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Guide to the

**Nancy Douglass papers**

1933-1971

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## Summary

**Creator:** Douglass, Nancy

**Title:** Nancy Douglass papers

**Date:** 1933-1971

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Unknown.

**Abstract:** Nancy Douglass (née Hasenwinkle) was a stage and radio actor. She began her career in the 1930s acting under the stage name Nancy Haswin, before changing her stage name to Douglass in 1938. She was married to Lawrence Hurdle and also performed for a time as Nancy Hurdle. Her Broadway roles included parts in *The Devil of Pei-Ling* (1936), *Out of the Frying Pan* (1941), and *Bloomer Girl* (1944). She was an understudy in the Theatre Guild's touring production of *Ah, Wilderness!* (1935) and starred in the radio program *Dangerous Road* in 1938. In the 1960s and early 1970s she performed in touring productions of *Forty Carats* and in the *Windmill Dinner Theater* in Texas. The Nancy Douglass papers (1933-1971) contains programs, photographs, clippings, telegrams, letters, and other materials related to Douglass' career. The collection includes a scrapbook which documents her career from 1934 to 1941.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Actresses

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Photographs

Programs (documents)

Scrapbooks

### **Subjects**

Radio actors and actresses