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Guide to the

Marion Davies papers

1915-1928

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Summary

Creator: Davies, Marion, 1897-1961

Title: Marion Davies papers

Date: 1915-1928

Size: .21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Unknown.

Abstract: Marion Davies (1897-1961) was an American stage and film actress. The Marion Davies papers date from 1915 to 1928 and document her early stage and film performances as well as her social activities with incoming correspondence, photographs, and clippings. Incoming correspondence is primarily fan mail, with several telegrams congratulating Davies on her performance in the 1923 film *Little Old New York*. Correspondence also discusses the efforts of Cosmopolitan Productions to promote Davies's work and stature as a celebrity. Prominent correspondents include philanthropist Vincent Astor, producer Lee Shubert, and journalist Roy L. McCardell. Photographs consist of casual shots of Davies along with autographed headshots of fellow actresses. Clippings include reviews of Davies's performances on the stage and screen, as well as news reports of her social life and promotional work with Cosmopolitan Productions. This collection was previously cataloged under the classmark 8-MWEZ n.c. 20,119.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Actresses -- United States

Motion pictures -- United States

Theater -- United States

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings (information artifacts)

Photographs

Names

Cosmopolitan Productions