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Guide to the

Papers about Beatrice Lillie

1954-1982

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Summary

Creator: Richard Astor Agency

Title: Papers about Beatrice Lillie

Date: 1954-1982

Source: Gift, Richard Astor Agency, 06/11/1992

Abstract: Beatrice Lillie was an actress and comedian. The Richard Astor Agency managed Ms. Lillie's career from the 1960s through 1982. The collection contains correspondence, contracts and photographs documenting Beatrice Lillie's career during that time and her relationship with the agency. The correspondence is about Beatrice Lillie and various negotiations for roles and appearances.

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Creator History

Beatrice Lillie, stage star, was born in Toronto, Canada on May 29, 1894. Her first appearances on stage were in 1914 in Canada and in England in musical revues. She made her Broadway debut in *Andre Charlot's Revue of 1924*. Miss Lillie's most notable Broadway performances were in *The Seven*

Lively Arts, Inside U. S. A., Ziegfeld Follies of 1957 and High Spirits. She toured the world in *An Evening with Beatrice Lillie* from 1952 to 1956. Miss Lillie appeared in films and on television. She married Sir Robert Peel in 1920. Beatrice Lillie retired to England in 1977. She died January 20, 1989.

Custodial History

The Richard Astor Agency Papers about Beatrice Lillie were donated in June 1992 by the Richard Astor Agency.

Scope and Content Note

The Beatrice Lillie papers consist of clippings, correspondence, contracts and photographs. The collection is primarily from the 1960s and documents her professional life at that time though there is some correspondence from 1970 to 1982. Of special note is the file on the television program *The Pruitts of Southampton* in which she was scheduled to be a regular. This however, was never finalized. There are some photographs in the collection including publicity photographs from her appearance at a charity fundraiser for the Jewish General Hospital in June 1954.

Arrangement: Chronological

Key Terms

Occupations

Comedians

Titles

The Pruitts of Southampton (Television program)

Subjects

Theatrical agents

Names

Richard Astor Agency

Lillie, Beatrice, 1894-1989

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 **Pruitts of Southampton correspondence June-December (1 folder)**
The Pruitts of Southampton (Television program)
Correspondence about Beatrice Lillie starring in a television program entitled The Pruitts of Southampton.
- b. 1 f. 2 **Correspondence about Beatrice Lillie 1966 (1 folder)**
Correspondence to the Richard Astor Agency about roles and appearances for Beatrice Lillie.
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Correspondence to the Richard Astor Agency about roles and appearances for Beatrice Lillie.
- b. 1 f. 8 **Photographs / Beatrice Lillie (1 folder)**
Portraits of Beatrice Lillie. Includes negatives.
- b. 1 f. 9 **Photographs of Beatrice Lillie at Jewish General Hospital June 2, 1954 (1 folder)**
Publicity photographs of Beatrice Lillie at a charity fundraiser.
- b. 1 f. 10 **Publicity photographs / Beatrice Lillie (1 folder)**
Publicity photographs of Beatrice Lillie at various events.
- b. 1 f. 11 **Production photographs featuring Beatrice Lillie (1 folder)**
Production photographs of Beatrice Lillie in various roles.