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Guide to the

Louise Snyder papers

1859-1998

*T-Mss 2010-022

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Summary

Creator: Snyder, Louise

Title: Louise Snyder papers

Date: 1859-1998

Size: 2.1 linear feet (6 boxes)

Source: Donated by Unknown, 2013.

Abstract: The Louise Snyder papers contain correspondence, photographs, contracts, family papers, clippings, scripts, financial papers, programs, and personal ephemera documenting her life and career.

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Creator History

Louise Snyder was an actress who performed in regional theater, radio, television, and in *Out of the Frying Pan* on Broadway (1941). She was born March 19, 1920 and died September 19, 2009. Snyder lived in New York City.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains correspondence, photographs, contracts, family papers, programs, scripts, publicity materials, clippings, and personal ephemera. The collection spans from 1859 to 1998.

Correspondence is mostly personal, but also includes letters relating to professional matters. There are

many letters from World War II servicemen from ca. 1940 to 1945. Some letters are grouped by correspondent, one of which is from biographer Lyle Leverich. (Letters from these correspondents may also be found in general correspondence.) Family papers include correspondence and documents for her mother, Mary Snyder (a.k.a. Schneider), and the Wischer and McHugh families.

Also included are personal photographs, some production photographs, a few portraits of Snyder, unidentified family photographs, and some of other performers and people.

There are programs for productions in which Snyder appeared, and other productions. There are also some materials on Wendell Willkie. Contracts for productions include *Abie's Irish Rose*, *Out of the Frying Pan* (1941), and for regional theatres. Also contained is a six-month option from Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation in 1943.

A binder marked *Scenes* contains typed scenes from various plays and loose material. There are also two radio scripts. Publicity materials for *Poor Charlie*, a 1951 television program in which Snyder appeared, are also in the collection. Also included are two caricatures, possibly done by Snyder. Financial papers consist of pay envelopes, receipts and copies of checks. Personal ephemera include certificates, identification cards, resumes, school report cards, a French schoolbook, tickets, as well as booklets on sewing, Los Angeles County, a souvenir book on the Sunset Route and scenic wonders of Arizona (with two loose photographs and a letter inside), and a children's book catalogue.

Arrangement: By format, then alphabetically by folder title.

Key Terms

Occupations

Actresses

Subjects

Actresses -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings (information artifacts)

Contracts

Correspondence

Family papers

Personal papers

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Scripts

Names

Willkie, Wendell L. (Wendell Lewis), 1892-1944

McHugh family

Wischer family

Container List

- b. 6 f. 1 Books, Booklet and Children's Book Catalog 1925-1937
- b. 1 f. 1 Caricatures
- b. 1 f. 2 Clippings ca. 1946-1978
- b. 6 f. 2 Clippings 1940
- b. 1 f. 3-4 Contracts 1938-1947
- Correspondence
- b. 1 f. 5-14 1937-1945
- b. 2 f. 1-5 1946-1997
- b. 2 f. 6 Chuck (Waltman, C.T.) 1941-1942
- b. 2 f. 7 Epstein, Martha ca. 1970s
- b. 2 f. 8 George ca. 1940s
- b. 2 f. 9 Green (Greene, Benson) 1941-1942
- b. 2 f. 10 Leverich, Lyle 1941-1942
- b. 2 f. 11-12 Mulligan, Raymond H 1942
- b. 2 f. 13 Stanley (Tretick, Stanley) 1942-1945
- b. 3 f. 1-2 From Louise Snyder 1943-1975
- b. 3 f. 3-5 To Mary Snyder 1937-1972
- b. 3 f. 6-8 Family Papers 1859-1966
- b. 3 f. 9-10 Financial Papers 1940-1998
- b. 3 f. 11-14 Personal Papers 1920-1979
- Photographs
- b. 4 f. 1-11 Personal 1890s-1960s
- b. 6 f. 3 Personal and Portraits 1920s-1940s
- b. 4 f. 12 Portraits 1920s-1940s
- b. 5 f. 1-2 Production 1940s
- b. 5 f. 3 Programs 1928-ca. 1943
- b. 6 f. 4 *Publicity Materials for Poor Charlie* 1951
- b. 6 f. 5 *Scenes Binder* ca. 1930s
- b. 5 f. 4 Scripts 1946
- b. 6 f. 6 Wendell Willkie Materials 1940