictures
610-614 First Street, (101-107 Jackson
Street)
(ca. 1913 - 1923 - ?)
5. ELYSIAN PAVILION
Cabaret?
14th Street, near Hudson Street
(ca. 1895 - ?)

See also Lyceum Hall - same location?

6. EMPIRE THEATRE
Vaudeville, Burlesque, Stock
118 Hudson Street
(1902 - 1921 - ?)

See also Bijou, Germania Garden, Rialto,
Star Theatre - same location.

7. ERIE
Motion Pictures
259 First Street, between Park and
Willow Avenues
(1930 - ?)

See also the Eureka - same location.
8. EUREKA
Motion Pictures
259 First Street
(1909 - 1929 - ?)

See also the Erie - same location.
9. EICHLERS
Cabaret?
358 First Street, corner of Grand,
101 Grand Street
(? - 1923 - ?)
10. (THE) FABIAN THEATRE
Motion Pictures, Vaudeville
69 Newark Street, corner of
Washington Street
(1928 - 1964?)
11. (THE) FLORA
Concert Hall (Cabaret)
118 Washington Street
(ca. 1908 - ?)

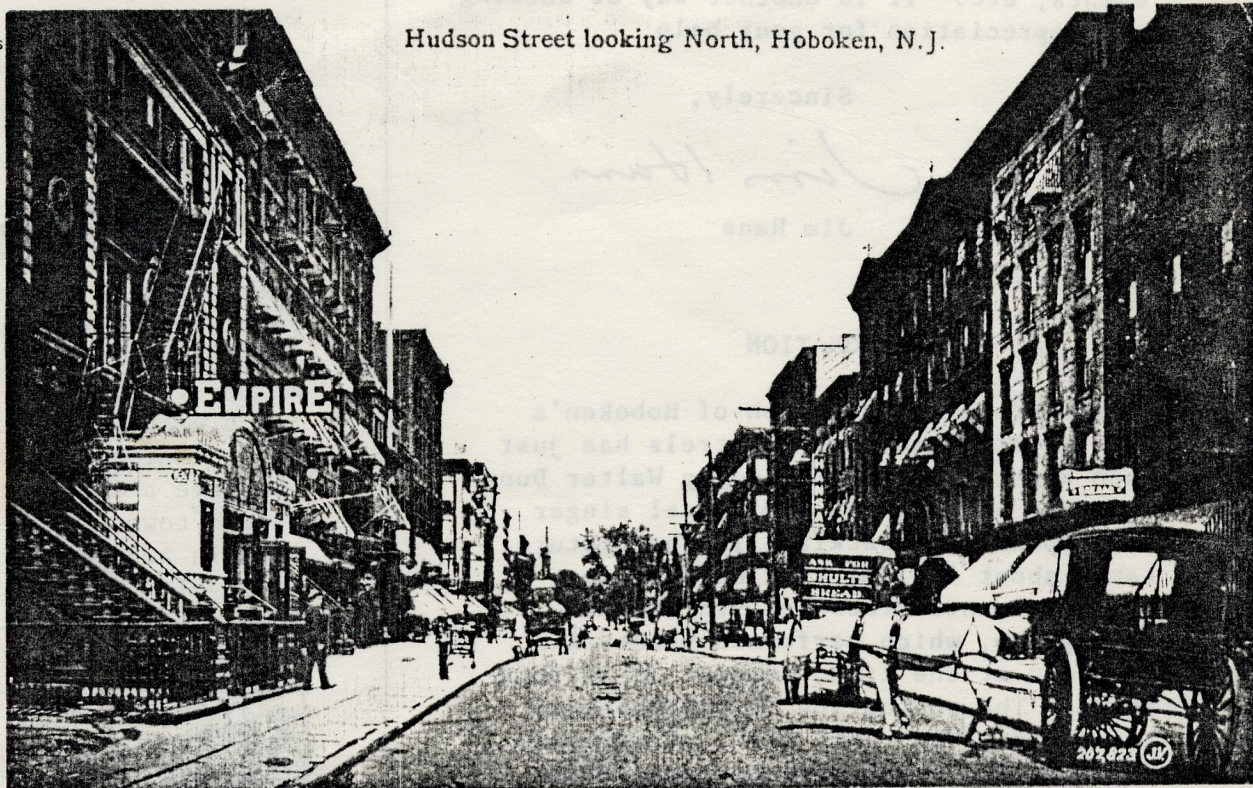
See also Imperial Music Hall - same
location.

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THE EMPIRE

Among the greatest and largest of Hoboken's theatres was the Empire, on Hudson Street between First and Second Streets. The noted literary figure, Christopher Morley discovered it in the late 1920's, re-furbished it, and under the name of the Rialto staged old time melodramas which took the entire theatre world by storm, and gave Hoboken a national reputation. The Empire, "one of the handsomest and costliest and most luxuriously appointed theatres in the state" was erected in 1902 on the site of the old Germania Garden Theatre, Hoboken's most popular theatre for many years going back to about 1865.

Most of the Hoboken Theatre and Movie material which you will read in these Museum Newsletters has never before been presented to the public in any form whatsoever. Therefore, it is hoped that copies of this material will not end up in the hands of someone who might publish the information before our booklet on the subject is published and released in November.



Hudson Street looking North, Hoboken, N. J.

Post Card of Hudson Street, looking north between First and Second Street.
Postmark on reverse side is stamped 1914.

HOBOKEN THEATRES, MOVIE HOUSES AND CONCERT HALLS (CABARETS)

12. FOURTEENTH STREET THEATRE
(Andrew Serventi's)
Motion Pictures
1400-1404 Park Avenue
(ca. 1913 - ?)

13. ROBERT GANTZBERG'S THEATRE
Cabaret? Stock?
127 Washington Street
(ca. 1888 - 1899 - ?)

See also the Orpheum - same location.

14. GAYETY
Stock, Vaudeville, Burlesque
1013-1019 Washington Street
(ca. 1907 - ca. 1914)

See also the Strand - same location.

15. GERMANIA GARDEN
Vaudeville, Stock
68-74* Hudson Street (118), between
First and Second Streets
(ca. 1865 - 1895)

*Old number.

16. (WM.) GOELLER'S NICOLET
Motion Pictures
231 Grand Street
(ca. 1909 - ?)

17. (PHILLIP) GOTTLIEB'S
Motion Pictures
357 First Street, between Clinton and
Grand Streets
(ca. 1911 - ?)

18. (GEORGE) GRAF'S NICOLET
Motion Pictures
109 Madison Street
(ca. 1909 - ?)

19. HIPPODROME
Motion Pictures
420 Washington Street
(1903 - ?)

20. HOBOKEN THEATRE
Stock, Vaudeville
79-83 Hudson Street, near Hudson Place
(1873? - 1895)

See also the Lyric Theatre - same
location.

21. IDEAL THEATRE
Motion Pictures
58-60 Fourteenth Street
(ca. 1913 - 1923 - ?)

See also the Manor - same location?

22. IMPERIAL MUSIC HALL
(COLLIGAN'S CABARET)
118 Washington Street
(ca. 1895 - ?)

See also the Flora - same location.

23. JEFFERSON THEATRE
Motion Pictures
95 Jefferson Street, 463-465 First Street
(ca. 1913 - 1923?)

24. (S. BENJAMIN H.) KELLY'S
Concert Hall (Cabaret)
100-102 River Street
(ca. 1913 - ?)

25. LIBERTY THEATRE
Motion Pictures
401 First Street, corner of Grand Street
(ca. 1917 - 1927 - ?)

26. LLOYD HALL
Cabaret?
220 River Street
(ca. 1899 - 1910?)

27. LYCEUM HALL
Cabaret?
50 Fourteenth Street, near Hudson Street
(ca. 1899 - ?)

See also the Elvian Pavilion - same
location.

28. LYRIC THEATRE
Stock, Vaudeville, other
79-83 Hudson Street, near Hudson Place
(1895 - 1959)

See also the Hoboken Theatre - same
location.

29. MANOR
Motion Pictures
60 or 62 Fourteenth Street, near
Washington Street.
(ca. 1927 - 1929 - ?)

See also Ideal Theatre - same location?

30. MOVING PICTURE HOUSE (Name?)
Motion Pictures
204-206 Monroe Street
(ca. 1911 - ?)

31. MOVING PICTURE PARLOR (NICOLET) (Name?)
Motion Pictures
354 First Street, between Clinton and
Grand Streets
(1909 - ?)

32. MOVING PICTURES (Name?)
(U.S. Theatres Co.)
Washington and 13th Streets
(ca. 1913 - ?)

33. NAPLES GARDEN
Motion Pictures
623-625 Jefferson Street
(1923 - ?)

34. OLYMPIC (THEATRE?)
Cabaret?
237 Washington Street, at the corner
of Third Street.
(ca. 1898 - ca. 1908?)

35. OLYMPIC PICTURE PARLOR
Motion Pictures
237 Washington Street, at the corner
of Third Street
(ca. 1908 - 1909 - ?)

See Washington Garden Theatre - same
location.

36. ORPHEUM
Marc Geiger's Concert Hall (Cabaret)
127 Washington Street
(ca. 1908 - ?)

See Gantzberg's Theatre - same location.

37. (THE) PALACE
Motion Pictures
116 Washington Street
(1913 - 1918 - ?)

38. PALACE GARDEN
Motion Pictures and Hall
412 Washington Street
(1923 - 1931 - ?)

39. (DALY'S PASTIME THEATRE)
Motion Pictures and Stock
607 Washington Street
(1912 - 1915?)

40. (NICHOLAS LA) PORTA'S
(Washington Street Theatre Co.)
Motion Pictures
356 Fifth Street, between Clinton and
Grand
(ca. 1913 - ?)

41. (CHARLES) REINKING'S MUSIC HALL
Cabaret
125-127 Hudson Street
(ca. 1913 - 1915 - ?)

42. (THE) RIALTO
Stock, Revues, Burlesque, Motion Pictures
118 Hudson Street
(1928 - ca. 1959)

See also the Bijou, Germania Garden,
Star Theatre - same location.

43. RIVOLI THEATRE
Motion Pictures
107-109 Washington Street
(ca. 1913 - 1943 - ?)

44. (FRED C.) ROESCH'S
Motion Pictures
108 Clinton Street
(ca. 1911 - ?)

45. ROYAL MUSIC HALL
Cabaret?
151 First Street
(ca. 1899 - ?)

46. (WILLIAM) SCHAAK'S CONCERT HALL
Cabaret
316 River Street
(ca. 1913 - ?)

47. STAR NICOLETTE
Motion Pictures
157 First Street, between Bloomfield
and Garden Streets
(ca. 1909 - ?)

48. STAR THEATRE
Vaudeville, Burlesque
118 Hudson Street
(ca. Dec. 1895 - 1902?)

See also the Bijou, Germania Garden,
the Empire - same location.

49. (THE) STRAND
Stock, Vaudeville, Burlesque, Motion
Pictures
1013-1019 Washington Street
(ca. 1914 - 1923?)

See also the Gayety - same location.

50. THALIA THEATRE
Cabaret?
87 River Street
(ca. 1899 - ?)

51. THEATRE COMIQUE
Cabaret?
61 or 63 Washington Street
(ca. 1880 - 1885 - ?)

* Old number. Today's number - 111 or
113 Washington Street. Number system
was changed in 1892-93.

52. U.S. THEATRE
Vaudeville, Motion Pictures
617-621 Washington Street
(ca. 1913 - 1943 - ?)

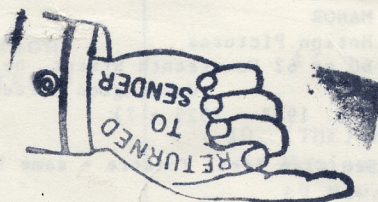
53. WASHINGTON GARDEN THEATRE
Cabaret?
237 Washington Street, corner of Third
Street
(ca. 1896 - 1897)

See also Olympic Theatre - same location.

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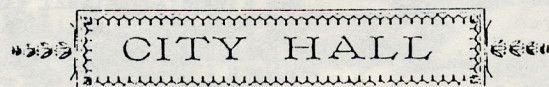
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PLEASE NOTE

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 4,
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. All members are invited
and potential new members are always welcome
to sit in without obligation. The date on
the masthead of this newsletter will cor-
respond with our monthly meetings, which
are held, for the time being, on the first
Wednesday of the month at the Clam Broth
House. The date on the masthead will
always be that of the upcoming meeting.

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MUSEUM HOURS

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
weekdays

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evenings