

Inventory of the Anna Held Museum Papers, 1897-1987

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Anna Held Museum Papers, 1897-1987.

Collection ID: *T-Mss 1990-010

Extent: .83 linear feet (2 boxes)

Repository: The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.
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Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open to the public. Photocopying prohibited.

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Biographical Note

Anna Held was born March 8, 1873 in Warsaw, Poland. At about seven years old she immigrated to Paris, France with her parents. After the death of her father, Anna and her mother moved to London, England where she soon began her career on the stage. Anna Held's first husband was Maximo Carrera, a South American businessman whom she met in Paris. By that time she was already a musical comedy star and had attracted the eye of Florenz Ziegfeld, who signed her to a contract to tour America. She moved to the United States leaving her husband and daughter, Liane in Paris. After completing the tour she starred on Broadway for Ziegfeld.

In 1897 Anna Held divorced her husband and married Ziegfeld. In 1912 , she divorced Ziegfeld who then married Billie Burke. Anna Held died on August 2, 1918 leaving her entire estate to her daughter Liane.

In 1976 Liane Carrera opened the Anna Held Museum in San Jacinto, California. She devoted the rest of her life to telling the story of Anna Held. Liane Carrera died in 1988.

Scope and Content Note

The Anna Held Museum Papers document the portion of Anna Held's career in which she knew and worked with Florenz Ziegfeld. Her personal life is reflected in her letters to her daughter, Liane and correspondence to her from Ziegfeld. The rest of the collections illustrates Liane Carrera's creation of the museum and her documentation of her mother's life through her writings. Some ephemeral materials include photographs of Anna Held, Liane Carrera and items on display at the museum.

Organization

- Series I: Ziegfeld Papers
- Series II: Anna Held Papers
- Series III: Liane Carrera Papers
- Series IV: Ephemera

Series Descriptions and Container Listing

Series I: Florenz Ziegfeld Papers, 1920-1924.

.21 linear feet

Alphabetical

The series consist of letters written to Flo Ziegfeld from family and professional associates. Included are letters from Billie Burke, Victor Herbert, Will Rogers, Florenz Ziegfeld, Sr. and his daughter, Patricia Ziegfeld.

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| b. 1 | f. 1 | Bylaws / Ziegfeld Ltd, 1932
1 folder
Bylaws for Ziegfeld Ltd. |
| b. 1 | f. 2 | Correspondence / Billie Burke, 1923
1 folder
Telegrams from Billie Burke to Flo Ziegfeld. |
| b. 1 | f. 3 | Correspondence / Billie Burke.
1 folder (5 letters, 24 pages
Undated correspondence to Flo Ziegfeld from Billie Burke |
| b. 1 | f. 4 | Correspondence / Cox and Stevens, 1923
1 folder
Business correspondence dealing with the rental of a yacht to Flo Ziegfeld. Includes blueprints, contracts, correspondence and yacht club membership card. |
| b. 1 | f. 5 | Correspondence / Mary Eaton, 1923
1 folder |

- Telegram to Flo Ziegfeld.
- b. 1 f. 6 Correspondence / Leon Errol, 1923
1 folder
Telegrams to Flo Ziegfeld.
- b. 1 f. 7 Correspondence / Max Hart, 1923
1 folder (1 letter
Letter to Flo Ziegfeld.
- b. 1 f. 8 Correspondence / Victor Herbert, 1920-1923
1 folder (9 items).
Correspondence to Flo Ziegfeld. Copies of Ziegfeld's replies included.
- b. 1 f. 9 Correspondence / Raymond Hitchcock, 1920
1 folder (1 letter
Correspondence to Flo Ziegfeld.
- b. 1 f. 10 Correspondence / Will Rogers, 1923
1 folder (1 telegram
Telegram to Flo Ziegfeld.
- b. 1 f. 11 Correspondence / Herbert Bayard Swope, 1923
1 folder (2 items, 3 pages
Correspondence to Flo Ziegfeld.
- b. 1 f. 12 Correspondence / Flo Ziegfeld, 1923
1 folder (1 telegram, 2 pages
Telegrams to Billie Burke.
- b. 1 f. 13 Correspondence / Florenz Ziegfeld, Sr., 1923
1 folder (2 letters, 4 telegrams
Correspondence to Flo Ziegfeld from his parents.
- b. 1 f. 14 Correspondence / Patricia Ziegfeld
1 folder (7 letters, 13 pages
Correspondence to Flo Ziegfeld from his daughter, Patricia.
- b. 1 f. 15 Business correspondence "A-Z", 1923-1924
1 folder
Business correspondence to Flo Ziegfeld.
- b. 1 f. 16 Correspondence "A-Z", 1920
1 folder
Correspondence, mostly undated to Flo Ziegfeld.

Series II: Anna Held Papers, 1907-1922

.21 linear feet

The series consist of a variety of personal papers belonging to Anna Held. Included are date and address books, correspondence and sheet music. Of special note is Anna Held's will and the settlement from her estate.

- b. 1 f. 17 Address book / Anna Held
1 folder (1 book
Address book belonging to Anna Held.
- b. 1 f. 18 Correspondence "A-Z", 1907-1918
1 folder
Cards and telegrams to Anna Held.
- b. 1 f. 19 Datebook / Anna Held, 1916-1917
1 folder (1 datebook
Datebook belonging to Anna Held.
- b. 1 f. 20 Miscellaneous sheet music
1 folder
Sheet music used by Anna Held.
- b. 1 f. 21 Will and estate papers / Anna Held, 1922
1 folder
Will, correspondence and estate documents for Anna Held's estate.

Series III: Liane Carrera Papers, 1908-1987

.21 linear feet

The series consists of personal correspondence as well as correspondence and papers related to the Anna Held Museum which Liane Carrera founded in 1976. Also included are typescripts of Anna Held's biography written by Liane Carrera. The biography typescript are in two versions, one in English and one in French.

- b. 2 f. 1 Correspondence / Anna Held, 1914
1 folder (5 letters
Correspondence in French from Anna Held to her daughter, Liane Carrera
- b. 2 f. 2 Correspondence / Anna Held, 1915
1 folder (3 letters
Correspondence from Anna Held to her daughter, Liane Carrera.

- b. 2 f. 3 Correspondence / Anna Held, 1916
1 folder (9 letters)
Correspondence from Anna Held to her daughter, Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 4 Correspondence / Anna Held, 1917
1 folder (7 letters, 8 pages)
Correspondence from Anna Held to her daughter, Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 5 Correspondence / Anna Held, 1918
1 folder (1 letter)
Correspondence from Anna Held to her daughter, Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 6 Correspondence / Anna Held, 1908
1 folder (17 postcards)
Postcards from Anna Held to her daughter, Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 7 Correspondence / Anna Held
1 folder (4 telegrams)
Telegrams from Anna Held to her daughter, Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 8 Correspondence / Flo Ziegfeld, 1913
1 folder (1 telegram)
Telegram from Flo Ziegfeld to Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 9 Correspondence "A-Z", 1908-1987
1 folder (3 items)
Correspondence to Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 10 Papers / Anna Held Museum (San Jacinto, Calif.), 1949
1 folder
Correspondence and papers about the Anna Held Museum (San Jacinto, Calif.)
- b. 2 f. 11 *Anna Held -- the woman* / Liane Carrera
1 folder
Synopsis for the play *Anna Held -- the woman* by Anna Held, Jr. (Liane Carrera).
- b. 2 f. 12-17 Anna Held biographical manuscript / Liane Carrera
6 folders
Manuscript in English of a biography on Anna Held by her daughter, Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 18-26 Anna Held biographical manuscript / Liane Carrera
9 folders
Manuscript in French of a biography on Anna Held written by her daughter, Liane Carrera.

- b. 2 f. 27 Anna Held biographical manuscript / Liane Carrera
1 folder
Alternative draft in French of a biography of Anna Held by her daughter, Liane Carrera.

Series IV: Ephemera, 1897-1985

.21 linear feet

The series consists of photographs, picture postcards and some clippings. Photographs are of Anna Held, Liane Carrera and items from the Anna Held Museum in San Jacinto, California.

- b. 2 f. 28 Clippings / Anna Held
1 folder
Clippings of photoprints of Anna Held.
- b. 2 f. 29 Photographs / Anna Held Museum (San Jacinto, Calif.)
1 folder
Photographs of items in the Anna Held Museum (San Jacinto, Calif.)
- b. 2 f. 30 Photographs / Liane Carrera
1 folder (6 photographs
Photographs of Liane Carrera.
- b. 2 f. 31 Photographs / Anna Held
1 folder
Photographs of Anna Held.
- b. 2 f. 32 Postcards / Anna Held
1 folder
Postcards depicting Anna Held.
- b. 2 f. 33 Miscellaneous photographs
1 folder
Miscellaneous photographs belonging to Liane Carrera.
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