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PORTSMOUTH CITY RECORDS OFFICE

<u>165A</u>	<u>PORTSMOUTH THEATRES LTD</u>	
165A/1	COMPANY ADMINISTRATION	
<u>165A/1/1</u>	<u>Articles of Association</u> of Portsmouth Theatres Ltd.	
	1. 20 December 1897	
	2. 12 October 1949	
<u>165A/1/2</u>	<u>Agenda Book</u> for Directors Meetings - with notes on decisions reached	1897-1913
<u>165A/1/3</u>	<u>Share Registers, etc.</u>	
165A/1/3/1	1. Register of Shareholders & Stockholders & Index to Ledgers, arranged alphabetically	n.d. c.1910
	2. Index to Preference Shareholders	n.d. c.1930
165A/1/3/2	Registers of Ordinary & Preference Shareholders with details of Dividends paid	
	1. 31 December 1913 - 30 June 1915	
	2. 30 June 1915 - 30 June 1917	
	3. 30 June 1934 - 31 December 1936	
	4. 31 December 1940 - 31 December 1949	
165A/1/3/3	Seal Book - Register of Documents sealed	1898-1924
165A/1/3/4	Probate Register of Investors	1899-1923
<u>165A/1/4</u>	<u>Financial Records</u> of the three Theatres belonging to Portsmouth Theatres Ltd i.e. Princes Theatre (opened 1891) Theatre Royal (opened 1898) and King's Theatre (opened 1907)	
165A/1/4/1	General Ledger No. 5 - covers all expenses	1915-18

<u>165A/1/4</u>	<u>Financial Records [continued]</u>	
165A/1/4/2	Managing Director's Cash Account Book - labelled "Monthly Accounts" (similar information to above)	1917-19
165A/1/4/3	Invoice Book No. 2 - for maintenance expenses	1907-13
165A/1/4/4	Insurance Policy Book: London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.	1913-18
165A/1/4/5	Summary Cash Books - for all receipts and payments re artistes, maintenance, dividends, etc.	
	1. No. 1 1898-1900	
	2. No. 3 1905-1909	
	3. No. 4 1909-1913	
	4. No. 5 1913-1915	
	5. No. 6 1915-1916	
	6. No. 7 1916-1918	
	7. No. 8 1918-1919	
	8. No. 9 1920-1921	
165A/1/4/6	Petty Cash Book	1911-19
165A/1/4/7	Daily Cash Receipt Books - for tickets, bars and programmes	
	1. No. 1 1898-1910	
	2. No. 2 1911-1918	
	3. No. 3 1919-1921	
<u>165A/1/5</u>	<u>Shows &amp; Publicity of the three Theatres</u>	
	1. Vol. giving alphabetical list of names of shows and date and theatre where performed	1914-29
	2. P(ortsmouth) T(heatre)s' Weekly - free publicity leaflets about shows, Nos 1-3, 5-26	4 June- 30 November 1921

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THEATRE ROYAL

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Daily Cash Receipt Books (for proof that these are Theatre Royal see 165A/2/2) - for tickets, bars and programme sales

1. November 1923 - November 1924
2. November 1924 - October 1926
3. October 1926 - May 1928
4. May 1928 - November 1929
5. December 1929 - June 1931

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Receipt Books for share of tickets sales taken by touring companies

1. April 1924 - February 1926
2. February 1926 - January 1928
3. January 1928 - November 1929

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Theatre Royal seating plans marked to show ticket sales - (plans for 18 performances)

June 1957-  
June 1959

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Daily Receipt Summaries - ticket sales, bars and programmes

1. Loose sheets (6) June - July 1957
2. File January - February 1958
3. File February - May 1958
4. File May - September 1958
5. Loose sheets (37) September - November 1958
6. Loose sheets (28) December 1958 - January 1959

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Posters (8)

n.d.

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Call Book for pantomime "Aladdin" - with note of artistes, their pay, dress, props, etc.

1915-16

165A/2/7Plays

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>State of Text</u>
1.	Alf's Button	W.A.Darlington	Printed
2.	As long as they're happy	-	Printed and stuck in exercise book
3.	Autumn Fire	T.C.Murray	Typescript
4.	A Vote for Mr.Cupid	Rodney Day	"
5.	Dizzy Heights	Charles Whitworth	"
6.	Donkey Serenade	Alison McMaster of Worthing	"
7.	Dorothy	B.C.Stevenson	Printed
8.	Love of Four Colonels	-	Printed and stuck in exercise book
9.	Margin for Terror	Cecil Widows of Southsea	Typescript
10.	My Awful Dad	Charles Mathews	Printed
11.	Night Without Armour	Alan Kennington	Typescript
12.	No Retreat	Reginald Beckwith of London	Typescript
13.	One for the Pot	-	"
14.	Separate Rooms	(?)Joan Ling of London	"
15.	The Amorous Goldfish	Michael Voysey	"
16.	The Browning Version	Terence Rattigan	"
17.	The Dancing Girl	Henry Arthur Jones	Printed
18.	The Old Guard	H.B.Farnie	"
19.	The Sleeping Woman	Herbert W.Cable of Southsea	Typescript
20.	The Young Person in Pink	Gertrude Jennings	Printed
21.	-	-	Printed and stuck in notebook

165A/2/8Correspondence

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Re theatre licence, insurance and rates (29 items)                                                                      | 1957-65                               |
| 2. Re theatre staff wages agreements (7 items)                                                                             | 1942, 1948, 1956-58                   |
| 3. Re possible shows and contracts (28 items)                                                                              | 1942, 1957-59                         |
| 4. Re artistes (169 items)                                                                                                 | 1957-59                               |
| 5. Re music for shows (21 items) with 5 French music magazines                                                             | 1927-9                                |
| 6. Re theatrical dress and props (18 items)                                                                                | 1957-8                                |
| 7. Re projector and screen for films and advertising (82 items)                                                            | 1931-2, 1936, 1939-42, 1945-6, 1957-8 |
| 8. Re publicity for shows (40 items)                                                                                       | 1957-9                                |
| 9. Re printing of tickets and theatre club membership (29 items)                                                           | 1957-59                               |
| 10. Re catering and bars - also trading accounts (22 items)                                                                | 1957-8                                |
| 11. Re central heating (108 items)                                                                                         | 1946-52, 1957                         |
| 12. Re fire damage (35 items)<br>see also 165A(2/8/13-14)                                                                  | August-October 1947                   |
| 13. Re lighting, both stage and theatre - some relate to King's Theatre (73 items) (see also 165A/2/8/12 and 165A/3/4/4-5) | 1944-48, 1950, 1953, 1957             |
| 14. Re carpeting, seating and curtains - some relate to King's Theatre (106 items) (see also 165A/2/8/12 and 165A/3/4/6)   | 1932, 1940, 1946-48, 1951, 1957       |

165A/3 KING'S THEATRE

165A/3/1 Posters

1. February - July 1936 (11 items)
2. January - December 1937 (46 items)
3. January - December 1939 (32 items)
4. March - July 1943 (4 items)
5. January - December 1945 (38 items)
6. February - December 1947 (4 items)

165A/3/2 Contracts for shows (66 items)

December 1934–November  
1936, September 1939–  
December 1942

165A/3/3 Press cutting book (1 vol.)

July 1937–August 1939

165A/3/4 Correspondence

1. Re projector and screen for use  
as cinema (37 items) 1931-32, 1936
2. Re wages agreement for theatre  
staff (10 items) 1942-3
3. Re advertising for theatre shows  
(14 items) 1940-46
4. Re stage and house lighting (81  
items) (see also 165A/2/8/13) 1944-48
5. Re secondary lighting and exit  
boxes at both King's Theatre and  
Theatre Royal (32 items) 1947-48
6. Re furnishing of theatre (21 items) 1946-48

165A/3/5 Portsmouth Evening News (see p24 re future  
of King's Theatre) 30 June 1966

165A/4 MISCELLANEA

- 165A/4/1 Articles of Association of Portsmouth Empire Palace Ltd 17 June 1890
- 165A/4/2 Posters re shows at Empire Theatre, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth (2 items) n.d. c.1940s, c.1950s
- 165A/4/3 Magazine *The Play Pictorial* (5 issues - none dated directly) December 1909  
September 1912, May 1916,  
January 1919, May 1919.
- 165A/4/4 Magazine *The Theatre Managers' Journal*, from 1947 called *The Theatre Industry Journal* (10 issues) February 1945, August 1945  
April 1947, May 1947,  
July 1947, August 1947,  
February 1948, July 1948,  
December 1950, April 1951
- 165A/4/5 Referees' History Book - alphabetical index to referees giving date they did duty, who viewed them at work and their report on referee's performance. Entries all made by one person but no clue given as to where the football games were played ? connected with Portsmouth Football Association 1922-39
- 165A/4/6 Correspondence of James Smith, Boxing and Wrestling Promoter, 2 Highbury Cottage, Prospect Road, Portsmouth (41 items) 1946-48