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## Finding Aid for the JAMES FOLEY COLLECTION

Acc No.: xx-080  
Future Additions Expected: No  
Collection Dates: 1904-1994  
Finding Aid creation: December 14, 2016  
Size: 2 linear feet (3 boxes and 3 slide trays)

### Abstract

The James Foley Collection comprises material collected and created by James Foley. Mr. Foley was a theatre historian and THS member, the material in the collection is primarily from the Midwest and east coast regions. The collection includes photographic slides, newspaper clippings, objects, books, programs, and other such ephemera.

### Background Information

James Foley (1918-2004) spent most of his adult life working in theatres with much of that time spent at the Onondaga County War Memorial in Syracuse, NY. Additionally he was an active THS member serving as a regional director and recognized as the 1978 member of the year award for his work saving the State Theatre in Syracuse, NY. When the RKO theatre in Syracuse was torn down James worked with a group of people to rescue and re-home material from the theatre including the Wurlitzer which was relocated to the Art & Home Center in the New York State Fairgrounds. He was a collector of theatre memorabilia. After his passing Mr. Foley's collection was given to then THS Board President Karen Colizzi Noonan who in turn donated it to THS.

### Scope and Contents Note

The collection consists of three boxes divided into three series based on format of materials, documents and 3-dimensional objects, photographic slides, and books. The documents include photographic prints, programs, newspaper clippings, a scrapbook, equipment catalogs, magazines, VHS tapes, correspondence, and theatre information. Three-dimensional objects include a theatre uniform, and assorted small electrical plugs and light covers. The collection contains 661 35mm color slides stored in 3 trays. Additionally there are 6 books in the material that Mr. Foley donated. These books have been included in this inventory but are stored in the THS library.

The slides in the collection are centered on theatres of cities in New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana. Additional coverage includes Florida, California, Washington DC, Boston, Wisconsin, and Georgia. The documents are more broad in their scope and include international holdings.

**Other materials in the Theatre Historical Society holdings may relate to the topics in this archive. Consult the archivist for further research assistance.**

## CONTENTS LISTING

<b><u>Documents - Folder Title</u></b>	<b><u>Folder ID</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
CA-San Francisco-Fox - Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-001	3 black & white photographs: 7.5x9.5" ; 1 color photograph 10x12"
Chicago Street View - Photograph	JF-xx-080-1-002	1 black & white photograph - 6.5x10" and a four frame photo negative film strip.
Cleveland, OH - Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-003	6 black & white photographs - 8x10"
Conclave Group Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-004	4 color photographs: 3 - 8x10" ; 1 - 8x12"
Correspondence	JF-xx-080-1-005	1 color postcard and 7 8.5x11" pages of typed correspondence.
Equipment Catalogs & Seating Diagrams	JF-xx-080-1-006	1 - illustrated catalog - 62 pages with 23 pages having been clipped out. 21cm 1 - 160 page magazine featuring illustrations of seating charts. 16cm 1 - folder with portions of 2 equipment catalogs and 1 brochure taped into the folder. Folder is 24cm at
Gladson Indy Conclave Plans	JF-xx-080-1-007	1 folder of documents
Motion Picture News	JF-xx-080-1-008	1 compiled volume
Mounted Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-009	3 color photographs: 2 - 8x10" ; 17.5x9.75" ; 1 black & white photograph - 8x10"
New York Theatres - Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-010	5 black & white photographic prints measuring 3.5"x5" ; 1 measuring 5"x7" ; 4 measuring 8"x10"
NY-Rochester-Eastman - Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-011	23 black & white photographs: 5 - 6.75x10.25" ; 2 - 8x10" ; 12 - 4.5x7" ; 4 - 3.25x5.25"
NY-Troy-Proctor's 4th Street - Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-012	11 black & white photographs: 8x10"
Newspaper Clippings	JF-xx-080-1-013	1 folder of documents
Newsletters & Serialized Publications	JF-xx-080-1-014	9 individual publications from various sources. All are illustrated.
Original Collection Inventory	JF-xx-080-1-015	1 folder of documents
People - photographs	JF-xx-080-1-016	3 black & white photographs: 8x10"
Printed Theatre Profiles & Material	JF-xx-080-1-017	1 folder of documents
Programs & Commemorative Publications 1 of 2	JF-xx-080-1-018	15 programs or commemorative publications
Programs & Commemorative Publications 2 of 2	JF-xx-080-1-019	5 programs or commemorative publications
Radio City Music Hall Specifications	JF-xx-080-1-020	44 photocopied pages printed on 8.5x14" paper.
Scrapbook Pages	JF-xx-080-1-021	7 black & white photographs: 3.25x3.25"
Theatre Ephemera	JF-xx-080-1-022	7" phonograph record ; 1 envelope ; business card ; brochure measuring 10x5" ; 3 copies of illustrated stationary/advertisement 9x12"

		; promotional pass 3x4.5"
THS Publications and Reprints	JF-xx-080-1-023	1 single sheet tri-fold brochure printed on 8.5x11" paper measuring 10cm, ill. 1 sixteen page packet typed and photocopied on 8x11.75" paper 3 special edition THS publications 8.5x11" all containing illustrations and do not contain page numbers (except Ar
Unidentified Theatre Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-024	5 black & white images: 4 - 8x10" ; 1 - 6.5x8.25"
van Dijk Pace Westlake Portfolio	JF-xx-080-1-025	8.5x11" spiral bound portfolio. Contains black & whit and color images
Washington DC - Photographs	JF-xx-080-1-026	7 black & white photographs: 4 - 8x10" ; 2 - 3.5x5" ; 1 - 6.5x8"
White Cargo Promotional Material	JF-xx-080-1-027	One postcard and 14 pages of promotional material, 9x12", illustrated
Movie Palace Memories scrapbook	JF-xx-080-1-028	Scrapbook contains 37 pages of clippings (including 2 pages of stand alone images). The scrapbook itself is 11.25"x12", the clippings are approximately 8"x11".
NY-NYC-MAN-Radio City Music Hall Pictorial Booklet	JF-xx-080-1-029	20 page booklet featuring color and b&w photographs. The booklet measures 10.5"x14" and has one fold out page that measures 10.5"x21"
NY-NYC-MAN-Roxy stage photos	JF-xx-080-1-030	Two 11"x14" b&w photographs
RI-Providence-Ocean State article	JF-xx-080-1-031	Newspaper magazine containing a seven page article on the Ocean State theatre featuring color and b&w photographs. A second article on movie palaces runs two pages. The magazine is on newsprint, measures 11"x12.5", and runs a total of 40 pages.
<b><u>Object Title</u></b>	<b><u>Object ID</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
VHS Tapes - Theatre Features	JF-xx-080-1-038	VHS tape - run time 16 minutes
Loew's Candy Counter Uniform	JF-xx-080-1-039	32" in length (measured along the back seam) by 25" wide (sleeve to sleeve)
Pilot Light Bulb Cover	JF-xx-080-1-040	Pilot light bulb cover measures 3.75" in length by 1.5" in diameter.
Stage Lighting Panel Indicator Light	JF-xx-080-1-041	Indicator light measures 4.5" in length by 1.75" in diameter.
Paddle Plug	JF-xx-080-1-042	Plug measures 5.25" in height by 3" by 2"
<b><u>Slide Folder Title</u></b>	<b><u>Folder ID</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
CA-Pasadena-Crown - slide	JF-xx-080-2-001	1 - 35mm photographic slide
CA-San Francisco-Fox - slides	JF-xx-080-2-002	22 - 35mm photographic slides
DC-Washington DC-Capitol - slides	JF-xx-080-2-003	34 - 35mm photographic slides
FL-Key West-Strand - slides	JF-xx-080-2-004	2 - 35mm photographic slides

FL-Key West-Monroe - slide	JF-xx-080-2-005	1 - 35mm photographic slide
FL-Key West-San Carlos - slides	JF-xx-080-2-006	4 - 35mm photographic slides
GA-Atlanta-Fox - slides	JF-xx-080-2-007	14 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Avalon - slides	JF-xx-080-2-008	7 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Avalon Model - slide	JF-xx-080-2-009	1 - 35mm photographic slide
IL-Chicago-Chicago - slides	JF-xx-080-2-010	31 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Garrick - slide	JF-xx-080-2-011	1 - 35mm photographic slide
IL-Chicago-Granada - slides	JF-xx-080-2-012	14 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-McCormick/Iris - slides	JF-xx-080-2-013	8 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Oriental - slides	JF-xx-080-2-014	40 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Palace/Bismark Hotel - slides	JF-xx-080-2-015	15 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Riviera - slides	JF-xx-080-2-016	4 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Roosevelt - slides	JF-xx-080-2-017	10 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Star & Garter - slides	JF-xx-080-2-018	11 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-State Lake - slides	JF-xx-080-2-019	15 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Street Views - slides	JF-xx-080-2-020	30 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-United Artist - slides	JF-xx-080-2-021	17 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Chicago-Uptown - slides	JF-xx-080-2-022	16 - 35mm photographic slides
IL-Rockford-Coronado - slides	JF-xx-080-2-023	8 - 35mm photographic slides
IN-Indianapolis-Circle - slide	JF-xx-080-2-024	1 - 35mm photographic slide
IN-Indianapolis-Fountain Square - slides	JF-xx-080-2-025	3 - 35mm photographic slides
IN-Indianapolis-Fox - slides	JF-xx-080-2-026	5 - 35mm photographic slides
IN-Indianapolis-Indiana - slides	JF-xx-080-2-027	6 - 35mm photographic slides
IN-Indianapolis-Palace - slides	JF-xx-080-2-028	7 - 35mm photographic slides
IN-Indianapolis-Ritz - slides	JF-xx-080-2-029	2 - 35mm photographic slides
IN-Indianapolis-Walker - slides	JF-xx-080-2-030	4 - 35mm photographic slides
MA-Boston-Keith Memorial - slides	JF-xx-080-2-031	2 - 35mm photographic slides
MI-Detroit-Detroit Institute of Art - slide	JF-xx-080-2-032	1 - 35mm photographic slide
MI-Detroit-Fisher - slides	JF-xx-080-2-033	8 - 35mm photographic slides
MI-Detroit-Fox - slides	JF-xx-080-2-034	13 - 35mm photographic slides
MI-Detroit-Grand Circus - slides	JF-xx-080-2-035	11 - 35mm photographic slides
MI-Detroit-Madison - slide	JF-xx-080-2-036	1 - 35mm photographic slide
MI-Detroit-Music Hall - slides	JF-xx-080-2-037	8 - 35mm photographic slides
MI-Detroit-National - slide	JF-xx-080-2-038	1 - 35mm photographic slide
MI-Detroit-Palms - slides	JF-xx-080-2-039	2 - 35mm photographic slides
MI-Detroit-Shrine - slides	JF-xx-080-2-040	5 - 35mm photographic slides
MI-Detroit-United Artist - slide	JF-xx-080-2-041	1 - 35mm photographic slide
MI-Detroit-unidentified - slides	JF-xx-080-2-042	7 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Buffalo-Sheas - slides	JF-xx-080-2-043	31 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Canandaigua-Playhouse - slides	JF-xx-080-2-044	15 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Cortland-Shines State - slides	JF-xx-080-2-045	2 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Eastwood-Palace - slides	JF-xx-080-2-046	2 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Geneva-Geneva - slides	JF-xx-080-2-047	2 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Glen Falls-Rialto - slide	JF-xx-080-2-048	1 - 35mm photographic slide
NY-Gloversville-Glove - slides	JF-xx-080-2-049	4 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-NYC-BRK-Kings - slides	JF-xx-080-2-050	26 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-NYC-MAN-Palace & Embassy - slide	JF-xx-080-2-051	1 - 35mm photographic slide

NY-Rochester-Capitol - slide	JF-xx-080-2-052	1 - 35mm photographic slide
NY-Rochester-Eastman - slide	JF-xx-080-2-053	1 - 35mm photographic slide
NY-Rochester-Loews - slides	JF-xx-080-2-054	4 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Rochester-Palace - slides	JF-xx-080-2-055	21 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Rochester-Paramount - slides	JF-xx-080-2-056	2 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Rochester-Regent - slide	JF-xx-080-2-057	1 - 35mm photographic slide
NY-Schenectady-Proctors - slides	JF-xx-080-2-058	9 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Seneca Falls-Opera House - slide	JF-xx-080-2-059	1 - 35mm photographic slide
NY-Syracuse-Eckel - slide	JF-xx-080-2-060	1 - 35mm photographic slide
NY-Syracuse-Empire - slides	JF-xx-080-2-061	3 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Syracuse-street scene - slide	JF-xx-080-2-062	1 - 35mm photographic slide
NY-Syracuse-Wieting Opera House - slides	JF-xx-080-2-063	4 - 35mm photographic slides
NY-Utica-Stanley - slides	JF-xx-080-2-064	27 - 35mm photographic slides
OH-Cleveland-Hipp - slide	JF-xx-080-2-065	1 - 35mm photographic slide
OH-Cleveland-Palace - slides	JF-xx-080-2-066	2 - 35mm photographic slides
OH-Cleveland-Roxy - slide	JF-xx-080-2-067	1 - 35mm photographic slide
OH-Cleveland-street scene - slides	JF-xx-080-2-068	2 - 35mm photographic slides
OH-Columbus-Grand - slide	JF-xx-080-2-069	1 - 35mm photographic slide
OH-Columbus-Ohio - slides	JF-xx-080-2-070	29 - 35mm photographic slides
OH-Columbus-Palace - slide	JF-xx-080-2-071	1 - 35mm photographic slide
WI-Milwaukee-Oriental	JF-xx-080-2-072	8 - 35mm photographic slides
Unidentified - slide	JF-xx-080-2-073	1 - 35mm photographic slide
Conclave Group Pictures - slides	JF-xx-080-2-074	8 - 35mm photographic slides
Circus - slides	JF-xx-080-2-075	14 - 35mm photographic slides
Miscellaneous - non-theatre slides	JF-xx-080-2-076	39 - 35mm photographic slides
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<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Book ID</b>	<b>Description</b>
International Motion Picture Almanac 1939-40	JF-xx-080-1-032	1192 p. : hardcover : 17cm
International Motion Picture Almanac 1948-49	JF-xx-080-1-033	986 p. : hardcover : 16cm
International Motion Picture Almanac 1956	JF-xx-080-1-034	902 p. : hardcover : 16cm
International Motion Picture Almanac 1991	JF-xx-080-1-035	704 p. : hardcover ; 16cm
Culture Under Canvas: the Story of Tent Chautauqua	JF-xx-080-1-036	287 p. : hardcover : 16cm
Gus Hill National Theatre Directory 1914-15	JF-xx-080-1-037	686 p. : hardcover : 16cm
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