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Guide to the

Vivian Martin papers

1901-1976

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Summary

Creator: Martin, Vivian, 1893-1987

Title: Vivian Martin papers

Date: 1901-1976

Size: .3 linear feet, (1 box)

Source: Gift, Betty Ivey Martin, 1987

Abstract: Vivian Martin, actress, was born in Michigan, 22 July 1893. She made her stage debut in 1901 in *CYRANO DE BERGERAC* and was then seen in *PETER PAN* and *LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY*. As an adult she acted in numerous Broadway shows and then turned to the cinema where she appeared in silent films for Paramount Pictures. After her marriage to Arthur W. Samuels in 1926, Miss Martin retired from the stage and screen. Vivian Martin died 16 March 1987. The Vivian Martin Papers consist of 53 items including halftones, personal papers, photographs, a programme of *FATHER AND THE BOYS* and a promptbook of *LITTLE LORD FAUNTLEROY*.

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Creator History

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Arrangement: I. Production materials, 1901-1926 (chronological); II. Photographs (topical); and III. Papers 1976 (chronological)

Key Terms

Occupations

Actresses

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photoprints

Prompt books

Subjects

Silent films

Theater -- United States

Names

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