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# Letters: William Van Lenner and Ida M. Tarbell, February 14, 1941

Van Lenner, William

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CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Feb. 14, 1941

Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am sorry to say I have been unable to find even a mention of Tho. Y. Mears in the Theatre Collection, although I spent considerable time searching. The Collection contains only one playbill for Cleveland in the middle sixties - an Academy of Music playbill, dated Oct. 10, 1864, which gives John Ellsler as manager, Evelyn Evans as stage manager, and R. H. Geary as treasurer. Ellsler and Evans also acted that evening.

Sincerely  
William Van Lennep, Curator

XXXXXXXXXXXX RD 1  
XXXXXXXXXXXX Bethel, Conn.

Dear Mr. Van Lennep:

Thank you for your letter saying that you've not been able to find the name of Thomas Y. Mears in your roster of theatrical men in the 60's. As I think I told you he was in the oil business with Ellsler and John Wilkes Booth. He came from Cleveland. I am asking the Librarian at the Case Library to examine the City Directories for '63 and '64. It may be that his occupation is listed there.

Thanking you sincerely for your kindness in this little matter, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William Van Lennep, Curator  
Harvard College Library  
Cambridge, Mass.