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BILLY ROSE THEATRE COLLECTION

LUDIE CLAIRE, 1922-  
COLLECTION, 1960-1975

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MAIN ENTRY:	Claire, Ludie, 1922-
TITLE:	Collection, 1960-1975
SIZE:	.4 lin.ft.; 1 box
ACCESS:	Unrestricted
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:	<p>Ludie Claire, actress and writer appeared on stage, film and television since 1947. She studied under the notable Lee Strasberg in New York City from 1938-1940. She appeared on Broadway in <i>THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE</i>, <i>MEDEA</i>, <i>THE COUNTRY WIFE</i> and <i>SILK STOCKINGS</i>, among others. One of her more famous roles was that of "Vinnie" in <i>LIFE WITH FATHER</i> which she played opposite her husband, Laurence Hugo on the stock circuit. She received the Sylvania and Christopher awards for writing the television adaptation of <i>THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY</i>. She died July 3, 1990.</p>
DESCRIPTION:	<p>The Ludie Claire Collection consists of scripts written by her, as well as a promptbook of <i>LIFE WITH FATHER</i>. Clippings from <i>LIFE WITH FATHER</i> are included in the collection. Photographs from the production have been placed in the Theatre Collection Photo Files.</p>
RELATED COLLECTIONS:	<p>Ludie Claire Correspondence is housed in the Billy Rose Theatre Collection (see the Ludie Claire Correspondence finding aid for specific information). There is also a collection of clippings and programs on the careers</p>

of Ludie Claire and Laurence  
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## THE LUDIE CLAIRE COLLECTION INTRODUCTION

The Ludie Claire Collection was sent to the Billy Rose Theatre Collection from the 42nd Street Building in 1989. No information regarding the donor or circumstances of the gift were recorded. Programs and photographs were separated out of the materials and included in the Theatre Collection photograph and program files.

## ARRANGEMENT

The Ludie Claire Collection is arranged in two series:  
They are: I. Scripts; II. Clippings.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ludie Claire, actress and writer, was born Edilou Bailhe, on April 15, 1922 to Georges Laurent and Edith (Nickell) Bailhe in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She studied with Lee Strasberg in New York City, 1938-1940 and married John Claire, director on May 22, 1940.

Ludie Claire has appeared on stage, film and television since 1947. Among her Broadway credits are *THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE*, *MEDEA*, *TOWER BEYOND TRAGEDY*, *DUEL OF ANGELS*, *THE COUNTRY WIFE*, *LEGEND OF LOVERS* and *SILK STOCKINGS*. She played the role of "Vinnie" in the production *LIFE WITH FATHER* opposite her second husband, Laurence Hugo on the stock circuit. She has received the Sylvania and Christopher awards for writing the television adaptation of *THE BRIDGE OF SAN LUIS REY*, by Thornton Wilder, for the *DuPont Show of the Month* in 1958. Ludie Claire died on July 3, 1990.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ludie Claire Collection consists primarily of scripts. Two of the scripts are her own work: *A PARTING GLASS* and *THE 28TH OF JUNE* which is a screenplay of a work by Charles MacArthur of the same name. The third script is her promptbook of *LIFE WITH FATHER*, in which she played the role of "Vinnie". Clippings of her work on this play are also in the collection.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I - Scripts .3 lin. ft.  
arranged alphabetically

This series consists of 3 scripts; two from her career as a writer - *A PARTING GLASS* and *THE 28TH OF JUNE* (screenplay) and one from her acting career, *LIFE WITH FATHER*. The acting script is annotated with blocking notes and her acting notes. The other scripts are unmarked copies.

Series II - Clippings .1 lin. ft.

This consists of one file of clippings related to her role of "Vinnie" in *LIFE WITH FATHER*. The clippings documented her performances both at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the Barter Theatre in Abington, Virginia.

## CONTAINER LISTING

### SERIES I - SCRIPTS

BOX NO. 1 (8-MWEZ + n.c. 21,426)

Folder No.

- 1 Scripts - *A Parting Glass* by Ludie Claire
- 2 *The 28th of June* (screenplay) by Ludie Claire  
from the play by Charles MacArthur
- 3 *Life With Father* (promptbook) by Russel Crouse  
and Howard Lindsay

SERIES II - CLIPPINGS

Folder No.

4      Clippings - *Life With Father*

5                      Miscellaneous Productions