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Guide to the

Letters from Lillian Gish

1956-1982

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Summary

Creator: Hanson, Dorothy

Title: Letters from Lillian Gish

Date: 1956-1982

Size: (1 portfolio)

Abstract: Dorothy Hanson was a fan of the actress Lillian Gish, who corresponded with her for many years and kept scrapbooks devoted to Miss Gish's career. Consists of letters and cards written by Lillian Gish to her friend Dorothy Hanson between 1956 and 1982, two news clippings, a photograph of Lillian Gish and her sister Dorothy which was autographed by Dorothy, and a program from a Dartmouth Film Society tribute to Lillian Gish. Although one of her notes speaks of attending the premiere of her 1978 film for Robert Altman, *A WEDDING*, Lillian Gish's notes to her friend Dorothy Hanson are generally brief and include little or no information related to her career.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings
Correspondence
Photographs

Names

Hanson, Dorothy
Gish, Lillian, 1893-1993