



The New York Public Library
Billy Rose Theatre Division

Guide to the

Sarah Epstein autograph albums

1936-1939

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Summary

Creator: Epstein, Sarah

Title: Sarah Epstein autograph albums

Date: 1936-1939

Size: 3 v. (1 small box)

Source: NN, NN, WaOLN

Abstract: Sarah Epstein graduated from high school in 1936, and gathered the bulk of these autographs in the three years which followed. Three hardbound autograph albums, each measuring 15 x 10.5 cm., each bearing the word AUTOGRAPHS embossed on its cover. Albums contain mostly the autographs of actors, and also a small number of jazz musicians and singers, as well as schoolmates and family members of Sarah Epstein. Most of the actors whose autographs appear were movie performers, including Joan Crawford, James Cagney, Henry Fonda, Bob Hope, Gary Cooper, Judy Garland, Errol Flynn, and others, but several were known primarily as stage performers, including Katharine Cornell and George M. Cohan. Musicians whose autographs appear include Kay Kyser, Bunny Berrigan and Rudy Vallee.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Autograph albums

Subjects

Autographs (Signatures, etc.)

Motion picture actors and actresses -- United States

Names

Epstein, Sarah