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Guide to the

Letters to James R. Pattarini

1943-1948

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Summary

Creator: Landis, Carole, 1919-1948

Title: Letters to James R. Pattarini

Date: 1943-1948

Size: .5 linear feet (1 box)

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Abstract: Carole Landis, born Frances Ridste on January 1, 1919 in Fairchild, Wisconsin, was a film star of the 1940s who entertained American troops with the USO during World War II. She began her film career as an extra in 1937 and became a leading lady in 1940 when she appeared in *ONE MILLION B.C.* She worked on many films through the 1940s including *TURNABOUT* (1940), *TOPPER RETURNS* (1941), *HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME* (1944), *IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A DOG* (1946), and *A SCANDAL IN PARIS* (1946). Landis died on July 5, 1948 from an overdose of sleeping pills while in the midst of getting divorced from her fourth husband. Collection consists of letters by Carole Landis or her personal secretary, Nan Stuart, to Jimmy Pattarini, a young soldier and fan. They document Landis' busy schedule travelling from coast to coast as well as overseas to shoot films or tour. Includes a few snapshots of Landis and Stuart and Pattarini's Request for Special Liberty to meet Landis at the 20th Century Fox Studios.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Motion picture actors and actresses -- United States

Soldiers -- Recreation

World War, 1939-1945 -- War work

Names

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Pattarini, James R

Stuart, Nan