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PRISCILLA DEAN, 1896-1988

PAPERS, 1921-1979 (bulk 1921-1929)

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Actors

Motion Pictures

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The Priscilla Dean Papers include photographs and clippings that represent many of the films in which she appeared.

Guide to
PRISCILLA DEAN PAPERS
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Introduction

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The Priscilla Dean Papers were received March 31, 1988, from the estate of Priscilla Dean. The papers were in good condition although some photographs required flattening. Most of the material was mounted in scrapbooks where it remains.

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Biography

Priscilla Dean, born Blanche Dean November 25, 1896, in McKeesport, New York, was a motion picture actress from 1918 to 1928. She began acting at age four but spent several years in a convent school before seriously pursuing her film career. Before becoming an actress for Paramount Motion Pictures, she performed in a series of films with the comedy duo team of Lyons and Moran.

She was best known during the silent film era, though she did appear in two "talkies" prior to her retirement from the film industry.

Miss Dean was married to Wheeler Dateman, an actor, dates unknown, but the marriage ended in divorce. In 1926 she married Leslie P. Arnold, an executive for Transcontinental and Western Airways, who was later a vice president for Eastern Airlines. Mr. Arnold died in 1965.

After leaving Hollywood, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold eventually settled in Leonia, New Jersey. Mrs. Arnold spent the remainder of her life involved in the community volunteer ambulance service, community theater, and other volunteer projects.

Series Description

The Priscilla Dean Papers are arranged in two series:

Series I. Clippings and Miscellaneous Material, 1921-1979.
1 cubic ft. (1 slim document box, 2 flat boxes). Contains newspaper clippings of Ms. Dean's film career; probably compiled by an agency. Most are in scrapbooks, some loose.

Series II. Photographs, ca. 1922-1929. 2.2 cubic feet (3 document boxes, 2 flat boxes). Most photographs pertain to film productions.

Scope and Content

The Priscilla Dean Papers include scrapbooks, photos, clippings and publicity material documenting Ms. Dean's career as a film actress. Many of the films she appeared in are represented.

Many of the photographs in boxes 4 and 7 are in excellent condition and suitable for display. The printed material provides a view of the journalistic style of the 1920s and clothing fashions of the era.

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Folder List

Series I. Clippings and Miscellaneous Material, 1921-1979

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Box 1</u>		
1	"Filmograph", Vol. 1, No. 2, 1979	1979
	Alan Brock's typed draft of an article in the 1970s regarding Ms. Dean List of Ms. Dean's Films	1970
	News clipping-Hollywood Independent, April 4, 1974	1974
2	<u>Universal Weekly</u> , Vol. 16, No. 19, December 23, 1922	1922
	<u>Universal Weekly</u> , Vol. 17, No. 25, August 4, 1923	1923
	<u>Universal Weekly</u> , Vol. 18, No. 8, October 6, 1923	1923
	<u>Universal Weekly</u> , Vol. 18, No. 16, December 1, 1923	1923
	<u>Universal Weekly</u> , Vol. 19, No. 2, February 23, 1924	1924
	<u>Universal Weekly</u> , Vol. 23, No. 1, February 13, 1926	1926
	News article from <u>Motion Picture</u> , December 1921	1921
3	Newspaper clippings from Personal Appearance Tour 1925	1925
	Newspaper photo 6/30/36, titled "Remember When"	1936
4	Two dog show ribbons	
	Autograph book from a party in Ms. Dean's honor September 16, 1928, January 1929, and a house warming party February 9, 1929	1928, 1929
5	Miscellaneous news articles	
<u>Box 2</u>		
	Scrapbook-Newspaper clippings-1922-1929	1922-1929

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Series I. Clippings and Miscellaneous Material, 1921-1979 (cont.)

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Box 3</u>		
	Scrapbook-Newspaper clippings-1924-1925	1924-1925

Series II. Photographs, ca. 1922-1929

<u>Box 4</u>		
	Bound photo album from "The Siren of Seville". Photos are 8"x10"	n.d.

<u>Box 5</u>		
1	"Cafe in Cairo"	n.d.
2	"Wild Honey"	n.d.
3	"West of Broadway"	n.d.
4	"Virgin of Stamboul"	n.d.
5	"The Crimson Runner"	n.d.
6	On tour for Hunt Stromberg-1929?	1929?
7	Broken arm photos during "The Grey Ghost"	n.d.
8	"Drifting"	n.d.

<u>Box 6</u>		
1	"Reputation"	n.d.
2	Publicity on tour with "Cafe in Cairo"	n.d.
3	"Under Two Flags"	n.d.
4	Ruth Roland, Priscilla Dean doing the Charleston	n.d.
5	Miscellaneous Motion Pictures and Social Scrapbook-Family and professional	n.d.

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Series II. Photographs, ca. 1922-1929 (cont.)

<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
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Box 7

Scrapbook-

Pages 1-14 - Lyons and Moran comedies
Pages 15-19 - "The Grey Ghost"
Pages 20-21 - "Three O'Clock in the
Morning"
Pages 22-27 - "The Two Soul Woman"
Page 28 - No photos--appear to have
been removed
Page 29 - Lois Weber Productions
Pages 30-31 - No photos--appear to
have been removed
Pages 32-49 - Untitled
Pages 50-56 - "That Lass O'Lowrey"
Page 57 - Untitled

Box 8

1	Beverly Hills home
2	Miscellaneous-Motion picture and social
3	Miscellaneous large photographs