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Guide to the

Rosemary Pilkington collection of Olga Roller papers

1913-1960

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Summary

Creator: Roller, Olga, 1884-1968

Title: Rosemary Pilkington collection of Olga Roller papers

Date: 1913-1960

Size: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Donated by Rosemary Pilkington, 2015.

Abstract: Olga (Kahaun) Roller (1884-1968) was a singer and actor who performed in musicals and comic operas, including several by Henry Blossom and Victor Herbert. The Rosemary Pilkington collection of Olga Roller papers, dated 1913 to circa 1960, holds mostly photographs of Roller during her career on stage (the productions were unidentified), a book entitled *Faces & Facts* that includes minor biographical information about her husband Eddie Fink, two letters, contracts, promotional card for Madame Moselle and copies of Roller's death certificate and her son Gilbert Roller Guerrico's birth certificate.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Actresses -- United States -- 20th century

Opera -- United States -- 20th century

Singers -- United States -- 20th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Contracts

Correspondence

Photographs

Container List

- b. 1 *Birchman, Willis. Faces & Facts* 1937
- b. 1 f. 1 Certificates
Copies.
- b. 1 f. 2 Contracts 1919, 1922
- b. 1 f. 3-4 Letters 1913, 1922
Photographs
Roller, Olga
- b. 1 f. 5 As A Young Girl undated
- b. 1 f. 6 Playing A Guitar circa 1960
- b. 1 f. 7-10 Productions 1917-1925
- b. 1 f. 11-20 Publicity Shots 1925-1950
- b. 1 f. 21 With Son (?) circa 1960
- b. 1 f. 22 Promotional Card