

**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Vivian Lee Welch Papers

**Creator:** Welch, Vivian Lee

**Dates:** 1957-2007

**Extent:** 6 boxes

**Repository:** Claremont Colleges. Library.

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Claremont, California 91711

**Abstract:** This collections contains correspondence from Vivian Lee Welch to Dree Lyon from 1991-1998, legal docuemtns, financial documents, manuscripts for plays and screenplays, music lyrics, miscellaneous writings, photographs, and publications.

**Collection Number:** d2008.2

**Languages:** Languages represented in the collection: English

**Physical Location:** Ella Strong Denison Library, Scripps College, Claremont University Consortium.

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**Acquisition Information**

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**Processing Information**

Arranged and Processed by Russell Michalak in 2009.

**Accruals**

No addition to the collection is anticipated.

**Biography of Vivian Lee Welch**

Vivian Lee Welch was born in Youngstown, Ohio. She is buried in the Veterans National Cemetary in Riverside, California. During World War II she worked for the U.S. military as a cigarette girl. As a young woman she lived in Hollywood, California; she worked as a standup comedian in a homosexual club, she wrote poetry, she was a lyricist, she performed in "B" movies and worked as a box office clerk at the Triagle Theatre on Melrose Ave. Eventually she moved to Phoenix and then Tucson Arizona. She worked for TWA as reservation clerk. After she retired from TWA she moved to a retirement home in Palm Springs, California.

**Scope and Contents of the Collection**

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**Series Arrangement**

Series 1 Correspondence

Series 2 Legal Documents

Series 3 Financial Documents

Series 4 Manuscripts

Series 5 Music Lyrics

Series 6 Miscellaneous Writings

Series 7 Photographs

Series 8 Publications

**Subject Headings**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection

Welch, Vivian Lee

Chatterton, Robert

Women's studies

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Western Americana -- 1900-1999

musical scores

Series 1 **Correspondence,**

Box 1, folder 1	<b>Letters,</b>
Box 1, folder 2	<b>Postcards, 1968-1989</b>
Box 1, folder 3	<b>Postcards, 1968-1989</b>
box 4, folder 1	<b>Correspondence with Dree Lyon, 1981-1991</b>
box 4, folder 2	<b>Correspondence with Dree Lyon, 1991</b>
box 4, folder 3	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, 1992</b>
box 4, folder 4	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - August 1993</b>
box 4, folder 5	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, September - December 1993</b>
box 4, folder 6	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - May 1994</b>
box 4, folder 7	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, April - December 1994</b>
box 4, folder 8	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - August 1995</b>
box 4, folder 7	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, September - December 1995</b>
box 5, folder 1	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - May 1996</b>
box 5, folder 2	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, June - September 1996</b>
box 5, folder 3	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, October - December 1996</b>
box 5, folder 4	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - July 1997</b>
box 5, folder 5	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, August - December 1997</b>
box 5, folder 6	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - July 1998</b>
box 6, folder 1	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, Undated</b>
box 6, folder 2	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, March 1996</b>
box 6, folder 3	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, June 1996</b>
box 6, folder 4	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, February 19, 1998</b>
box 6, folder 5	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, March 20, 1998</b>
box 6, folder 6	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, March 23, 1998</b>
box 6, folder 7	<b>Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, April 2, 1998</b>
box 6, folder 8	<b>Empty Envelopes, Undated</b>
box 6, folder 7	<b>Notecards to Dree Lyon,</b>

Series 2 Legal Documents 1958-2007

box 1, folder 3	<b>Certificate of Copyright, 1958</b> Note Copyright for Bonjour Tristesse
box 1, folder 4	<b>Passport, 1958, 1978</b>
box 1, folder 5	<b>Marriage Certificate, 1960</b>
box 1, folder 5	<b>Marriage Certificate, 1960</b>
box 1, folder 6	<b>Vivian Lee Welch Film Corporation, Undated</b>
box 1, folder 7	<b>Power of Attorney, Undated</b>
box 3, folder 1	<b>Vital records, 2007</b>
box 3, folder 2	<b>Power of Attorney, Will, Social Security</b>
box 3, folder 3	<b>Power of Attorney for burial arrangements</b>
box 3, folder 4	<b>Life Assurance</b>
box 3, folder 5	<b>"Certificate of Individual transacting business under a fictitious name", 1962</b>
box 3, folder 6	<b>Financial statements, personal</b>

Series 3 Financial Documents 1997

box 1, folder 8  
box 1, folder 9

**Bank Statement, 1997**  
**Government Cash, Undated**

Series 4 Manuscripts Undated

Scope and Content Note

Lee Welch wrote poetry and plays.

box 1, folder 10  
box 1, folder 10  
box 1, folder 11  
box 1, folder 12  
box 1, folder 13  
box 1, folder 14  
box 1, folder 15  
box 1, folder 15

**Airline Hostess, Undated**  
**Armour Inc., Undated**  
**Confidential Agent, Undated**  
**Confidential Agent, 1954**  
**How Strange My Love, Undated**  
**A Prelude -- How Strange My Love, Undated**  
**Feature That -- A Play, Undated**  
**Jack and the Magic Beanstalk, Undated**

Note

>This a manuscript for an television episode of Jack and the Magic Beanstalk.

box 1, folder 16  
box 1, folder 17  
box 1, folder 18  
box 1, folder 19  
box 1, folder 21  
box 1, folder 22  
box 1, folder 23  
box 1, folder 24

**The Kiss, Undated**  
**Long Live Queen Elizabeth, Undated**  
**Marie Atoinette in Pennsylvania, Undated**  
**Next Time, Undated**  
**Runners and Corridors -- A Play, Undated**  
**Runners in the Sun, Undated**  
**Salisbury, Undated**  
**Thespian -- A Play, Undated**

Note

This play was written at Los Angeles City College, Department of Radio Broadcasting. The play is registered under the Screen Writers Guild.

box 1, folder 25  
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box 1, folder 31  
box 1, folder 32  
box 1, folder 32  
box 1, folder 33  
box 1, folder 34  
box 1, folder 35  
box 1, folder 36

**Whirlpool, Undated**  
**Windfall, Undated**  
**Vulture Gulch, Undated**  
**Poetry, Undated**  
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**Poetry/Lyrics, Undated**  
**National Library of Poetry, Undated**

Series 5 Music Lyrics, Undated

box 1, folder 37

**Cat Life -- A play by Robert Chatterton, Undated**

Scope and Content Note

Robert Wade Chatterton and Vivian Lee Welch lyrics for movies and plays.

box 1, folder 38

**Lyrics by Robert Chatterton, Undated**

box 1, folder 39

**Hollywood Hayride -- A Play, Undated**

box 1, folder 40

**A Season of Celebration, Undated**

box 2, folder 41

**Music Scores, Undated**

box 2, folder 41

**Music Scores, Undated**

box 2, folder 42

**Poetry - unknown poet, Undated**

box 2, folder 43

**Sheet Music, Undated**

box 2, folder 44

**Piano Solos by Lee Welch, Undated**

**Series 6 Miscellaneous writing, Undated**

box 2, folder 45  
box 2, folder 46  
box 2, folder 47  
box 2, folder 48  
box 2, folder 48

**Poetry - unknown poet, Undated**  
**Review for Stage productions, Undated**  
**The Pool by Stan Chatterton, Undated**  
**How to Rub Your Stomach, Undated**  
**After Dinner Mince - A Playbill, Undated**

Series 7 Photographs

box 2, folder 49  
box 2, folder 50  
box 2, folder 51  
box 2, folder 52  
box 2, folder 53

**Photographs and Negatives, Undated**  
**Photographs and Negatives, Undated**  
**Studio Photographs, Undated**  
**Photographs, Undated**  
**Miscellaneous, Undated**

Series 8 Publications

box 2, folder 54  
box 2, folder 55  
box 2, folder 56

**Dust of the Stars by Lee Welch, Undated**  
**Women Artists 1550-1950, Undated**  
**Magazine Articles, Undated**