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Guide to the

Charlotte Stevenson collection of Judy Garland scrapbooks

1936-1969

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Summary

Creator: Stevenson, Charlotte

Title: Charlotte Stevenson collection of Judy Garland scrapbooks, 1936-1969

Size: 2 linear feet (8 boxes)

Source: Donated by Charlotte Stevenson, 2011

Abstract: Charlotte Stevenson created numerous Judy Garland scrapbooks. This collection contains 13 scrapbooks referencing periods of Judy Garland's life and career. The scrapbooks hold original and reproduced press clippings, postcards, pamphlets, programs, photographs and typewritten copies of articles from magazines and newspapers.

Access: Collection is open to the public. Library policy on photocopying will apply. Advance notice may be required.

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Processing note: Due to deterioration, scrapbooks were dismantled and rehoused in folders. Proper handling procedures should be used when viewing any of the scrapbook materials, as many are in poor condition.

Creator history

Charlotte Stevenson was born on April 9, 1923 in Oberlin, Kansas to the late Tudor and Vena Spotts Stevenson. A devoted fan and member of the International Judy Garland Club, Stevenson created numerous scrapbooks documenting periods of Garland's life and career. Always willing to assist information seekers, Stevenson was directly acknowledged in both Gerald Clarke's biography, *Get Happy: The Life of Judy Garland*, and John Fricke's biography, *Judy Garland: A Portrait in Art & Anecdote*. Stevenson was listed in the disc credits for the Judy Garland compilation *25th Anniversary Retrospective*, given special thanks by Capitol Records. Stevenson passed away October 27, 2010 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 87.

Born Frances Ethel Gumm in 1922, Judy Garland was a famous American actress and singer. Known for her tremendous talent and troubled life, Garland found fame early and lived most of her 47 years in the spotlight. Her career was long and varied, finding success in vaudeville that later extended into film, recording, radio and television. Garland's personal life contrasted starkly with the cheerfulness and purity of her film roles. She is often viewed as an object lesson in Hollywood excess. Garland's legacy as a performer and a personality has endured. She received many posthumous awards and is still regarded as a performance icon.

Sources:

Clarke, Gerald. *Get Happy: The Life of Judy Garland*, New York: Dell Publishing, 2000, "Acknowledgments."

Fricke, John. *Judy Garland: A Portrait in Art & Anecdote*, Singapore: Bulfinch Press, 2003.

Scope and content note

The Charlotte Stevenson collection of Judy Garland Scrapbooks contains thirteen scrapbooks documenting Judy Garland's life and career. The bulk of the scrapbook content consists of original and reproduced press clippings, most of which are from major American newspaper and magazine publications. Also included are postcards, pamphlets, programs, photographs and typewritten copies of articles from magazines and newspapers.

Stevenson's scrapbooks span decades, filled with material from 1939 through 1969. The scrapbooks are arranged and titled chronologically. Each scrapbook is filled with Garland-related clippings and ephemera published and collected during the period of time listed. The scrapbooks have been disassembled because of their poor condition.

Notable items in the collection are the well preserved photographs of Garland's children in Scrapbook III, 1955-1960. The photographs capture Liza, Lorna and Joey posing and playing. Notations on the verso of the photographs indicate they were taken in July 1956.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically by scrapbook.

Key terms

Subjects

Actresses -- United States

Names

Garland, Judy

Minnelli, Liza

Stevenson, Charlotte

Occupations

Actors

Entertainers

Singers

Special formats

Ephemera

Scrapbooks

Container list

- b.1 f.1-2 I, 1936-1950, undated
- b.1 f.3-4 II, 1951-1954, undated
- b.2 f.1-2 III, 1955-1960, undated
- b.2 f.3-4 IV, 1961-1963, undated
- b.3 f.1-3 V, 1963-1964, undated
- b.3 f.4-5 VI, 1965, undated
- b.4 f.1-2 VII, 1966, undated
- b.4 f.3-4 VIII, 1967 January-August, undated
- b.5 f.1-3 IX, 1967 August-December, undated
- b.6 f.1-2 X, 1968, undated
- b.6 f.3-4 XI, 1969 January-July, undated
- b.7 f.1-4 XII, 1969 June, undated
- b.8 f.1-3 XIII, 1969 July-December, undated