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Guide to the

Elsie Leslie photographs and memorabilia

1884-1900

*T-Mss 1978-004

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Summary

Creator: Leslie, Elsie, 1881-1966

Title: Elsie Leslie photographs and memorabilia

Date: 1884-1900

Size: .46 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Unknown.

Abstract: Elsie Leslie (1881-1966) was a child actor who was best known for her portrayal of the title character in the original stage production of *Little Lord Fauntleroy* (1888). She was also known for playing the lead roles *Editha's Burglar* (1887) and *The Prince and Pauper* (1890). The Elsie Leslie photographs and memorabilia (1884-1900) mostly relate to her major childhood roles. The collection contains promotional photographs of Leslie; an Elsie Leslie paper doll; a portrait of Leslie by Julian Alden Weir; a drawing of Leslie in *The Prince and the Pauper*; an advertisement for *Little Lord Fauntleroy* stationery; a program for the hundredth performance of *Little Lord Fauntleroy* at the Broadway Theatre; a copy of *The Birds' Christmas Carol*, inscribed with a poem to Leslie by Kate Douglas Wiggin; and various other pieces of memorabilia.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Child actors

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photographs

Names

Burnett, Frances Hodgson, 1849-1924 -- Little Lord Fauntleroy

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-7 Photographs and Memorabilia 1884-1900
- b. 2 f. 1-5 Photographs circa 1888