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Guide to the

**Boucicault Family papers**

1841-1902

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## Summary

**Creator:** Boucicault family

**Title:** Boucicault Family papers

**Date:** 1841-1902

**Size:** .4 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Transfer, Gift, Walsh, Townsend - Papers; George Becks

**Abstract:** Dion Boucicault (1820-1890) was one of the most popular playwrights of his day. Although born in Ireland, he spent many years in the U.S. (from 1853 to 1869 and from 1870 to 1890). He also was a well-known actor and theatrical manager and a key figure in the fight for passage of a copyright law. Agnes Boucicault (1883-1916), his wife, was an actress who played in the U.S. and England. Their son Aubrey Boucicault (1869-1913) was an actor. Collection consists of correspondence of members of the Boucicault family, some family papers, manuscript copy of Dion Boucicault's play *Led Astray*, and notes and fragments of his writings.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Actors

Dramatists

### **Subjects**

Drama -- 19th century

Theater -- United States

### **Names**

Boucicault family

Allen, Viola, 1867-1948

Bancroft, Squire, 1841-1926

Beardsley, Aubrey, 1872-1898

Robertson, Agnes, 1833-1916

Boucicault, Aubrey, 1869-1913

Boucicault, Dion, 1820-1890

Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924

Caine, Hall, Sir, 1853-1931

Dana, Charles A. (Charles Anderson), 1819-1897

Mansfield, Richard, 1857-1907

Russell, Lillian, 1861-1922

Tree, Herbert Beerbohm, Sir, 1852-1917