

Sauk County Historical Society
Photographic Collection

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Animals, UN1093, horses near Ringling barns in Baraboo
Barnum & Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden, N.Y., UN1125, Elephant act
Barnum & Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden, N.Y., UN1115, horse act
Bears in cage wagon, UN653
Beauty Circus, 13-1989H4
Bell Wagon, UN52
Circus Performers, 2-2002DB, tall man & short man
Cook Wagon, 1-1998E, Ringling Bros. in Baraboo, corner Rosaline & Water in front paint shop
Elephant Ring, 182-2006-3, in Ringlingville, donated by Ellen M. Blevins, Loganville, GA
Elephant Pyramid, 182-2006-2, in Ringlingville, donated by Ellen M. Blevins, Loganville, GA
Elephants in Baraboo, UN652, on Ash St., school & Peck home in background
Elephants in Baraboo, 2-2002BT
Elephants in Madison, 13-1989H2 [M34H2], 1968
Elephants, UN697, c. 1910. elephants at Ringlingville. First St. homes in rear.
Ethel Romalfanger, 2-2003LX, Neg. #43A
Gollmar Circus, CWM Px, c. 1893, Walter S. Gollmar in clown cart; Charles A. Gollmar, arm on trick poney "Minnip"; Fred C. Gollmar & Benj. F. Gollmar, in band. Photo loaned from Circus World Museum, Baraboo.
Horse Yard, 2-2006X, Ringlingville, H.E. Cole photo (A-3)
LaPearl, Harry, 2-2004HN
Lockhart Elephants, 32-2003II, Ringlingville, c. 1910
Maiss, 2-2004HM, 3 performers
Miniature Circus, 45-2003G
Moeller Wagon Shops, CWM Px, church on left now gone, replaced by McGann Furniture.
Gade Fisk Circus of Wonewoc, WI. Photo loaned from Circus World Museum, Baraboo
Paul Luckey, 2-2003LW, Ringmaster, Neg. #5
Performer, 14-1999G2, The "fat lady" performer
Performer, 14-199G3, The "fat lady" performer
Performer, UN698, horse act, poss. Barnum & Bailey Circus at Madison Square Garden, N.Y.
R.R. cars, UN718, near car shops, Ringling Bros.
Ringling Bros. Animals, 16-1942A
Ringling Bros. Animals, 16-1942B
Ringling Bros. Barnum & Baily Circus, 13-1989HB [M34-HB], 1955 midway
Ringling Bros. employees, 7-1963A [B3-33A], 1910, ring stock & trapping crew, Arthur Bartley
Ringling Bros. - Gollmar Bros., 41-1958 [A3-120], bear seated
Ringling Bros. Morris Hotel, UN1123, at Mirror Lake
Ringling Bros., UN669, Parade
Ringling Bros. Performers, UN717
Ringling Bros.- Forepaugh & Sells Circus, 7-1963P [B3-33P], 1911, elephants & circus tents
Ringling Bros.- Forepaugh & Sells Circus, 7-1963O [B3-33O], 1911, riders on horseback
Ringling Bros.- Forepaugh & Sells Circus, 7-1963N [B3-33N], 1911, equestrians, Eddie Rooney, Dennis & Helen.
Ringling Shops, UN483, in Baraboo
Ringlingville, Water St., Baraboo, UN123
Turnour, Millie, 2-2004HL, Aerialist, Ringling Bros. Circus, 1899
Turnour, Millie, 34-2003, aerialist, 1898 [halftone]

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Wahlund & Tekla Trio, 2-2004HK, L-R: age 33, weight 165; age 29, weight 175; age 20, weight 140. Photo by F. Heinisch, N.Y.

Wardrobe, 1-1998G, behind the scenes, clothing spread out on the ground

White, Charlie, UN719, right: in uniform of U.L. Grant, Post G.A.R., New York city, but was better know as Charlie White (see below) the Lion King with Thayer Noyes Circus, also P.T. Barnum. On Left: Charlie White Jr., in same uniform, as a son of veterans camp 50 of ?, Ill.

On 8/9/2013 10:06 AM, Lindberg, Kip A CIV USARMY CHEMICAL SCHL (US) wrote:

Hello, I recently found a listing in your Circus Photo collection for Thayer Noyse UN719, for a photograph of my Great-G- and Great-G-Ggrandfathers, and I thought I would send you some information on them for your file:

“White, Charlie, UN719, right: in uniform of U.L. Grant, Post G.A.R., New York city, but was better know as Charlie White the Lion King with Thayer Noyes Circus, also P.T. Barnum
On Left: Charlie White Jr., in same uniform, as a son of veterans camp 50 of ?, Ill. “

The father, Charles White, was actually Alasco Charles White, who worked for B.T. Barnum and various circuses from 1853 to his death at age 77 in 1909. I've attached his obituary, and several newspaper articles that document his more dramatic work with lion taming(!). He was a Civil War veteran, having served as a sergeant in the 83rd New York Infantry regiment until wounded at the Battle of Antietam, Maryland in September 1862, and then as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 39th New Jersey Infantry from 1864 to the war's end. He was actually a member of the “U.S. Grant GAR Camp #327 in Brooklyn, NY. His wife, son, and at least two daughters were also performers or wardrobe mistresses, as was his stepson.

His son was Charles Henry White, known as “C.H.”, and he also worked for Barnum and other circuses for some time, but spent most of his life working for the railroads, much of it in Galesburg, Illinois. In fact, in your photo, you can see what appears to be a white spot in his left eye, which is the result of a railroad accident that blinded him in that eye. He also lost a finger in another railroad accident. He lived to the age of 97 and died in Fredonia, Kansas. He was a very active traveler right up to his death (his retirement from the railroad got him a “golden pass” allowing him free travel by rail) and he constantly visited friends who still worked for and performed in circuses. He was a founding member of the Circus Historical Society.

Very respectfully,
Kip A. Lindberg
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Winter Quarters, 2-2004AS [32-2003], in Baraboo, c. 1945. Also, Albany, NY at depot