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Guide to the

**Barbara Newberry Singer papers**

1882-1983

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## Summary

**Creator:** Singer, Barbara Newberry

**Title:** Barbara Newberry Singer papers

**Date:** 1882-1983

**Size:** 2.8 linear feet (1 box, 2 volumes)

**Source:** Gift of Estate of Barbara Newberry Singer by Mr. Atkins, 1987

**Abstract:** The Barbara Newberry Singer papers contain scrapbooks, photographs and manuscripts documenting the career of dancer and actress Barbara Newberry.

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## Creator History

Barbara Newberry Singer was a dancer and actress in musical theater from the late 1920s through the 1930s. She performed under the name Barbara Newberry on Broadway, in the Midwest, England, and Monte Carlo. Impresario Florenz Ziegfeld Jr. deemed her legs the most beautiful in America in an ad campaign for Phoenix Hosiery in 1929. Singer's first husband was performer Eddie Foy Jr.

## Scope and Content Note

The collection includes four scrapbooks of clippings and photographs, loose photographs and clippings, and several handwritten manuscripts by Barbara Newberry Singer, from 1882 to 1983. *Ziegfeld Follies* of 1925, *Betsy* (1926), *Oh, Ernest!* (1927), *Good Boy* (1928), and *Gay Divorce* (1932) are among the

productions in the collection. Many of the photographs are professional portraits, but there are also some production and personal photographs. The manuscripts are written by Singer and express her impressions of places and events in her life.

## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Actresses

### **Subjects**

Actresses -- United States

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings (information artifacts)

Manuscripts (document genre)

Photographs

Scrapbooks

### **Names**

Ziegfeld, Flo, 1869-1932

## Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Photographs, Manuscripts, Clippings, and Booklet ca. 1890-1970
- b. 1 f. 2 Scrapbook with Loose Clippings and Manuscripts 1925-ca. 1950s
- b. 1 f. 3 Scrapbook 1926-1928
- b. 1 f. 4 *(The) Tatler* 1939 June 21
  - v. 1 Scrapbook 1882-1960s
  - v. 2 Scrapbook ca. 1926-1983