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Guide to the

**Anita Arden scrapbooks**

1920-1996 [bulk 1938-1948]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Arden, Anita, 1916-

**Title:** Anita Arden scrapbooks

**Date:** 1920-1996 [bulk 1938-1948]

**Size:** 1 linear foot (1 box)

**Source:** Scrapbooks: gift, Liz Goldwyn, 11/02/2000

**Abstract:** Anita Arden, burlesque actress, (born Feb. 1916), married British film star Guy Middleton on May 7, 1949. She appeared in musical revues and clubs mainly in New York City, but also toured Europe in the late 1930s, with the U.S.O. during World War II and with Gypsy Rose Lee and others after the war. Arden also appeared in the film MALAGA with her husband. Contains scrapbook pages of mostly mounted photographs with handwritten identifications reflecting Arden's stage career as well as travel and family. There are many portraits of Arden and also a few printed items including handwritten song lyrics and a curriculum vitae.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Burlesque (Theater)  
Showgirls

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Photographs

### **Names**

Arden, Anita, 1916-  
Lee, Gypsy Rose, 1914-1970