

# Uncle Tom's Cabin:

## A Preliminary Inventory of the Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

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### Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator:</b>	Harry Ransom Center
<b>Title:</b>	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1825-1946
<b>Extent:</b>	6 document boxes (2.52 linear feet), 8 oversize folders (osf)
<b>Abstract:</b>	The bulk of the <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> collection consists of photographs, playbills, and programs documenting the earliest productions of <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> (notably the premiere of George C. Howard's 1852 acting version), and the stage personalities associated with the play, in particular George L. Fox, Charles K. Fox, Cordelia Howard, and Lotta Crabtree.
<b>Call Number:</b>	Performing Arts Collection PA-00122
<b>Language:</b>	English and German
<b>Access:</b>	Open for research

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### Administrative Information

<b>Acquisition:</b>	Purchase, 1956 (Albert Davis Collection)
<b>Processed by:</b>	Helen Baer, 1999; Valerie Burns, 2002; Eric Colleary and Grace Hansen, 2015
<b>Repository:</b>	<a href="#">Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</a>

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## Scope and Contents

During the 19th century, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was the best-selling book after the Bible. Due to the lack of copyright laws, numerous unauthorized stage adaptations were produced. Several scholars have suggested that significantly more people came to know of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* from the stage than from reading the book. The first and most popular adaptation was written by George Aiken for George C. Howard's touring company in which Aiken also acted.

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## Related Material

Additional information regarding stage productions of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* can be found in the papers of George C. Howard and Family. Programs relating to a WPA Theatre production of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* can be found in the papers of James Purdy. Various printed editions of the book, scripts, and derivative works can be found in the Ransom Center's book holdings which are searchable through the online catalogue

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**Series I. Photographs**

Aiken, Frank E.	<b>Container 1.1</b>
Aiken, George L.	<b>Container 1.2</b>
Barlow, Milt	<b>Container 1.3</b>
Belasco, David	<b>Container 1.4</b>
Brown, Inez	<b>Container 1.5</b>
Clark, John Sleeper	<b>Container 1.6</b>
Clark, N. B.	<b>Container 1.7</b>
Crabtree, Lotta	<b>Container 1.8</b>
Crosman, Henrietta	<b>Container 1.9</b>
Davenport, Mrs. A. H.	<b>Container 1.10</b>
De Angelis, Jefferson	<b>Container 1.11</b>
Duncan Sisters	<b>Container 1.12</b>
Ellsler, Effie	<b>Container 1.13</b>
Fernandez, Bijou	<b>Container 1.14-15</b>
Fisher, Perkins D., and May [Hillman?]	<b>Container 1.16</b>
Fox, Charles K.	<b>Container 1.17-19</b>
Fox, Emily	<b>Container 1.20</b>
Fox, George L.	<b>Container 1.21, 2.1-10</b>
French, Eva	<b>Container 2.11</b>
Germon, Green C.	<b>Container 2.12</b>
Gilbert, John	<b>Container 2.13</b>
Hackett, J. H.	<b>Container 2.14</b>
[Hillman?], May -- see Fisher, Perkins D.	<b>Container</b>

Howard, [Caroline Emily Fox]	<b>Container 2.15-16</b>
Howard, Cordelia	<b>Container 2.17-18</b>
Howard, George C.	<b>Container 2.19</b>
Jefferson, Joseph	<b>Container 2.20</b>
Jones, Mrs. W. G. (Julia A. Deane)	<b>Container 2.21</b>
Kunkel, George	<b>Container 2.22</b>
Lackaye, Wilton	<b>Container 3.1</b>
Lemoyne, William	<b>Container 3.2</b>
McVicker, J. H.	<b>Container 3.3</b>
Mellville, Rose	<b>Container 3.4</b>
Prior, Mrs. J[ames] J. (Louisa Young)	<b>Container 3.5</b>
Prior, Lula	<b>Container 3.6</b>
Raymond, Maude	<b>Container 3.7</b>
Rigl, Emily	<b>Container 3.8</b>
Roberts, Theodore	<b>Container 3.9</b>
Sanford, Sam	<b>Container 3.10</b>
Shannon, Effie	<b>Container 3.11</b>
Stone, Fred, and Eddie Stone	<b>Container 3.12</b>
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	<b>Container 3.13</b>
Sullivan, John L.	<b>Container 3.14</b>
Taliaferro, Mabel	<b>Container 3.15</b>
Tanguay, Eva	<b>Container 3.16</b>
Taylor, Laurette	<b>Container 3.17</b>
Templeton, Faye	<b>Container 3.18</b>
Thompson, Denman	<b>Container 3.19</b>

Thorne, Edwin F.	<b>Container 4.1</b>
Warren, William	<b>Container 4.2</b>
Webber, Carrie	<b>Container 4.3</b>
Yeamans, Jennie	<b>Container 4.4</b>
Young, Louisa -- see Prior, Mrs. J[ames] J.	<b>Container</b>
Composite photo album	<b>Container 4.5</b>
Unidentified, undated	<b>Container 4.6</b>

**Series II. Other Materials, 1825-1946**Subseries A. *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, 1851-1946

## Clippings

1901-1946, undated **Container 5.1**1907-1915 **Container 5.2**1927, *The Deutsch-Amerika Illustrated Weekly* **Container 5.3***The Theatre Magazine*, undated **Container 5.4**1881-1936, undated **Container 5.5**1901-1945, undated **Container osf 1**Correspondence and other manuscript items **Container 5.6**

## Prints

circa 1852-1855, undated **Container 5.7**circa 1852-1855, undated **Container osf 2**Production photograph, undated **Container 5.8**

## Programs and playbills

1853-1869 **Container 5.9**1870-1879 **Container 5.10**1878 **Container 5.11**1880-1898 **Container 5.12**1901-1933 **Container 5.13**1851-1900, undated **Container osf 3**1852-1900, undated **Container osf 4**1853-1880, undated **Container osf 5**

## Posters

undated	<b>Container</b> osf 6-7
Posters and collage of mounted photographs, undated	<b>Container</b> osf 8
Published items	
Special theatre edition	<b>Container</b> 6.1
Miss Kate Riddell's Jubilee Songster	<b>Container</b> 6.2
Lacy's acting edition	<b>Container</b> 6.3
Sheet music	<b>Container</b> 6.4-5
Miscellaneous	<b>Container</b> 6.6
Subseries B. George L. Fox, 1825-1877	
Prints and photographs, 1825-1877, undated	<b>Container</b> 6.7-10
Programs and playbills, 1872-1873	<b>Container</b> 6.11