



Dr. Brown's Ladies Band and Orchestra Collection (K1094)

Collection Number: K1094

Collection Title: Dr. Brown's Ladies Band and Orchestra Collection

Dates: 1894, 1913

Creator: Brown, Jesse J., 1866-1949

Abstract: The Dr. Brown's Ladies Band and Orchestra Collection contains a concert program, three negatives of posters, and two oversize posters featuring the band and orchestra in Plattsburg and Macon, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.03 cubic foot
(2 folders, 1 oversize folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Jesse J. Brown was born in 1866 and lived most of his life in Macon, Missouri. Sometime in the late 1880s or early 1890s, he established a dental practice in the town and operated the practice until his retirement in 1949. That same year he moved to Denver, Colorado, to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and grandson.

In addition to his dental practice, Brown was a member of the Macon Presbyterian Church in Macon, Missouri, where he served as an elder and led a Sunday school orchestra. The Sunday school orchestra was primarily organized to teach children how to read music. Macon's Brass Band and Dr. Brown's Ladies Bands and Orchestra were an outgrowth from the Sunday school orchestra. These bands, as well as numerous others he directed over the years, were primarily composed of young people. Brown's bands and orchestras were often booked at several local and statewide events, as well as, family gatherings and private parties. He took several of his bands and orchestras to the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia, Missouri, and to the Priests of Pallas parades held in Kansas City, Missouri.

Brown passed away on December 6, 1949, and is buried beside his wife, Rilla S. Brown, at Oakwood Cemetery in Macon, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into three folders. Materials within those folders have been arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

Dr. Brown's Ladies Band and Orchestra Collection consist of three folders. Folder one contains a program for a concert held at the McGee College Chapel featuring Dr. Brown's Orchestra. The concert was held on December 7, 1894. Folder two contains three negative images of the oversize posters housed in folder three. Note that there are two negatives for the 1913 poster. Lastly, folder three contains two oversize posters. One poster features Dr. Brown's Ladies Band at the 10th Annual Chautauqua held in Plattsburg, Missouri, August 21-29, 1913. The second poster features a collage of images pertaining to Dr. Brown's Ladies Band and Orchestra at Macon, Missouri. This poster is undated.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Concert program, 1894
	f. 2	Negatives, 1913, no date
Box 002	f. 3	Oversize posters, 1913, no date

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Brown, Jesse J., 1866-1949	1-3	Yes
Orchestra	1-3	Yes
Women's bands (Music)	1-3	Yes