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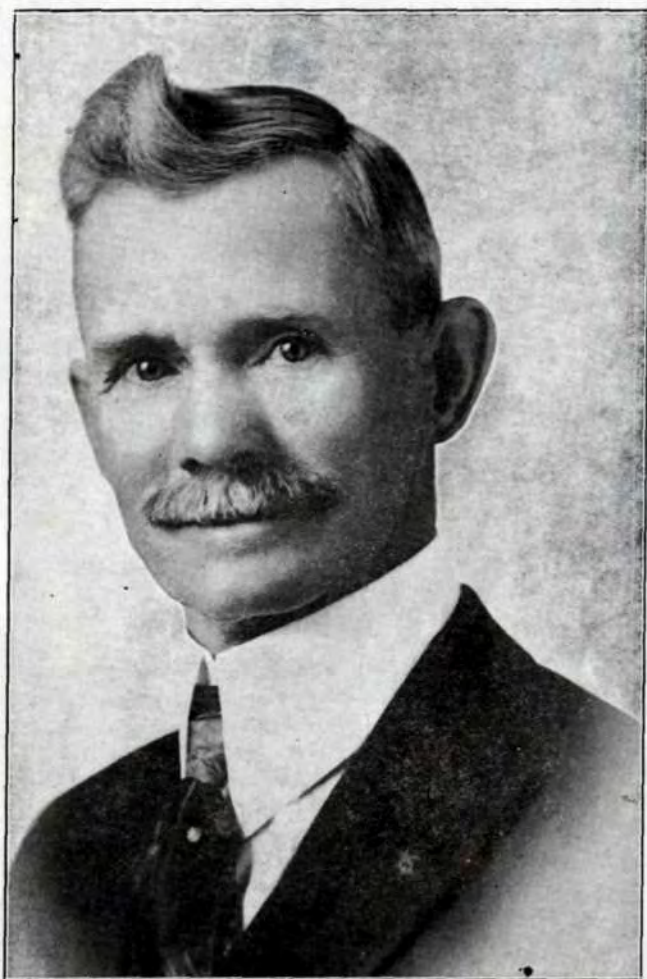
**WALTER L. MAIN CIRCUS**

**SEASON 1920**

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**ANDREW DOWNIE**

**Sole Owner and Manager, Walter L. Main Circus**

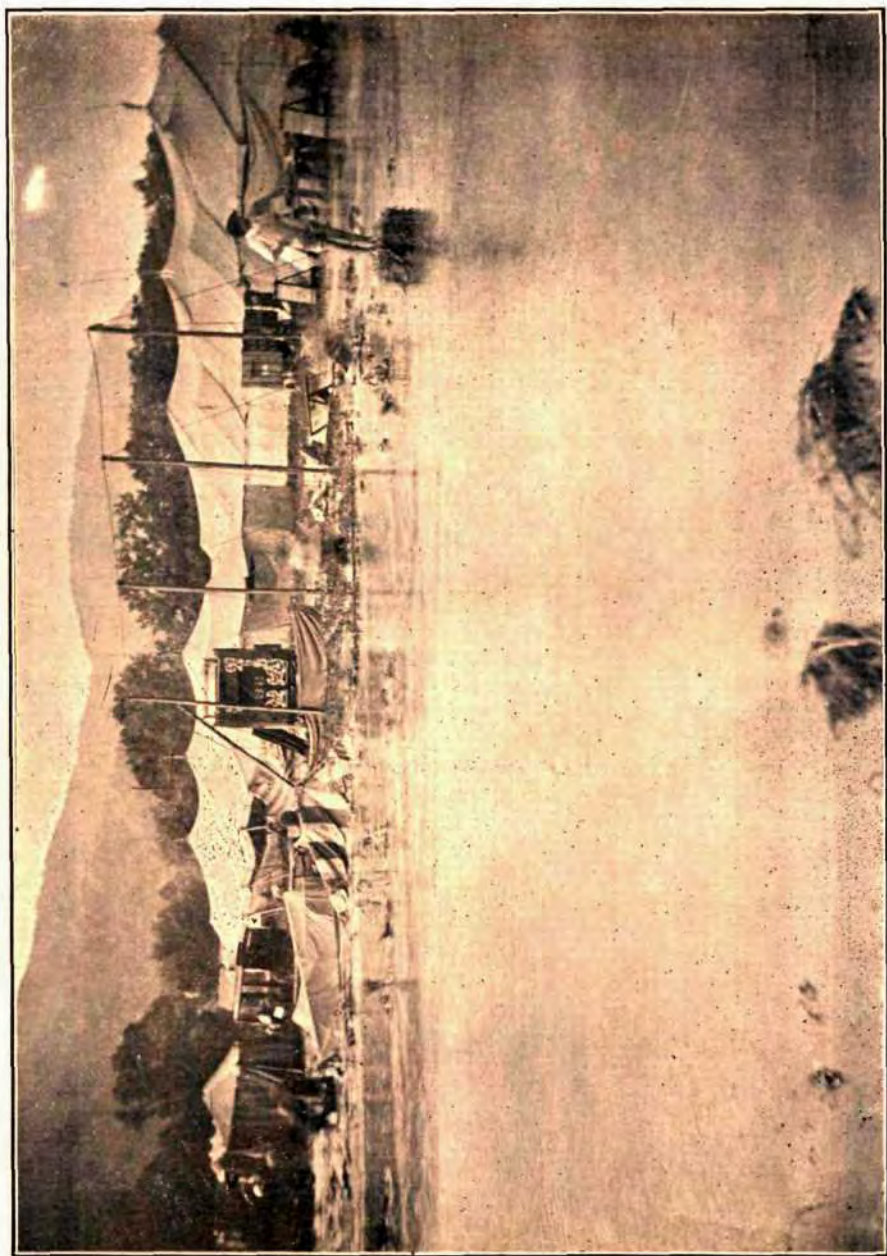
## PREFACE

The season of 1920 has been the most successful of any of Mr. Downie's long experience as a Manager. The Southern trip early in the Spring was a wonderful success, contrary to the predictions of many showmen.

A bad wreck at Front Royal, Va., caused by a misplaced derail switch, demolished two stock cars, killed twelve horses and badly injured several others, but fortunately no lives were lost and only one exhibition stand. At Martin, Tenn. one stock car was wrecked, killing one horse and injuring several. All of this stock was quickly replaced by the purchase of a car load of young horses. At South Pittsburg, Tenn., after the matinee a cloud burst flooded the grounds, but the show was in the next stand on time.

Starting out as a 14 car show and closing with 18, all new cars, Manager Downie has assembled one of the finest equipped shows in the Circus business. Plans already under way for Season of 1921 call for not less than 20 cars, with every indication that it will be larger.

Every one mentioned in this little booklet has contributed in his or her way to the wonderful success of the season.



CLOUDBURST AT SO. PITTSBURG, TENN., SEPT. 14, 1920



WRECK AT FRONT ROYAL, VA., APRIL 20, 1920

# Walter L. Main Circus

Season 1920

## EXECUTIVE STAFF

ANDREW DOWNIE ..... Proprietor and Manager  
F. J. FRINK ..... General Agent and Traffic Manager  
B. G. (Peck) AMSDEN ..... Legal Adjuster

## BUSINESS STAFF

James Heron—Treasurer.  
Gardner Wilson—Secretary  
J. E. Ogden—Manager Annex.  
Fletcher Smith—Special Representative.  
William Gardner—Advertising Manager.  
Josh Billings—Car Manager.  
James M. Beach—Local Contractor.  
Arthur G. Wiseman—Assistant Local Contractor.  
Gardner Wilson—Press Agent, with Show.  
Walter Hayes—Press Agent in Advance.  
E. G. Holland—Twenty-four Hour Agent.  
Jack Wilson—Advertising Banners.  
Wm. Glynn—Physician. Wm. Fletcher—Assistant.

## DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENTS

Herman Griggs—Equestrian Director.  
C. R. Bachtel—Bandmaster.  
Sam Robinson—Superintendent Privileges.  
Jerome Harriman—Superintendent Reserved Seats.  
George Coy—Superintendent Canvas.  
Jack Davis—Superintendent Menagerie.  
W. C. Carmicheal—Superintendent Cook House.  
Dock Williams—Superintendent Side Show Canvas.  
L. W. Marshall—Superintendent Lights.  
H. C. Warren—Superintendent Train.  
Jack Kent—Superintendent Stock.  
Charles Winslow—Superintendent Properties.  
W. H. Hartman—Superintendent Privilege Car.

## BIG SHOW BAND

C. H. Bachtel—Bandmaster	Emmett Kostland—Alto
W. B. Fowler—Cornet	W. C. Burrows—Trombone
Charles Smith—Cornet	W. H. Williams—Trombone
H. J. Ellson—Cornet	Van Lewis—Trombone
Harry Strickler—Clarinet	B. M. Wallace—Baritone
Arthur Crawford—Clarinet	Jack Nadeau—Drums
Sam Snyder—Alto	

## DRESSING ROOM

### Ladies

Eunice De Mott	Beatrice Seabury	Mrs. Geo. Gregorie
Grace Glynn	Mrs. Seabury	Miss Anne Gregorie
Dot Bates	Mrs. Sam Atkinson	Mrs. Bachtel
Mrs. Cowden	Mrs. Grissell	Mrs. Beall
Gladys Seabury	Miss John Davidson	Miss Grace Thomas



## CLOWN BAND

Sam\* Snyder—Director  
Barney Smith—Clarinet  
Henry Baker—Cornet  
Horace Laird—Cornet

Bert Fisher—Trombone  
George Suzuki—Snare Drum  
John Cowden—Bass Drum

## CONCESSION DEPT.

Ralph Somerville—Supt. Charles Langford—Outside Stand  
Miss Sally Hughes—Assistant Supt. Florence Drake—Inside Stand  
Howard Welsh, Wm. Peck—Balloons

**BUTCHERS**—Ralph Somerville, Howard Welsh, Wm. Peck, Chas. Langford.

**CONCESSIONS**—Sam Fink, S. Blotner, Sam Robinson, Maxt Green, Mildred Green, Sam Taylor, Harry Fieldman, Louis Meisel.

## ADVANCE

F. J. Frink—General Agent. Josh Billings—Car Manager.  
James M. Beach and Arthur G. Wiseman—Local Contractors.  
William Falconberry—In charge of paper.  
Joseph Donahue, A. H. Bowers—Lithographers.  
William (Col.) Hancock—Programs. Wilbur Claggett, H. Jackson—Banners  
Wm. Courtright, Fred Bond, Dick Parsons, Raymond Bowers, Geo. Merrill,  
James Smith, G. H. Ingle, B. Lynch—Bill Posters.  
Joshua Brown—Chef.

## PIT SHOWS

### SERPENTINA

John Metz—Owner.  
Ticket Sellers—Roy Boucher, Paul Sherlow.  
Ticket Taker—Walter Shannon.  
Inside—"Serpentina," Belle Mainhood, "Slim Jim," Queen Pearl Midget.

### "ZULA" WHAT IS IT?

James Heron—Owner. Ray Morrison—Manager  
Robert Peasner—Ticket Seller. Marie Heron—Ticket Taker.  
Inside—Lester Jennings, Emery Morris, Charles Parks and "Zula."

## MENAGERIE DEPARTMENT

Jack Davis—Superintendent.  
James Woods, F. Marisselas, William Fletcher—Animal Men.  
Fred Logan, E. H. Zureth, James Woods—Elephant Men.

## DINING CAR

CARMICHEAL & HARTMAN—Managers.  
BALDY CARMICHEAL—Purchasing Agent.  
R. H. HARTMAN—Chef.  
CHAS. NOLAN, F. J. FRIEND, WILLIAM ABLE—Waiters.

## COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT

W. C. Carmicheal—Steward Fred Irving—Assistant Cook  
Floyd Davis, W. Mooney—Crefs Frank Smith—Head Waiter  
John O'Keefe—Second Cook D. Clark—Staff Waiter

### WAITERS

Vest Dunlap  
S. DuPrec  
Will Taylor  
M. Saunders

E. Williams  
J. McKemis  
L. McDuff  
D. Clark

H. Long  
Orrin Allen  
Jos. Beall

### STOCK DEPARTMENT

Jack Kent—Boss Hostler  
Texas Sherman—Assist. Boss Hostler  
J. O'Donnell—8-horse driver  
S. M. McDonough—6-horse driver  
L. Clark—6-horse driver  
E. J. Williams—6-horse driver  
Ed. Wright—4-horse driver  
Michael Streaun—4-horse driver

M. O'Brien—4-horse driver  
H. Wilson—4-horse driver  
P. Stearns—2-horse driver  
R. Saunder—Pull-up team  
H. Hocomb—Pull-over team  
M. J. Flannigan—Blacksmith  
Wallace Irving—Blacksmith helper

### RING STOCK

Johnny Davis ..... Supt. Ring Stock  
Ed. Foster Roy Saunders Jas. Carter

### SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

John Clark—Head Porter  
Charles Pate

Tina Clark—Asst. Porter  
Ed. Morris

### TRAIN DEPARTMENT

H. C. Warren —Train Master  
Harry Abbott—Assistant Train Master  
Joe Welter—Night Watchman

### PROPERTIES

Chas. Winslow—Superintendent.  
Lester Smith, Ralph Yoder, Louis Smith, Jas. Wiley, Francis Tole, F. J. Bowman, Tom Guy, Ed. White, Robt. Peasner.

### BIG TOP

Geo. Coyt—Supt. Steve Roberts, Whitey Malone—Assist. Supts.

Tom Watson, Lee Fisher, Jas. Mitchell, Bid. Peach, King Williams, Andrew Federvitch, Reggie McBroom, Wm. Watson, Mike Novak, Ed. McElroy, Otis Rowan, Jas. Coganio, Will Ingram, Arthur Lyons, Junie Nelson, Charles Smith, By Farland.

Bud Wells—Seat Man  
By Farland—Seat Man  
Carter Hutchinson—Seat Man

Chas. Federvitch—Stake Wagon  
A. Federvitch—Stake Wagon  
Mike Novak—Front Door

# Official Route, Season 1920

## APRIL

17—Havre de Grace, Md. (Winter Quarters)	
SUNDAY	
19—Manassas, Va., Sou.	123
20—Front Royal, Va., Sou. (1 show)	57
21—Woodstock, Va., Sou. (No show account wreck)	24
22—Harrisonburg, Va., Sou.	38
23—Staunton, Va., B. & O.	25
24—Lexington, Va., B. & O.	26
SUNDAY	
26—Buena Vista, Va., C. & O.	10
27—Roanoke, Va., N. & W.	54
28—Rocky Mount, Va., N. & W.	27
29—Martinsville, Va., N. & W.	34
30—Spray, N. C., N. & W. and D. & W.	32

## MAY

1—Danville, Va., D. & W. ....	26
SUNDAY	
3—Greensboro, N. C., Sou.	49
4—Raleigh, N. C., Sou.	81
5—Goldensboro, N. C., Sou.	39
6—Kinston, N. C.—N. S.	27
7—New Bern, N. C.—N. S.	32
8—Greenville, N. C.—N. S.	48
SUNDAY	
10—Wilson, N. C.—N. S.	36
11—Washington, N. C.—N. S.	57
12—Plymouth, N. C.—N. S.	33
13—Edenton, N. C.—N. S.	20
14—Elizabeth City, N. C.—N. S.	28
15—Suffolk, Va.—N. S.	47

## SUNDAY

17—Petersburg, Va.—N. & W.	58
18—Blackstone, Va.—N. & W.	37
19—Farmville, Va.—N. & W.	32
20—Charlottesville, Va.—N. & W. & Sou.	114
21—Basic, Va.—C. & O.	26
22—Shenandoah, Va.—N. & W.	36
SUNDAY	
24—Hagerstown, Md.—N. & W.	107
25—Martinsburg, W. Va.—C. V.	20
26—Waynesboro, Pa.—C. V.	61
28—Shippensburg, Pa.—C. V.	30
28—Millersburg, C. V. & Penna.	67
29—Danville, Pa.—Penna. & D. L. & W.	37

## SUNDAY

31—Bloomsburg, Pa.—D. L. & W.	12
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## JUNE

1—Berwick, Pa.—D. L. & W.	13
2—Pittston, Pa.—D. L. & W.	34
3—Walton, N. Y. D. L. & W. and N. Y. O. & W.	94
4—New Berlin, N. Y.—N. Y. O. & W.	45
5—Oneida, N. Y.—N. Y. O. & W.	91
SUNDAY	
7—Boonville, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	62
8—Carthage, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	40
9—Pulaski, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	52
10—Wolcott, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	51
11—Fulton, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	38
12—Seneca Falls, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	65
SUNDAY	
14—Penn Yan, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	30
15—Newark, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	30
16—Batavia, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	62
17—Lockport, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	51
18—Medina, N. Y.—N. Y. C.	15
19—Westfield, N. Y.—N. Y. C. East and West Lines	98

## SUNDAY

21—Conneaut, O.—N. Y. C.	58
21—Painesville, O.—N. Y. C.	38
23—Oberlin, O.—N. Y. C.	63
24—Norwalk, S.—N. Y. C.	21
25—Fremont, O.—N. Y. C.	28
27—Sandusky, O.—N. Y. C.	67
SUNDAY	
28—Monroe, Mich.—N. Y. C.	77
29—Lapeer, Mich.—M. C.	92
30—Mt. Clemens, Mich.—G. T.	79

## JULY

1—Durand, Mich.—G. T.	116
2—E. Tawas, Mich.—G. T. and D. & M.	114
3—Alpena, Mich.—D. & M.	63
SUNDAY	
5—Onaway, Mich.—D. & M.	26
6—Cheboygan, Mich.—D. & M.	27
7—West Branch, Mich.—M. C. (Matinee Only)	114
8—Midland, Mich.—M. C.	72
9—Clare, Mich.—P. M.	31
10—Frankfort, Mich.—A. A.	113
SUNDAY	
12—Kewaunee, Wis.—A. A. float and G. B. & W.	79
13—Algoma, Wis.—C. B. & W.	27
14—New London, Wis.—G. B. & W.	75

15—Oconto, Wis.—C. & N. W.	71
16—Manitowoc, Wis.—C. & N. W.	66
17—Plymouth, Wis.—C. & N. W.	39

SUNDAY

19—Watertown, Wis.—C. & N. W.	75
20—Ft. Atkinson, Wis.—C. & N. W.	20
21—Waukeshan, Wis.—C. & N. W.	39
22—Whitewater, Wis.—Mil.	30
23—Brodhead, Wis.—Mil.	76
24—Darlington, Wis.—Mil.	48

SUNDAY

26—Plattville, Wis.—Mil.	22
27—Lancaster, Wis.—C. & N. W.	46
28—Dodgeville, Wis.—C. & N. W.	38
29—Evansville, Wis.—C. & N. W.	69
30—Harvard, Ill.—C. & N. W.	45
31—Lake Geneva, Wis.—C. & N. W.	26

AUGUST

2—McHenry, Ill.—C. & N. W.	21
3—Belvidere, Ill.—C. & N. W.	52
4—Rochelle, Ill.—C. & N. W.	42
5—Sandwich, Ill.—C. B. & Q.	65
6—Ottawa, Ill.—C. B. & Q.	44
7—Galva, Ill.—C. B. & Q.	95

SUNDAY

9—Aledo, Ill.—C. B. & Q.	37
10—Monmouth, Ill.—C. B. & Q.	46
11—Macomb, Ill.—C. B. & Q.	39
12—Canton, Ill.—C. B. & Q.	62
13—El Paso, Ill.—I. H. & T. P. & W.	61
14—Fairbury, Ill.—T. P. & W.	27

SUNDAY

16—Gilman, Ill.—T. P. & W.	27
17—Tuscola, Ill.—I. C.	69
18—Effingham, Ill.—I. C.	49
19—Robinson, Ill.—I. C.	47
20—Lawrenceville, Ill.—Big 4	21
21—Mt. Carmel, Ill.—Big 4	24

SUNDAY

23—Eldorado, Ill.—Big 4	57
24—Benton, Ill.—I. C.	31
25—Herrin, Ill.—I. C.	14
26—Murphysboro, Ill.—I. C.	27
27—Anna, Ill.—I. C.	29
28—Fulton, Ky.—I. C.	77

SUNDAY

30—Mayfield, K.—I. C.	23
31—Martin, Tenn.—I. C.	34

SEPTEMBER

1—Hickman, Ky.—N. C. & St. L.	30
2—Huntingdon, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	66
3—Lexington, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	41
4—Waverly, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	60

SUNDAY

6—Dickson, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	25
7—Lebanon, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	72
8—Tullahoma, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	99
9—Sparta, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	60
10—McMinnville, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	26
11—Tracy City, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	71

SUNDAY

13—Whitwell, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	77
14—So. Pittsburg, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.—(one show)	18
15—Winchester, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	48
16—Lewisburg, Tenn.—N. C. & St. L.	63
17—Athens, Ala.—L. & N.	53
18—Cullman, Ala.—L. & N.	46

SUNDAY

20—Ensley, Ala.—L. & N.	52
21—Cordova, Ala.—Sou.	34
22—Fayette—Ala.—Sou.	45
23—Columbus, Miss.—Sou.	43
24—Okolona, Miss.—M. & O.	56
25—Houston, Miss.—M. & O.	19

SUNDAY

27—Louisville, Miss.—G. M. & N.	62
28—Philadelphia, Miss.—G. M. & N.	25
29—Newton, Miss.—G. M. & N.	33
30—Hattiesburg, Miss.—G. M. & N.	119

OCTOBER

1—Wiggins, Miss.—G. & S. I.	36
2—Gulfport, Miss.—G. & S. I.	34

SUNDAY

4—Pascagoula, Miss.—L. & N.	23
5—Bay Minette, Ala.—L. & N.	64
6—Brewton, Ala.—L. & N.	49
7—Greenville, Ala.—L. & N.	62
8—Andalusia, Ala.—L. & N.	43
9—Troy, Ala.—C. of Ga.	54

SUNDAY

11—Union Springs, Ala.—C. of Ga.	30
12—Eufaula, Ala.—C. of Ga.	39
13—Cuthbert, Ga.—C. of Ga.	26
14—Americus, Ga.—C. of Ga.	47
15—Abbeville, Ga.—S. A. L.	59
16—Vidalia, Ga.—S. A. L.	59

SUNDAY

18—Dublin, Ga.—M. D. & S.	39
19—Tennille, Ga.—W. & T.	36
20—Millen, Ga.—C. of Ga.	57
21—Waynesboro, Ga.—C. of Ga.	21
22—Blackville, S. C.—C. of Ga. & Sou.	68
23—Bateoburg, S. C.—Sou.	46

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER

25—Winnsboro, S. C.—Sou.	69	1—Aberdeen, N. C.—S. A. L.	49
26—York, S. C.—Sou.	61	2—Sanford, N. C.—S. A. L.	30
27—Lipcolnton, N. C.—C. & N. W.	41	3—Louisburg, N. C.—S. A. L.	80
28—Monroe, N. C.—S. A. L.	56	4—Warren Plains, N. C.—S. A. L.	44
29—Wadesboro, N. C.—S. A. L.	27	5—Weldon, N. C.—S. A. L.	35
30—Laurinsburg, N. C.—S. A. L.	40	6—Franklin, Va.—S. A. L.	42
		To Port Norfolk—Sou.	40
		To Havre de Grace, Md.,	
		Penna. Float and P. R. R.	242

SUNDAY

Total Mileage 9,055

States visited—16. Season 29 weeks.

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