

# Birmingham Archives & Heritage

## Source List

### Theatre Royal

The New Theatre or Theatre, was originally founded in 1773/4. It was situated on New Street, in between what are now Ethel and Lower Temple Streets. The theatre attempted to gain royal warrant in 1779, but this failed. A fire occurred in 1792; and the theatre re-opened in 1794. The theatre gained a warrant, and became the Theatre Royal in 1807. A second fire occurred in 1820, and the theatre re-opened 7 months later. In 1902, the theatre was renovated again. In 1956, the theatre was sold to a property developer. A new theatre was planned, but never materialised.

#### Archives:

MS 835	Photograph of the cast of 'Belle of the Skies', with autographs.	1911
MS 1198/24-25	Programmes,	1885, 1905
MS 1449/1	Printed display posters: 'Judith of Geneva', a three-act drama; 'The Moral Philosopher', and 'A Christmas Carol', a three act drama. Sir William Don, comedian, in 'Rob Roy', a musical play, and 'Used Up', a drama. The London Grand Opera Company, presenting 'Bohemian Girl', a three-act opera, & other performances.	May 1844 Nov 1856 Dec 1856
MS 1449/2	Letter from C F Price, Manager, Theatre Royal, to G R Taylor of Sutton Coldfield, thanking him for the opportunity of inspecting the above posters.	
MS 1746/11	Programme for 'So this is London' at the Theatre Royal.	May 1924
IIR 21/ 378723	Diary of Robert H. Littlehales, door attendant of the Theatre Royal. Includes details on performances and box office takings.	1862-1866
IIR 21/ 421317	Sketch of the Theatre Royal by James Billingsley.	c.1882-1928
Lee Crowder 287	Minute book of the 'Old Proprietors'.	1773-1821
Lee Crowder 388	5 Minute books of the new proprietors.	1820-1954

Lee Crowder 389	8 Minute books of the new proprietors.	1820-1954
Lee Crowder 390	Register of proprietors and transfer of shares.	1836-1980
Lee Crowder 391	Rentals of theatre property, 1880-1908	
Lee Crowder 392	'Ledger' (rent accounts, payments, etc)	1793-1900
Lee Crowder 393	Share certificates, 1-200.	1899-1954
Lee Crowder 394	3 cashbooks,	1847,1886,1932
Lee Crowder 395	Nominal ledger.	1899-1916
Lee Crowder 396	Ordinary ledger.	1899-1936
Lee Crowder 397	Directors' attendance book.	1921-1954
Lee Crowder 398	Deed of appointment of new trustees.	1846
Lee Crowder 399	Letter book.	1934-1937
Lee Crowder 400	Directors' reports.	1900-1952
Lee Crowder 401	Deed of association.	1836
Lee Crowder 402	Plans and references to Theatre Royal Property.	1849
Lee Crowder 403	Copy of warrant from the Signet Office to the Privy Seal to issue a warrant to the Lord Chancellor to issue letters patent	1807
Lee Crowder 404	Letters patent of licence.	1807
Lee Crowder 405	Letters patent of licence.	1831
Lee Crowder 406	Letters patent of licence.	1861
Lee Crowder 407	Letters patent of licence.	1874
Lee Crowder 408	5 copies of the Act of Parliament for establishing a theatre in Birmingham.	1807
Lee Crowder 409	4 copies of catalogue of the wardrobe.	1825
Lee Crowder 410	Inventories of the propertities of the Theatre Royal.	1825, 1853
Lee Crowder 411	Abstracts of the title, act, papers etc. Re. the Theatre Royal and adjoining property.	1822-1891
Lee Crowder 412	1 bundle of deeds, certificates, etc. re. title to the Theatre Royal as purchased from the old Proprietary.	1772-1822

Lee Crowder 413	Leases, etc, of the Theatre Royal.	1822-1891
Lee Crowder 414-5	2 bundles of conveyances re: property on New Street. Bills, 1894.	1871-1899
Lee Crowder 416	1 bundle of papers re: insurance of the Theatre Royal.	1842-1897
Lee Crowder 417	1 bundle of lists of proprietors, 1796, 1834, 1847, 1896-1897.	1796-1897
Lee Crowder 418	1 bundle of deeds re. property-forming part of the Theatre Royal site.	1823-1888
Lee Crowder 419	1 bundle of title deeds re. Tamworth theatre mortgaged to the proprietors of the Theatre Royal.	1804-1836
Lee Crowder 420	1 bundle re: deeds of association of the proprietors.	1835-1836
Lee Crowder 421	1 bundle of transfers of shares.	1777-1823
Lee Crowder 422	1 bundle of title deeds re. site purchased from Mr Inge.	1817-1846
Lee Crowder 423	1 bundle of accounts, incidental expenses and general statements.	1890-1898
Lee Crowder 424	1 bundle of contracts to build on land owned by theatre in New Street, Lower Temple Street and Stephenson Street.	1864-1880
Lee Crowder 425	Conveyance, covenant to produce title deeds re. land near the Theatre Royal.	1874
Lee Crowder 426	2 deeds re: property in Queen Street.	1875
Lee Crowder 427	Plans of the Theatre Royal and property belonging to the theatre.	19 <sup>th</sup> century
Lee Crowder 428	4 bundles of agreements for tenancy of properties in New Street, Stephenson Street and Lower Temple Street.	1830-1914
Lee Crowder 429	1 bundle of leases and assignments of the Theatre Royal and the Shakespeare buildings.	1873-1901
Lee Crowder 430	5 bundles of transfers of shares.	1838-1935
Lee Crowder 431	10 bundles of receipts, 1839-1842, 1882-1900.	1839-1900
Lee Crowder 432	1 bundle of draft deeds of covenant whereby legatees become members of the Theatre Royal in respect of shares by them.	1894-1896
Lee Crowder 433	1 bundle of statements of account.	1934-1944

Lee Crowder 434	1 bundle of papers re. meeting to form Proprietary company.	1820
Lee Crowder 435	1 bundle of papers re. letters patent and miscellaneous papers.	1861-1874
Lee Crowder 436	2 bundles of notices to quit and notices to tenants of shops in Stephenson Street and New Street, giving them a few more months before the premises are demolished.	
Lee Crowder 437	1 bundle of misc correspondence re. Theatre Royal.	1836-1909
Lee Crowder 438	1 bundle of transfers of stock to the Theatre Royal.	1836-1909
Lee Crowder 439	1 bundle of correspondence re: the Theatre Royal.	1952-1954
Lee Crowder 440	1 bundle of papers re. the formation of the Birmingham Theatre Royal Estate Company Limited.	1892-1899
Lee Crowder 441	1 bundle of papers re: Drury Lane Theatre.	c.1809-1810
Lee Crowder 442	1 bundle of certified copies of balance sheet and list of shareholders.	1945-1953
Lee Crowder 443	Circulars to the Proprietary with extracts from the deed of Association re. purchase of shares by the committee.	1860
Lee Crowder 444	1 deed re. sale by Old Proprietors to Messrs. Lee, Cope and Barker of the Theatre Royal.	1822
Lee Crowder 445	3 miscellaneous deeds re. Theatre Royal site, Steelhouse Lane and Lowe Street, Bordesley.	1827-1838
Lee Crowder 446	2 Acts of Parliament re. theatres.	1788, 1843
Lee Crowder 447	1 bundle of papers re. valuation of Theatre Royal property.	1896
Lee Crowder 448	3 deeds re. property in New Street.	1873-1878
Lee Crowder 449	3 docs re. property in New Street and Stephenson Street.	c.1878
Lee Crowder 450	2 docs re. property in New Street, Stephenson Street and Lower Temple Street.	1900, 1903
Lee Crowder 451	1 miscellaneous bundle re. Theatre Royal property, etc.	19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> century
Lee Crowder 452	Plan and correspondence re. Theatre Royal property.	1911
Lee Crowder 453	2 bankbooks for Theatre Royal, with Messrs. Lloyds & Co.	1899-1922
Lee Crowder 454	2 photographs of the Shakespeare buildings adjoining the Theatre Royal.	c.1880

Lee Crowder 1025	Memorandum and articles of association of the Theatre Royal Estate Company Limited, with a special resolution.	1899 1935
Lee Crowder 1026	1 bundle of documents and papers re. sale of the Theatre Royal Estate Company Limited, by the Old Proprietors.	1898-1899
Lee Crowder 1027	2 bundles of forms of proxy for special general meeting.	28 March 1899
Lee Crowder 1028	Directors' minute book.	1932-1936
Lee Crowder 1029	1 bundle of directors' reports and statements of accounts. 1914-1916, 1920-1936, 1938-1939, 1942.	1914-1942
Lee Crowder 1030	1 bundle of annual returns of the Birmingham Theatre Royal Estate Company Limited.	1930-1944
Lee Crowder 1031	1 bundle of statements of account with Lloyds Bank.	1930-1939
Lee Crowder 1032	2 accounts sheets.	1898-1900
Lee Crowder 1033	3 Lloyds Bank books.	1936-1944
Lee Crowder 1034	2 rent receipt books, 1895-1900, 1937-1942.	1895-1942
Lee Crowder 1035	1 bundle of correspondence re. income tax and expenses.	1934-1935
Lee Crowder 1036	1 bundle of vouchers.	1934-1941, 1944
Lee Crowder 1037	3 Great Western Railway company reports of directors and financial accounts.	1942-1944
Lee Crowder 1038	3 Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Limited reports, and balance sheets.	1942-1943, 1945
Lee Crowder 1039	4 London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company reports and balance sheets.	1942-1943, 1945
Lee Crowder 1040	1 bundle of applications by Old Company Proprietors for shares in the new Birmingham Theatre Royal Estate Company Limited.	1899
Lee Crowder 1041	1 bundle of correspondence re. purchase of shares by Mr. E V Cope and Mr. O W Thompson, and list of transactions in shares.	1941 1929-1943
Lee Crowder 1042	1 bundle of papers re. legal case, The Birmingham Theatre Royal Estate Company Limited vs. Hayward.	1899-1900
Lee Crowder 1043	11 bundles of documents, papers and plans re. the Theatre Royal and property in New Street, Lower Temple Street and Stephenson Street.	1830-1924
Lee Crowder 1044	1 bundle of correspondence.	1934-1939