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Guide to the

**Edric and Pearl Connor papers**

1943-1977

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## Summary

**Creator:** Connor, Edric, 1913-1968

**Title:** Edric and Pearl Connor papers

**Date:** 1943-1977

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**Abstract:** Trinidadian actor and singer Edric Connor was instrumental in introducing Afro-American and Caribbean music and theater to British audiences. Pearl Connor was an actress and manager of the Pearl Connor Agency, a talent agency which represented African, Asian, and Caribbean artists residing in Britain. This collection contains material related to Edric Connor's career, the Pearl Connor Agency, and a number of Caribbean immigrant organizations with which they were involved.

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## Creator History

Edric Connor was a Trinidadian actor, singer, producer, director, and radio personality. Best known for his movie roles in *Cry, the Beloved Country* and *Moby Dick*, he was instrumental in introducing Afro-American and Caribbean music and theatre to British audiences through radio shows, recitals, musical productions, and the publication of various collections of folk songs and spirituals which he edited. His Trinidad-born wife, Pearl Nunez Connor, a former law student, was an actress and lecturer and at one point managed a talent agency which primarily represented African, Asian, and Caribbean artists residing in Britain.

## **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of materials which document Edric Connor's career, the Pearl Connor Agency, and a number of Caribbean immigrant organizations with which they were involved. These materials include correspondence; contracts; writings by Edric Connor; radio, theatrical, and movie scripts; manuscript sheet music; minutes; programs; broadsides; personnel files; and financial records.

## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Actors, Black  
Singers

### **Subjects**

Actresses -- Great Britain  
Blacks -- Great Britain -- Music  
Blacks in the performing arts -- Great Britain  
Immigrants -- Great Britain  
Music -- Great Britain  
Performing arts -- Great Britain  
Talent scouts -- Great Britain

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Broadsides  
Scripts  
Sheet music

### **Geographic Names**

Caribbean Area -- Emigration and immigration  
Great Britain -- Emigration and immigration  
Great Britain -- Social life and customs

### **Names**

Connor, Edric, 1913-1968  
Connor, Pearl  
Pearl Connor Agency

## Container List

### Correspondence

- b. 1 f. 1 Business 1947-1962
- b. 1 f. 2 1965-1970
- b. 1 f. 3 Financial 1970
- b. 1 f. 4 Audition list
- b. 1 f. 5 Registration forms 1969-1971

### Productions

- b. 1 f. 6 *The Blacks* 1970
- b. 1 f. 7 *Coromantee* 1970
- b. 1 f. 8 *Bob* 1977  
Educational Television Service production.
- b. 1 f. 9 *Fiddler on the Roof* 1969-1970

### Hair

#### Germany

- b. 1 f. 10 Schmid, Werner (producer) 1970
- b. 1 f. 11 Contracts 1969
- b. 1 f. 12 1972
- b. 1 f. 13 Production correspondence 1969-1970

#### Holland

- b. 1 f. 14 Script
- b. 1 f. 15 Anderson, Udell 1969-1971
- b. 1 f. 16 Harewood, Fitz 1969-1970
- b. 1 f. 17 Pickering, Vernon 1969-1970
- b. 1 f. 18 Israel 1970-1971
- b. 1 f. 19 Japanese tours 1971

### Music

- b. 1 f. 20 Kocher - Music News Switzerland 1971-1972

#### United Kingdom

- b. 1 f. 21 Correspondence 1969-1970
- b. 1 f. 22 Incomplete script 1966
- b. 2 f. 1 Cassidy, Jimmy 1969-1970
- b. 2 f. 2 Kerr, Junior 1969-1970
- b. 2 f. 3 Lodrick, Shirley 1970
- b. 2 f. 4 Maher, Sharon 1970-1971
- b. 2 f. 5 *Jewish Life and Thought in Sound*
- b. 2 f. 6 Quaye, Terri (singer and drummer) 1971
- b. 2 f. 7 Shuki and Aviva 1971
- b. 2 f. 8 Trinidad folk singers 1971
- b. 2 f. 9 Volanakis, Minos 1970  
Greek director and translator.

Music (cont.)

- b. 2 f. 10-11    *The Woodpeckers* 1963-1965
- b. 2 f. 12    *Letters to Geraldine (writing)*
- Playscripts
- b. 2 f. 13    *The First Nowell*
- b. 2 f. 14    *The Maimed Ones*
- b. 2 f. 15    *Roots of Heaven*
- b. 2 f. 16    *Say Hallelujah*
- b. 2 f. 17    *The Young Lieutenant*
- b. 2 f. 18    *[Say Hallelujah by Jimi Rand]*
- Radio scripts
- b. 2 f. 19    *Cry, the Beloved Country* 1955
- b. 2 f. 20    *A Kind of Marriage*
- b. 2 f. 21    1951-1959
- b. 3 f. 1    Lyrics 1959
- b. 3 f. 2-5    Writing
- Unidentified miscellaneous writing and an untitled novel.
- b. 3 f. 6    Notes
- b. 3 f. 7    Miscellaneous
- b. 3 f. 8    Printed matter 1943-1975
- b. 3 f. 9-10    Correspondence 1961-1964
- b. 3 f. 11    Minutes of meeting 1966
- b. 3 f. 12    Miscellaneous 1967
- b. 4 f. 1    Printed matter 1953-1977
- b. 4 f. 2    Afro-Asian Caribbean Conference 1960-1962
- b. 4 f. 3    Metropolitan Colored People Housing Association 1958
- b. 4 f. 4    Nigerian independence 1960
- b. 4 f. 5    Trinidad Independence Committee 1962
- b. 5    Sheet music
- b. 6