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Jerome Robbins Dance Division

Guide to the

**Nancy Zeckendorf collection on Antony Tudor and Oliver Smith**

1951-2015

(S) \*MGZMD 474

## Summary

**Creator:** Zeckendorf, Nancy

**Title:** Nancy Zeckendorf collection on Antony Tudor and Oliver Smith

**Date:** 1951-2015

**Size:** 0.42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by Nancy Zeckendorf, 2017.

**Abstract:** Nancy Zeckendorf is an arts patron and former Metropolitan Opera ballet dancer. Zeckendorf was a close friend of British choreographer Antony Tudor and one of the trustees of his will. The Nancy Zeckendorf collection on Antony Tudor and Oliver Smith (dating from 1951 to 2015) is comprised of material preserved by Zeckendorf about Tudor; his partner, dancer Hugh Laing; and American scenic designer Oliver Smith. In addition to Tudor's handwritten letters to Zeckendorf, photographs, clippings, and programs, other files contain an official 1986 Kennedy Center Honors book (and event information), papers related to his memorial service, a copy of Laing's will, and a 1988 letter written by Laing to Zeckendorf. The Oliver Smith items consist of a memorial booklet, a copy of "Oliver Smith- An Appreciation" by Lloyd Burlingame, a description of the "Collected Artwork and Papers of Oliver Smith," and a chronology of his work.

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<https://www.nypl.org/about/locations/lpa/requesting-archival-materials>

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Ballet -- 20th century

Theater -- 20th century

### **Occupations**

Choreographers

Dancers

Set designers

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Correspondence

Photographs

### **Names**

Laing, Hugh

Smith, Oliver Lemuel, 1918-1994

Tudor, Antony, 1908-1987

Zeckendorf, Nancy