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Guide to the

In the summer house archive

1950-1953

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Summary

Title: In the summer house archive

Date: 1950-1953

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Purchase, 2008

Abstract: Producers' files for a proposed pre-Broadway tryout of *In the Summer House* by Jane Bowles at the Westport Playhouse in August 1950 consist primarily of correspondence and contracts relating to casting by Robert T. Ingham, assistant to John C. Wilson who intended to produce the show with Oliver Smith. The show was to be directed by Garson Kanin and star Ruth Gordon, but was ultimately cancelled. Collection also includes telegrams from the producers and director, a clipping about the cancellation, a script from the 1953 Broadway production, and a thorough transcription of the entire collection prepared by the seller.

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