
Inventory of the Sanford and Barbara Freeman Collection of Henrique Vivian Messetti Materials, 1943-1946

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Sanford and Barbara Freeman Collection of Henrique Vivian Messetti Materials,

Date (inclusive): 1943-1946

Collection number: D-277

Creator: Messetti, Vivian

Collector: Freeman, Sanford

Collector: Freeman, Barbara

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Abstract: These materials, which document the life of Henrique Vivian Messetti, a writer, performer, and member of a vaudeville-circus family active during the 1920's-1940's, were collected by Sanford and Barbara Freeman. Messetti began appearing on the stage at the age of four. Most of his work was in vaudeville/circus productions although he also claimed to have performed in a few motion picture serials. In later years he dropped his first name while continuing as a female impersonator. He was with, among others, the touring Messetti's Great Road Show, Little Eva's Temptation Company, and F.A. Cunningham's Kick High Musical Circus. The majority of the collection contains Messetti's incoming correspondence.

Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

Language: English

Access

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Biographical Narrative

Henrique Vivian Messetti was born on September 5, 1918 in Spain where his parents were performing. Upon the family's return to the United States, Los Angeles became their permanent residence. Messetti began appearing on the stage at the age of four. Most of his work was in vaudeville/circus productions although he also claimed to have performed in a few motion picture serials. In later years he dropped his first name while continuing as a female impersonator. He was with, among others, the touring Messetti's Great Road Show, Little Eva's Temptation Company, and F.A. Cunningham's Kick High Musical Circus.

Scope and Content of Collection

Organized into three series: 1. Correspondence, 2. Manuscript, and 3. Ephemera.

Related collections

Denslow, Jack. Collection, D-268

Messetti, Henrique Vivian. Papers, D-197

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Messetti, Vivian

Circus performers

Vaudeville

Female impersonators

Series 1 **Correspondence, 1943-1946**

Physical Description:

Note

Scope and Content Note

Organized into two subseries: Incoming and Outgoing.

Subseries 1.1 **Incoming, 1943-1946**

Physical Description:

Note

Scope and Content Note

Organized into two subseries: Personal and Business.

Subseries 1.1.1 **Personal, 1943-1946**

Physical Description:

Note

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent and then chronologically.

Box 1:1

Barnes, Bessie January 27, 1944

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:2

Coughlin, Mr. and Mrs. n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:3

Daniels, Lily February 20, 1944

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:4

Daniels, Lillian September 5, 1944

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:5

Daniels, Lillian and Samuels August 28, 1945

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:6	Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. December 6, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:7	Donnelly, Mr. December 23, 1944 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:8	Estrada, Mary January 2, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:9	Estrada, Mary February 12, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:10	Estrada, Mary February 26, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:11	Estrada, Mary March 26, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:12	Estrada, Mary April 13, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:13	Estrada, Mary May 15, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:14	Estrada, Mary July 4, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:15	Estrada, Mary July 22, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:16	Estrada, Mary August 7, 1945 Physical Description: Note

- Box 1:17 **Estrada, Mary and Edward August 17, 1945**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:18 **Estrada, Mary September 13, 1945**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:19 **Estrada, Mary October 1, 1945**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:20 **Estrada, Mary October 16, 1945**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:21 **Estrada, Mary December 20, 1945**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:22 **Estrada, Mary February 6, 1946**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:23 **Estrada, Mary March 18, 1946**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:24 **Estrada, Mary April 19, 1946**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:25 **Estrada, Mary n.d.**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**
- Box 1:26 **Estrada, Mary n.d.**
- Physical Description:**
- Note**

Box 1:27	Ferguson, Pvt. Bradley April 27, 1943 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:28	Hastings, Edwin Chester April 5, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:29	Lawless, Raymond June 28, 1944 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:30	Lopez, Connie February 26, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:31	Lopez, Connie March 7, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:32	Lopez, Connie April 16, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:33	Lopez, Connie June 12, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:34	Lopez, Connie June 18, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:35	Lopez, Connie June 26, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:36	Lopez, Connie July 21, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:37	Lopez, Connie August 29, 1945 Physical Description: Note

Box 1:38	Lopez, Connie October 9, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:39	Lopez, Connie February 7, 1946 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:40	Lopez, Connie March 9, 1946 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:41	Lopez, Connie May 18, 1946 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:42	Lopez, Connie May 31, 1946 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:43	Lopez, Connie June 6, 1946 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:44	Lopez, Connie July 13, 1946 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:45	Lopez, Connie n.d. Physical Description: Note
Box 1:46	Lopez, Connie n.d. Physical Description: Note
Box 1:47	Lopez, Connie n.d. Physical Description: Note

Box 1:48	Lopez, Connie n.d. Physical Description: Note
Box 1:49	Machado, Frank and Irene December 15, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:50	Messetti, Ella n.d. Physical Description: Note
Box 1:51	Rosenberg, Minnie June 23, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:52	Rowcroft, Waldo 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:53	Saunders, Andrew June 15, 1944 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:54	Saunders, Andrew March 11, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:55	Saunders, Andrew August 14, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:56	Saunders, Andrew December 17, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:57	Saunders, Andrew December 18, 1945 Physical Description: Note
Box 1:58	Saunders, Andrew February 15, 1946 Physical Description: Note

Box 1:59 **Saunders, Andrew March 13, 1946**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:60 **Saunders, Andrew March 29, 1946**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:61 **Saunders, Andrew n.d.**

Physical Description:

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Box 1:62 **Simon, Felix n.d.**

Physical Description:

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Box 1:63 **Simon, Felix n.d.**

Physical Description:

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Box 1:64 **, Dora and Hy December 20, 1944**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:65 **Unidentifiedn.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:66 **Unidentifiedn.d.**

Physical Description:

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Box 1:67 **Envelopes n.d.**

Physical Description:

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Subseries 1.1.2 **Business, 1945**

Physical Description:

Note

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

Box 1:68 **Biggers, E.W. February 25, 1945**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:69 **Richardson, Birkel October 30, 1945**

Physical Description:

Note

Subseries 1.2 **Outgoing, n.d.**

Physical Description:

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Box 1:70 **Notes from Messetti, n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Series 2 **Manuscript, n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:71

Bojar Astachoff, n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Series 3 **Ephemera, n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Scope and Content Note

Organized into two subseries: Posters and Tickets.

Subseries 3.1 **Posters, n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Scope and Content Note

Arranged alphabetically.

Box 2:1 "Girls Don't Miss the Show," n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:2 "Little Eva's Temptation," n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:3 "Little Eva's Temptation," n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:4 "Little Eva's Temptation," n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Box 2:5 "Little Eva's Temptation," n.d.

Physical Description:

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Box 2:6 "Little Eva's Temptation," n.d.

Physical Description:

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Box 2:7 "Wanted: Home Talent," n.d.

Physical Description:

Note

Subseries 3.2 **Tickets, n.d.**

Physical Description:

Note

Box 1:72

Tickets from Messet's Musical Entertainers, n.d.

Physical Description:

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