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Guide to the

Carl Don papers

1958-2001

*T-Mss 2001-026

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Summary

Creator: Don, Carl

Title: Carl Don papers

Date: 1958-2001

Size: 1.3 linear feet (2 boxes, 2 volumes)

Source: Donated by Florence Anglin, 2001.

Abstract: Carl Don (1910-2001) was a stage and screen actor whose work is represented by clippings, photographs, photograph albums, playbills, reviews, and writings.

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Creator History

Carl Don (1910- 2001) was born in Vitebsk, Russia. Known as a character actor, Don performed on Broadway, Off-Broadway and at regional theatres including the productions of *Romanoff and Juliet* with Peter Ustinov (both stage and the movie), *Dear Me*, *the Sky is Falling* with Gertrude Berg, and *The Tenth Man* directed by Tyrone Guthrie. He also appeared on television and in screen roles. In later years, Don taught acting classes and wrote poetry.

Don died in New York City in 2001.

Scope and Content Note

The collection, dated 1958 to 2001 (bulk dates 1970s-1980s), holds clippings, letters, photographs, photograph albums, and playbills, reflecting the career of the actor Carl Don.

Don documented his career by retaining clippings of his performances, interviews of himself in publications; playbills from Broadway, Off-Broadway and regional theatres; resumes; and writings of poetry.

The photographs are of Don dressed in costumes, scenes from plays, and snapshots of him with friends. Many of these photographs have not been identified with the exception of his screen appearances.

Arrangement: The arrangement is by format.

Key Terms

Occupations

Actors

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings (information artifacts)

Photographs

Playbills

Subjects

Theater

Theater -- New York (State)

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- b. 1 f. 12 *Come Blow Your Horn*
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- b. 1 f. 14 *(A) Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* circa 1968
- b. 1 f. 15 *Glengarry Glenn Ross* 1987
- b. 1 f. 16 *(The) Golem* 1984
- b. 1 f. 17 *Italian Funerals and Other Festive Occasions* 1995
- b. 1 f. 18 *(The) Price* 1985, 1988
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 - b. 2 f. 12 *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* 1995
 - b. 2 f. 13 *(The) Price* 1985
 - b. 2 f. 14 *Romanoff and Juliet* 1959
 - b. 2 f. 15 *Sly Fox* 1990
 - b. 2 f. 16 *West Side Story* 1970s-1980s
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Other

b. 2 f. 21 Leve, Sam. Copies of his work as Scene Designer

b. 2 f. 22 *West Side Story Background Information for Carl Don* 1984