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Guide to the

**Harry K. Morton family scrapbooks and memorabilia**

1880-1950 [bulk 1880-1920s]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Morton, Harry K.

**Title:** Harry K. Morton family scrapbooks and memorabilia

**Date:** 1880-1950 [bulk 1880-1920s]

**Size:** .5 linear feet (1 box, 2 volumes)

**Source:** Donated by C. O'Connor, 1956.

**Abstract:** Harry K. Morton (1889-1956) was a performer in vaudeville and musical comedies. He was married to fellow vaudeville performer Zella Russell (d. 1952). Morton's parents, Harry K. Morton, Sr. (d. 1919) and Annie Duncan (1853-1902), were also variety performers. The Harry K. Morton family scrapbooks and memorabilia date from 1880 to 1950. The collection consists of a scrapbook on the life and career of Harry K. Morton, Sr. and a scrapbook and loose photographs, clippings, and programs documenting the career of Harry K. Morton. The Harry K. Morton, Sr. scrapbook contains material dating from 1880 to 1906 and includes clippings, poems, lyrics, handbills, and other ephemera concerning Morton, Duncan, and their associates. The scrapbook also contains two cabinet cards with photographs of Morton and Duncan. The Harry K. Morton scrapbook primarily documents *The Sweetheart Shop*, a 1920 musical comedy; Morton and Russell appeared in the show on Broadway and toured with the show from 1920 to 1921. The scrapbook contains clippings, photographs, theater programs, and other ephemera. Loose materials include promotional photographs of Morton and Russell; clippings from the 1920s; programs for a 1950 tour of *Blossom Time*; and a 1927 program published by Melbourne's Plays and Players.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings (information artifacts)

Photographs

Scrapbooks

### **Subjects**

Music-halls (Variety)

Vaudeville

### **Names**

Morton, Harry K., -1919

Russell, Zella

## Container List

- v. 1 Harry K. Morton, Sr. Scrapbook 1880-1906
- v. 2 Harry K. Morton Scrapbook 1905, 1914, 1920-1922
- b. 1 f. 1-4 Photographs, Clippings, and Programs 1920s-1950