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Guide to the

**Kayton Sisters scrapbooks**

1915-1954

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## Summary

**Creator:** Kayton Sisters

**Title:** Kayton Sisters scrapbooks

**Date:** 1915-1954

**Size:** .4 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Source:** Scrapbooks: gift, Frances Tannehill, 03/17/93

**Abstract:** The Kayton Sisters, Jean, Lillian (sometimes known as Babe), and occasionally a third sister, Cecyl, were dancers of the vaudeville era. They performed across the United States in the 1920s and then set up their own dancing school in the 1930s. The Kayton Sisters Studios, in Queens and the Bronx, continued into the 1950s. Collection consists of two scrapbooks of clippings, programs and a few photographs reflecting the careers of the Kayton sisters. There are also some loose programs for the annual revues at their studio and some unidentified photographs of their students that they received as gifts.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Dance schools -- New York (State) -- New York  
Vaudeville

### **Names**

Kayton Sisters  
Kayton, Jean  
Kayton, Lillian  
Kayton Sisters Studios