

**C DIDA                      Theatre Programmes and Souvenir booklets      1907-1954**

**Accession number:** 10/73

**Historical Background/Biographical Background:** Hull Amateur Operatic Society was founded in 1897. The Grand Opera House and Theatre opened in 1893 on George Street and in 1930 became a cinema. The Hull New Theatre's origins began 1924 with the Hull Repertory Company, who performed in the Little Theatre, a converted lecture theatre. In 1961, Hull City Council took over the theatre after some difficult financial times. For a more detailed history see the Hull New Theatre's webpage at <http://www.hullcc.gov.uk>

**Custodial history:** Found in a box of items purchased by the depositor some years ago. 2 copies of the Haltemprice Urban District Council Coronation Celebrations Programme have been passed to the Local Studies Collection

**Description:** Merrie England by Hull Amateur Operatic Society; The Prisoner of Zenda at the Grand Theatre Hull; The Return of Sherlock Holmes at the Grand Theatre, Hull; 21 Years of Management with the Little and New Theatres, Hull

**Extent:** 4 items

**Related material:** More programmes can be found at L DBHR/3/1 and C DMX/280. At L.782.8 can be found publicity posters and leaflets as well as programmes. Plans for many theatres can be found under the reference C TAB/CB

**Access conditions:** Access will be granted to any accredited reader

C DIDA/1	Merrie England by Hull Amateur Operatic Society 1 item	9-14 Dec 1904
C DIDA/2	The Return of Sherlock Holmes at the Grand Theatre, Hull A B.A. Mayer presentation 1 item	10 Mar 1924
C DIDA/3	The Prisoner of Zenda at the Grand Theatre Hull Produced by Muarray Carrington 1 item	26 May 1924
C DIDA/4	21 Years of Management with the Little and New Theatres, Hull 1 item	1954