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Edith and D. Vernon Tantlinger Collection

Tantlinger, Edith, and D. Vernon Tantlinger (b. 1864). Printed materials, 1903–1936. .50 foot.

Performers. Scrapbooks (1905–1936) and diaries (1903–1912) regarding the Tantlingers' performances in wild west shows, including Buckskin Bill's Historical Wild West Show and the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch Wild West Show.

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Scrapbook:

1. Letter to agent proposing an article on their careers; summarizes their careers, January 18, 1932.
2. Program for a Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Wild West Show, n.d.
3. Indian contract and wage roster between I.X.L. Ranch Wild West Show and Indian show employees, November 15, 1909.
4. Roster of Indian show employees, n.d.
5. Letter from J. C. Miller (101 Ranch) to D.V. Tantlinger regarding business affairs and suggesting a tour east of Mississippi, November 8, 1922.
6. "Lasca," a ballad or poem by F. Desprez Tupedon, and 101 Ranch Letterhead stationery, n.d.
7. Newspaper article and picture of D. V. Tantlinger regarding his shooting expertise on a bicycle, *Los Angeles Times*, "Bike Expert Hails Revival", n.d.
8. Newspaper article about killings in Gulfport, Mississippi with the 101 Ranch Wild West Show, and their relationship to the Tantlingers, "Iowa City Folk Hurt by Tragedy", n.d.
9. Newspaper article about D. V. Tantlinger and his ability with a gun at an advanced age, "69, Man Still Rides, Shoots", June 13, 1933.
10. Newspaper article and picture of D.V. and Edith Tantlinger explaining their friendship with Judge Martin J. Wade and Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Iowa and their feelings for that state; *The Des Moines Capitol*; Sept. 1, 1920; " 'Sandy' was a classmate of Wade and Lowden at S.U.I.; Now He's Major Tantlinger at State Fair".

11. Newspaper picture of Gov. and Mrs. Frank Lowden with D.V. Tantlinger after arriving at the Texas State Fair in the show's stagecoach; *Chicago Daily Tribune*, October 26, 1923.
12. Newspaper clipping recapitulating a *Monroe News* story about the expertise of the Tantlingers at a 101 Ranch Show in Monroe, Louisiana, n.d.
13. Newspaper clippings regarding a successful opening of the I.X.L. Ranch Show at Palermo Chico, Argentina, n.d.
14. Newspaper article regarding the opening of the I.X.L. Ranch Show in Palermo Chico, Argentina, December 21, 1905.
15. Newspaper interview of the Tantlingers explaining the demise of wild west shows, and giving historical background of their careers, "Movies Killed the Wild West Shows", n.d.
16. List of donators to Edith Tantlinger's memorial, kept by Dolly Mott, August 12, 1935.

Photocopied diaries giving accounts of crowds, weather, health, and performances of the tour seasons. The original diaries are located in Locked File Box 12. *Please use photocopies for research.*

Diary #1: April 29, 1903-October 12, 1903 - Cole Younger and Frank James Wild West Show; April 7, 1904 – June 28, 1904 - Buckskin Bill's Historical Wild West Show.

Diary #2: Summer of 1904 after leaving Buckskin Bill's Wild West Show; Carlisle's Wild West Show; Tantlinger's Wild West Show with Cosmopolitan Amusement Co.; May 11 – October 21, 1908 - Miller Bros. 101 Ranch Wild West Show.

Diary #3: November 4 - December 11, 1908 - Mexico Tour; April 12 – July 19, 1909 - 101 Ranch Wild West Show; December 11 – December 27, 1909 - Mexico Tour.

Diary #4: Dance routine for mule act, April 24 - November 14, 1912 - on tour.

See also the Tantlinger Photograph Collection