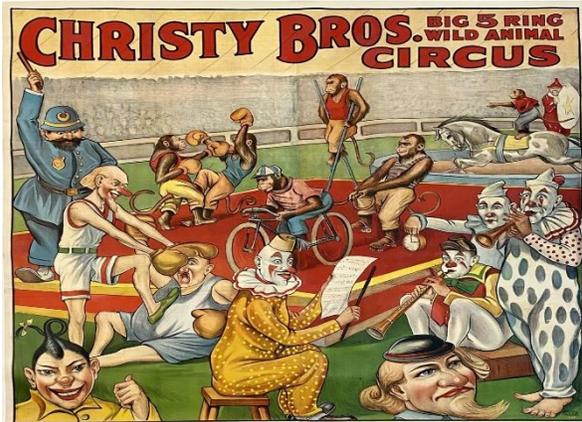
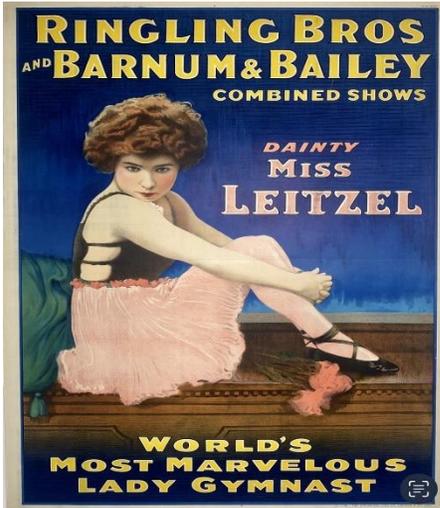


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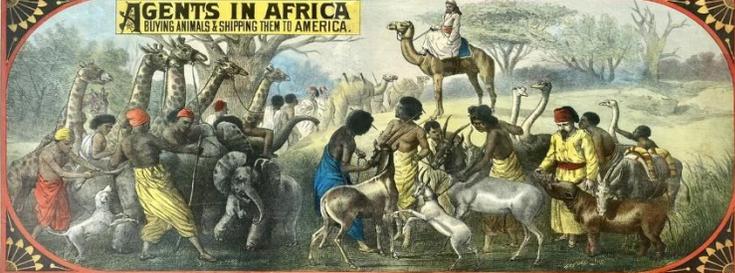
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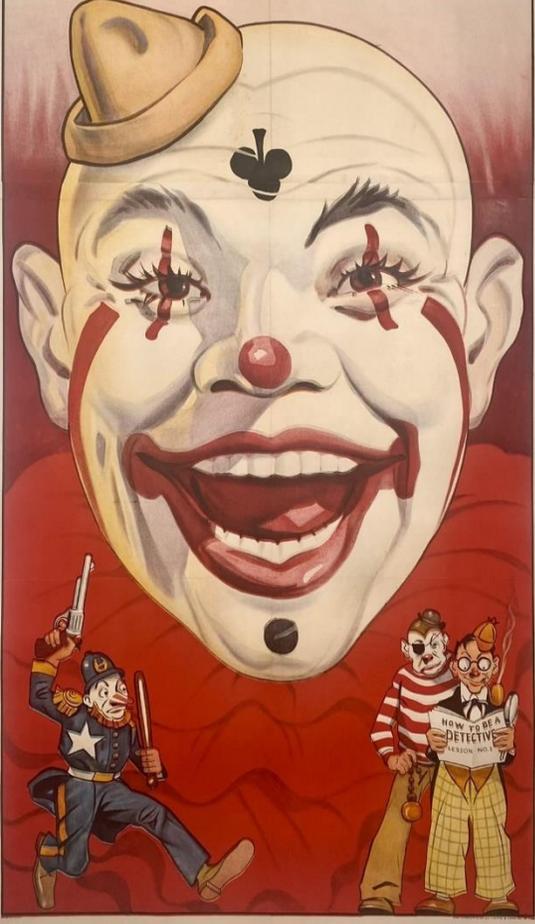
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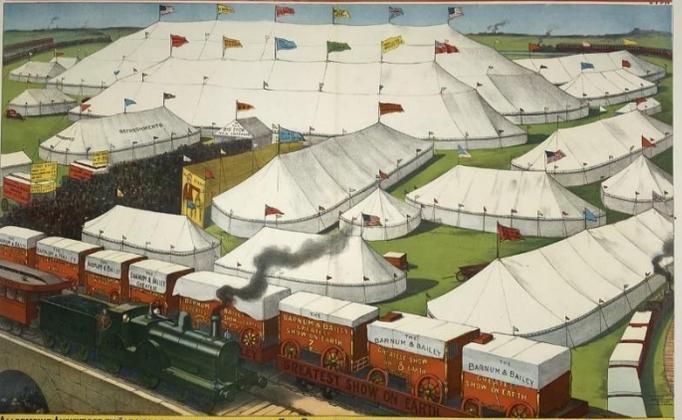
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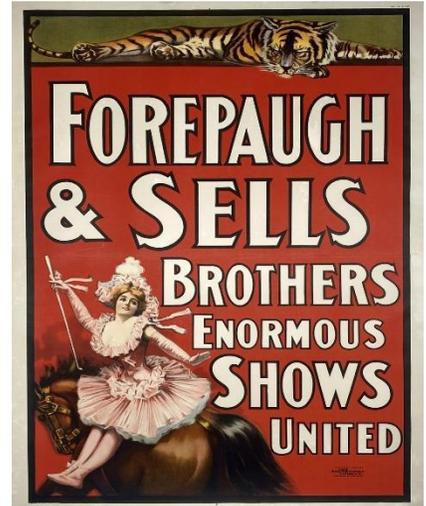
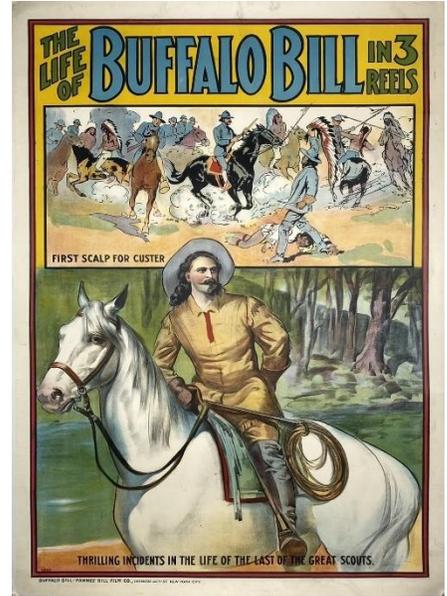
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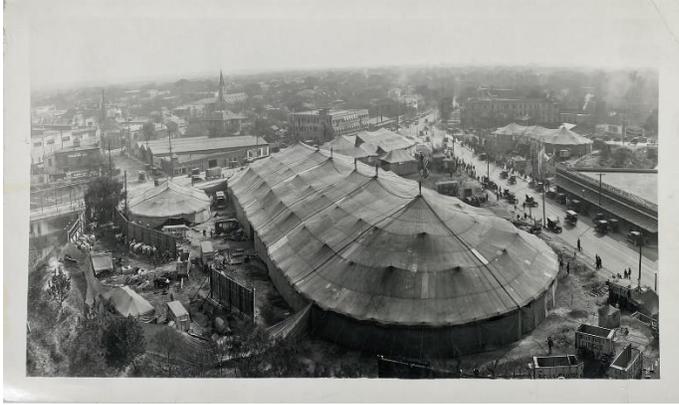


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About the Auction...

The Winter 2023 installment of our Circus Memorabilia Auction offers one of the most diverse collections we have ever presented. A trove of fresh-to-market material has come to us from abandoned storage lockers, forgotten closets and cross-country journeys. Our passion for circus comes



from the basic concept of historical preservation via collecting. We hope you read the foregoing collections summaries which will give you a deeper understanding of the entire assembly presented.

The auction will be presented live online. We will host an auction watch gathering in our gallery. In the past, the assemblage of folks gathered for the auction watch has included historians, archivists, researchers, performers, owners, the public. Tales will be

told and lies swapped. Laughs will be heard for miles and the revelry will be spoken of for some time to come. It is always a fun time for attendees and we invite you to this year's event.

Thanks...

We want to thank you for your interest in our auction. Whether you purchase anything or not, we hope you have enjoyed the catalog and the experience. If you enjoy this genre, we encourage you to join the Circus Historical Society and please visit www.circushistory.org. The organization is dedicated to preserving the rich history of circus.

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JOSEPH BRADBURY

(American, 1921-2002)

Joseph Bradbury was a leading circus historian in the 20th century whose circus photograph archive was used in his research and writings.

A series of nearly 50 fully annotated photograph books will be offered in two parts both here and in our event in the summer of 2023.

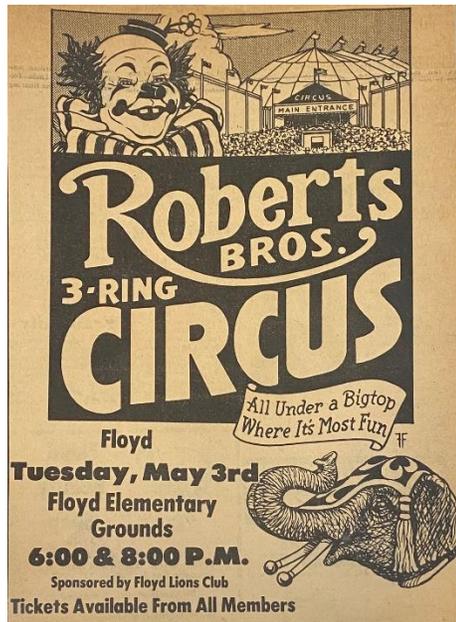
Bradbury's attention to detail and knowledge leave much of the mystery out these beautifully crafted books.

The Ray Family Circus Collection

(20th Century American Circus)

The Ray family has a rich history in the American circus dating back to turn of the century acts by Charles Ray. His son, Mervyn Ray, was part of the original Damm Brothers and later married Gloria. Together the two formed the pair, "Labelle and Ray" and later with the birth of Yvonne, "The Labelle and Ray Trio". Descendants worked the circus all the way into the 2000's. The family focused on Comedy Acts, Sway Pole, Trapeze and Animal Acts. The auction contains wardrobe, photos and scrapbooks of the Ray family.





ROBERTS BROS. – ROBERT G. EARL CIRCUS

(American Circus, 1964 AND 1974-2001)

Robert and Doris Earl, originally the Aerial Earls of the 1950's, opened a one-year show in 1964 and later operated the Roberts Bros. Circus who had a successful 28 year run touring the south and eastern United States.

Among the articles in this auction is wardrobe, photographs, posters and business archive. A special collection of photo albums compiled by Harold Rupp chronicle the beautiful family show over many years on tour.

The Ted Bowman Collection

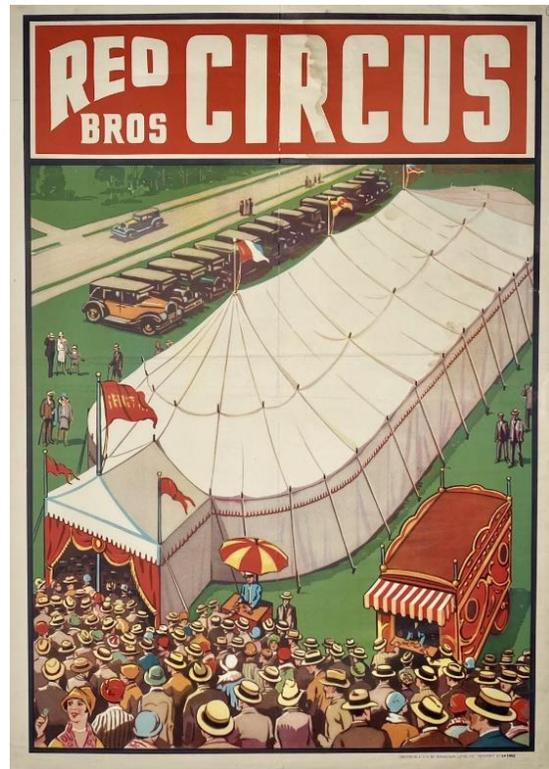
(American, 1927-1999)

Bowman, born in Tulsa, was introduced at a very young age to the circus by his grandmother who made sure he saw all the action including arrival, sideshow, matinee and concert on the grounds.

Bowman joined Terrell Jacobs Wild Animal Circus in 1949 and later connected with the Miller Family of Hugo, spending thirty years on their related shows.

As an avid collector, he enjoyed studying varieties in posters and also the movement of circuses throughout the United States, earning the nickname, "Mr. Routes".

The auction features a selection of Bowman's posters and papers.





ZOPPE FAMILY

David and Susan Zoppe have thrilled audiences as a traveling show doing circuses, revues, fairs and more over the past 60 years. The Zoppe family specialty involved comedy, juggling, balance, Royal Afghan Champions and Monkey acts.

The auction features the entire wardrobe collection including costumes and extensive wardrobe shop materials.

The Duval Family Collection

Estelle (“Stella” and “Babe”) and Ralph “High Pockets” Duval had a long tenure with the American Circus. Estelle joined the circus as a young teenager claiming the Miller Family virtually raised here on the 101 Ranch.

Ralph was active in the Bloomington flyer scene and met Estelle on the Sells-Floto Circus in the 1920’s. Ralph and Estelle were married and later joined forces in aerial acts, animal acts and iron jaw.

The auction features a plethora of photographs and ephemera found in an old circus trunk left abandoned in a storage garage. The Duval story once again proves that you never know where you may find Circus History sleeping, awaiting to be re-discovered.





