

WALTER BROWN LEONARD SCRAPBOOKS

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Walter Brown Leonard.
- Title:** Walter Brown Leonard Scrapbooks.
- Dates:** 1945-1946.
- Abstract:** Walter Brown Leonard first came to Glens Falls in 1885 and had a long career as an entertainer and musician, especially in minstrel shows. The Walter Brown Leonard scrapbooks contain articles written by him in 1945 and 1946 when he was about 85 years old. These articles, many of them in verse, are reminiscences of Leonard's travels around the country as a showman.
- Quantity:** 1 cubic foot (2 boxes, 4 volumes)
- Identification** Archives & Manuscripts: Scrapbooks

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Walter Brown Leonard first came to Glens Falls in 1885 and had a long career as an entertainer and musician, especially with various minstrel shows with which he traveled around the country. He also taught mandolin, banjo, and guitar at the Leonard School of Music in Glens Falls. Walter Brown Leonard died on July 12, 1949, at age 89 years.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The Walter Brown Leonard scrapbooks contain articles written by him in 1945 and 1946. These scrapbooks are reminiscences (many of them in verse) of Leonard's travels as a showman. These reminiscences were written when he was about 85 years of age and were published in newspapers in northern New York State, especially in the *Commercial Advertiser*, Canton.

INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Entertainers—New York (State)
Minstrel shows—New York (State)
Music—Instruction and study—New York (State)—
Glens Falls.
- Places:** Glens Falls (N.Y.)—History—Sources.
- Organizations:** Leonard School of Music (Glens Falls, N.Y.)
- Important People:** Leonard, Walter Brown, 1860-1949.
- Form/Genre:** Scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

- Preferred Citation:** Walter Brown Leonard Scrapbooks,
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.
- Accession Information:** Lent to Crandall Public Library by Walter Brown Leonard.
- Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Albert W. Fowler.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Box 1

Volume 1. Road shows, published in 1945.

Volume 2. Travel, published in 1946.

Box 2

Volume 3. Articles mostly in verse, January-August, 1946.

Volume 4. Articles mostly in verse, beginning August 6, 1946.