

## **Box list**

**MI.5/18**

### **George Kemp Ltd, Showmen and Exhibitors**

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**The following is a box listing for MI. 5/18 George Kemp Ltd, Showmen and Exhibitors. Formal arrangement and description still to be undertaken.**

**Item list:**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
MI. 5/18/1	14 Apr 1961	Copy press cutting "A Look Around" concerning the history of the family business from the beginnings as travelling showmen to the opening of the Regal in Saltcoats (original with the family)
MI. 5/18/2	c1950s	Copy gallery proofs for autobiographical article by Harry Kemp concerning his family's history as showmen and exhibitors, with particular note of the summer concert parties and variety shows at La Scala, Saltcoats (original with family)
MI. 5/18/3	1951	Copy extracts "Merry Go Round" Organ of the Friendship Circle of Showland Fans, with articles: Fairground Cinemas 1896-1914 Nottingham Goose Fair 1890-1950 President (George) Kemp 1882-1911 Pat Collins, travelling showman (extract with references to President Kemp - originals with family)
MI. 5/18/4	9 Sept 1982	Press cutting "From the soot to ozone, sun and the flicks", Glasgow Herald, concerning Saltcoats' history as a holiday resort and including interview with George Kemp and an account of Saltcoats' cinema history
MI. 5/18/5		Copy photo. Exterior of the Pavilion, Johnstone, as cine-variety, playing boxer "Little Hackenschmidt" in an all comers challenge show. Plus neg
MI. 5/18/6	c1950	Copy photo. Entrance to La Scala, Saltcoats, with President George Kemp and son Harry Kemp (in bowler hat) standing on steps Plus neg
MI. 5/18/7	Dec 1931	Copy photo. Opening Regal cinema, Saltcoats (left to right) - Harry Kemp, Provost Christie and John Fairweather (architect) on stage

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		Plus neg
MI. 5/18/8	c1905	B/W copy postcard. Kemp's "Early Type" travelling shows with organ and portable engine
MI. 5/18/9	1905	B/W Copy postcard. Kemp's early travelling show at Wisbech
MI. 5/18/10	1907	B/W Copy postcard. President Kemp's "Theatre Unique". Organ fronted travelling show with 110 key Marengi Organ. Brand new
MI. 5/18/11	1905	Copy postcard. President Kemp's travelling Bioscope ("Dreamland") show being built at G Orton and Sons, Burton on Trent
MI. 5/18/12	1906	Copy postcards. Two views of President Kemp's "Dreamland" travelling Bioscope show at Wisbech Plus copy neg?
MI. 5/18/13	c1905	Copy postcard. President Kemp's 98 key Marengi Organ used with travelling show
MI. 5/18/14	2 Jan c1926-18 Dec c1926	Roll of posters for the Casino cinema, Saltcoats. Mostly for film programmes, but some for variety shows, including Jan 16 "SEX" June 5 "COCAINE" Series virtually complete Plus photo of one and copy neg
MI. 5/18/15	26 Dec 1927-25 Feb 1929	Roll of posters for the La Scala cinema, Saltcoats, film programmes, some cine-variety. Also "throwaways" for some of the pictures shown. Series virtually complete Plus photos of 2 and copy eng
MI. 5/18/16	1925-27	Roll of posters, mostly for Harry Kemp's "Scotch Broth" variety show at various Scottish and English theatres
MI. 5/18/17	c1926	Large poster "LOCH AND LOMOND" variety duo toured by Harry Kemp with the "Scotch Broth" show
MI. 5/18/18	c1950s	Poster. "Let's Go to the Pictures. Book Now" Regal, Saltcoats

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MI. 5/18/19	1930s	Seating plan for the Regal, Saltcoats
MI. 5/18/20	c1926	Printed programme. Salford Palace Theatre with details of Harry Kemp's "Scotch Broth" revue
MI. 5/18/21	c1926	Printed programme. Harry Kemp's Summer Shows, Concert Hall, Troon
MI. 5/18/22	c1917/18	Copy photo. Exterior of the Pavilion Cinema, Johnstone, with Julian (?) the Tank surrounded by spectators and cast of the variety show running at the cinema. George "President" Kemp (in bowler hat). Standing next to nurse is Harry Kemp.
MI. 5/18/23	1933	Three copy publicity photos of the "Sunny Days" Company during summer variety season at the Barrfields Pavilion, Largs. George West in the centre (wearing tilted tile hat) in views A and B, Renee and Billie(?) Houston in the foreground of view A and Harry Kemp standing at far right view B. Plus negs
MI. 5/18/24	1930s	Copy hand-tinted publicity photo of a concert party on stage at Barrfields Pavilion, Largs. Colour transparency and print B/W dupe negative and contact print
MI. 5/18/25	c1900	Studio photo of "President" Kemp. Also photograph of a woman, possibly his wife
MI. 5/18/26	c1920s	Photo of Harry Kemp at the foot of the Statue of Liberty
MI. 5/18/27	1932	Postcard. Harry Kemp's "Regal Revels", Saltcoats. Members of the troupe grouped for photo at the entrance to Regal Cinema
MI. 5/18/28	July 1924-Nov 1925	La Scala Cinema Petty Expenses cash book
MI. 5/18/29	1931	Press cutting. "Dunoon Council decision challenged", concerning Harry Kemp's leasing of the Municipal Pavilion for 1932

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MI. 5/18/30	Mar 1928	Poster. La Scala's weekly programme including Ardrossan and Saltcoats Players' Balasco Cup entry, "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals"
MI. 5/18/31	1936	Press advert for Harry Kemp's Summer Shows 1936. Centre page spread, Scottish Daily Express
MI. 5/18/32	c1936	Reprint for Daily Record, "Saltcoats for Sunny Smiles". Advert for summer revue with photos of artistes and Harry and George Kemp
MI. 5/18/33	1933	Reprint from Daily Record and Mail, advertising Harry Kemp's "Sunny Joys" revue. Also postcard and photo of cast (Harry Kemp top left)
MI. 5/18/34	c1925	Photo. Charabanc advertising Harry Kemp's Scotch Broth Entertainers, with members of the cast aboard
MI. 5/18/35	c1933	Reprint from Scottish Daily Express, "Whoopee on the Clyde Coast", advert for Harry Kemp's summer revues
MI. 5/18/36	22 May 1937	Largs and Millport Weekly News with published prospectus for the proposed "Cuban" cinema in Sturrock Street, Kilmarnock
MI. 5/18/37	9 July 1937	Dunoon Herald, including advert for cinemas in the town and Kemp's summer show at the Cosy Corner
MI. 5/18/38	c1930s	Handwritten accounts for programmes sold, probably for Kemp's Variety Shows
MI. 5/18/39	c1920s	Harry Kemp's Summer Shows. Wardrobe and properties list for shows playing at Largs
MI. 5/18/40	1932	Set of publicity postcards for Harry Kemp's "Regal Revels", Saltcoats. Members of the troupe grouped at the entrance to the Regal
MI. 5/18/41	1933	Publicity postcard for Harry Kemp's "Sunny Days", Largs, including George West, Alec Finlay, Renee and Billie Houston, Pete Davis and Donald Pears
MI. 5/18/42	1932	Publicity postcards for Harry Kemp's "Sunny Days", Largs. Cast includes George West

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MI. 5/18/43	1932	Publicity postcard for Harry Kemp's "Sunny Joy", Dunoon
MI. 5/18/44	1933	Publicity postcard for Harry Kemp's "Happy Days", Dunoon, with Harry Kemp himself
MI. 5/18/45	1933	Publicity postcard for Harry Kemp's "Jubilee", Largs
MI. 5/18/46	c1930s	Publicity postcard for a Harry Kemp summer show, including Kemp himself
MI. 5/18/47	1933	Publicity postcard for Harry Kemp's "Sunny Days", Largs, with George West, Renee and Billie Houston, and Harry Kemp
MI. 5/18/48	c1920	Two artist's publicity photographs of Renee Houston, both autographed "To Sue"
MI. 5/18/49	June-Sept 1936	Typescript. Records of programmes sold at the Barrfields Pavilion, Largs, for Harry Kemp's summer show
MI. 5/18/50	June 1937	Typescript. Corr from John Menzies and co to Harry Kemp Ltd concerning deliveries of programmes during 1936 Largs summer season
MI. 5/18/51	c1930s	Wages and petty cash statement for the Barrfields Pavilion, Largs, for staff of Harry Kemp's summer shows
MI. 5/18/52	1920s	Artist's publicity photograph of Herbert Cave and Lilian Denton
MI. 5/18/53	1920s	Artist's publicity photograph of Julian Ross, producer
MI. 5/18/54	1920s	Artist's publicity photograph of Sylvia Cecil
MI. 5/18/55	1920s	Artist's publicity photograph of Ina Harris
MI. 5/18/56	1920s	Artist's publicity photograph of Alex Freer, Musical Director
MI. 5/18/57	1920s	Artist's publicity photograph of Jack Portlands

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MI. 5/18/58	1924	Artist's publicity photograph of Walter Jackson
MI. 5/18/59	c1920s	Artist's publicity photograph of Jennie Collings
MI. 5/18/60	c1925-30	Set of artist's publicity photographs of Iris Ross and Jimmie Jerome, and caricature drawing of Jimmie Jerome
MI. 5/18/61	1936	Artist's publicity photograph. Alec Finlay and Rita Andre, Troon summer season, plus neg
MI. 5/18/62	c1920s	Publicity still. Dave Willis and unidentified in sailor costume
MI. 5/18/63	c1920s	Publicity still. Dave Willis in Chaplin costume. Plus neg
MI. 5/18/64	c1920s/30s	Set of misc unidentified publicity photos
MI. 5/18/65	c1920s/30	Set of personal photographs of members of the summer shows' casts relaxing by the sea, including Renee Houston, George West on a pedallo and a group outside the Barrfields Pavilion
MI. 5/18/66	1923	Publicity postcard. The Super de Luxe Pierrots of 1923, La Scala, Saltcoats
MI. 5/18/67	1920s	Publicity postcard. Scotch Broth Entertainers in pierrot costume
MI. 5/18/68	1920s	Publicity postcard. The La Scala entertainers, including the Dinkie Denton Trio
MI. 5/18/69	1931	Publicity postcard. Harry Kemp's "Sunny Joy", Largs
MI. 5/18/70	1930s	Publicity photos - one of Harry Kemp's summer show cast at Largs, including George West and Harry Kemp, plus neg of one
MI. 5/18/71	1934	Publicity photograph. Harry Kemp's "Sunny Skies", New Cosy Corner, Dunoon. Cast in foyer

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MI. 5/18/72	1933	Publicity photo. Harry Kemp's "Happy Days", Dunoon, with Harry Kemp himself
MI. 5/18/73	1933	Publicity photo. Cast of Harry Kemp's "Sunny Days", Largs
MI. 5/18/74	c1920s	Unidentified stage shows. Photos of the cast on stage, including George West and Dave Willis
MI. 5/18/75	1931+1936	Press cuttings reviewing Harry Kemp's summer shows
MI. 5/18/76	1936	Reprint press advert from Scottish Daily Express for Harry Kemp's Summer Shows
MI. 5/18/77	c1930s	Printed programme. Harry Kemp's summer shows, Troon 2 copies
MI. 5/18/78	c1930s	Printed programme. Harry Kemp's summer shows, Troon
MI. 5/18/79	c1930s	Printed programme. Harry Kemp's summer shows, Largs, for July and August
MI. 5/18/80	1920s+1930s	Unused forms for Harry Kemp's summer shows wardrobe and properties and weekly returns
MI. 5/18/81	1928	Caricature drawing by GH McNaughton of the tenor John Hilton
MI. 5/18/82	c1928	Autographed drawing of Dave Willis by Tom Gilfillan (an Ayrshire artist)
MI. 5/18/83	c1927-29	Roll of misc Scottish and English theatre posters, all advertising Kemp's shows, including the Victoria Theatre in Dundee, the Tivoli in Aberdeen and the Beach Pavilion, Saltcoats
MI. 5/18/84	1929	Four large billboard posters: LOCH AND LOMOND LAUGHIN' GAS (no venue) LAUGHIN' GAS (Pavilion, Southport - artwork by Tom Gilfillan). This poster has one quarter missing JOY EXPRESS (Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool)



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MI. 5/18/85	6 Sept 1985	Press cutting "Soap Wrappers", letter to the Glasgow Herald concerning admission to the Casino Picture House, Saltcoats, with soap wrappers
MI. 5/18/86	c1920	Postcard. "The Loch Ness Monster - is this the explanation?" Postcard of the monster with Dave Willis' head being used as the monster's
MI. 5/18/87	c1920	Photo of Dave Willis in fireman's costume
MI. 5/18/88		Photo of Donald Reed, Scottish comedian
MI. 5/18/89	c1930	Theatre programme for Harry Kemp's "Sunny Joy", Gaiety Theatre, Ayr
MI. 5/18/90	1935	Photo and enlargement of the cast for Harry Kemp's "Jubilee", Largs
MI. 5/18/91	1933	Photo of Harry Kemp's "Sunny Joy", Troon
MI. 5/18/92	c1930s	Postcard of Harry Kemp's "Scotch Broth" entertainers taken at the entrance to the Pavilion in Saltcoats
MI. 5/18/93	1934	Publicity postcard of Harry Kemp's "Sunny Days" company at Largs
MI. 5/18/94	1934	Publicity postcard of Harry Kemp's "Sunny Joy" company at Troon
MI. 5/18/95	1935	Publicity postcard of Harry Kemp's "Jubilee" company at Largs 2 copies
MI. 5/18/96	1933	Publicity postcard of Harry Kemp's "Sunny Joy" company at Troon
MI. 5/18/97		Photo of Jack Rowlands, "versatile entertainer"
MI. 5/18/98	c1930	Unidentified stage show. Photo of the cast including George West (centre stage), probably in Dunoon
MI.	c1930	Postcard of Jack Francois on stage at unknown

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5/18/99		venue
MI. 5/18/100	1936	Photo of Joan Valle and George Boon
MI. 5/18/101	c1930s	Photo of Ross and Jerome in action pose
MI. 5/18/102	c1930s	Photo of Manfin and Holbein(?)
MI. 5/18/103	c1930	Publicity postcard of Harry Kemp's "Summertime Show" cast
MI. 5/18/104	c1930	Postcard of Marjorie Clayton
MI. 5/18/105		Studio photos of Wilson, Rogers and Taylor 2 prints
MI. 5/18/106		Studio photos of the Hartley Sisters 2 prints
MI. 5/18/107	c1930	Studio photo of Renee and Billie Houston
MI. 5/18/108	c1920	Family photo with Renee and Billie Houston in centre
MI. 5/18/109	c1930	Publicity postcard featuring Harry Kemp and friends outside La Scala, Saltcoats, including the Dinkie Denton Trio and the Troy Sisters
MI. 5/18/110	c1997	Offprint from the Fairground Mercury with article by Tommy Green on Kemp's fairground and cinema businesses
MI. 5/18/111	1919	PTD. Sheet music for "Scotch Broth Foxtrot" by Reginald Tabbush (autographed). Found in Regal Cinema, Saltcoats. Possibly related to the Scotch Broth cine-variety shows
MI. 5/18/112	1913	Xerox copy extracts from "The World's Fair", on the opening of the La Scala, Saltcoats and George H and Harry Kemp