

Guide to the Randolph Somerville autographed photographs, 1887-1940

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	Randolph Somerville autographed photographs, circa 1887-1940
Creators:	Somerville, Randolph
Size:	.75 linear feet (3 boxes)
Repository:	Billy Rose Theatre Division, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts. New York, New York
Abstract:	This collection includes photographs and prints of actors and actresses from the late 19 th and early 20 th century, especially those associated with Shakespearean theatre in New York City. The images were primarily collected by professor Randolph Somerville and most images are signed. Among the most prominent figures represented are Viola Allen, Henrietta Crosman, Walter Hampden, Lyn Harding, Adelaide Neilson, Julia Marlowe Southern, Helena Modjeska, Ada Rehan, E.H. Southern, and Herbert Beerbohm Tree.
Languages Represented:	English

Administrative Information

Source:	The collection was donated to the Billy Rose Theatre Division at an unknown time by an unknown donor, possibly Randolph Somerville. The collection was formerly cataloged as MWEZ + n.c. 18,404 and 18,406
Access:	Collection is open to the public. Library policy on photocopying and photography will apply. Advance notice may be required.
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Biographical Note

Randolph Somerville was a professor of dramatic art at New York University and also director of the Washington Square Players Repertory Company, which existed from 1914 to 1918.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of photographs and a few photomechanical reproductions of actors and actresses primarily known for roles in Shakespearean theatre. Most of the images show the performers in costume, often for roles on the New York stage. Among the most prominent figures represented are Viola Allen, Henrietta Crosman, Walter Hampden, Lyn Harding, Adelaide Neilson, Julia Marlowe Southern, Helena Modjeska, Ada Rehan, E.H. Southern, and Herbert Beerbohm Tree. Most of the images are autographed to Somerville, although others are autographed to other people, or are simply signed. Some images are not autographed at all. The earliest dated image is from 1887 and the latest is from 1940.

Organization

The images are arranged alphabetically by performer's last name.

Container List

Box.Fol	Name	Dates
1.01	Abbott, George. 1 item	1925
2.01	Adams, Maude. 1 item	1919
2.02	Allen, Viola. 3 items	undated
2.03	Anglin, Margaret and Fuller Mellish. 1 item	undated
1.02	Arbuckle, Maclyn. 1 item	1918
2.04	Arthur, Julia. 1 item	1921
2.05	Bacon, Frank. 1 item	undated
1.03	Barrett, Wilson. 1 item	undated
2.07	Barrymore, Ethel and Walter Hampden. 1 item	circa 1925
2.06	Barrymore, Ethel. 1 item	[1923]
1.04	Braham, Lionel. 1 item	1915
1.05	Brent, Romney. 1 item	1928
1.06	Buckstone, Rowland. 1 item	1917
2.08	Collier, Constance and Henrietta Crosman. 1 item	1916
1.07	Coughlan, Rose. 1 item	1915
2.09	Cowl, Jane. 1 item	1923
	Crane, W.H. <i>See Robson, Stuart</i>	
2.10	Crosman, Henrietta and Mrs. Fiske and Otis Skinner. 1 item	1928
1.08	Crosman, Henrietta. 1 item	undated
	Crosman, Henrietta. <i>See Collier, Constance.</i>	
2.11	Cushman, Charlotte. 1 item	undated
2.12	Digges, Dudley. 1 item	undated
	Dreher, Virginia. <i>See Rehan, Ada</i>	
2.13	Drew, John. 3 items	undated
2.14	Farnum, William and Tom Manning. 1 item	1928
2.15	Faversham, William. 2 items	1914
2.16	Fisher, Charles. 1 item	undated
	Fiske, Mrs. <i>See Crosman, Henrietta</i>	
2.17	Fontanne, Lynn and Alfred Lunt. 1 item	circa 1931
2.18	Forbes-Robertson, Johnston. 1 item	undated
2.19	Forrest, Edwin. 1 item	undated
1.09	Hampden, Walter. 1 item	undated
2.20	Hampden, Walter. 4 items	undated
	Hampden, Walter. <i>See Barrymore, Ethel</i>	
1.10	Harding, Lyn. 1 item	undated
2.21	Harding, Lyn. 1 item	undated
2.22	Loftus, Cecilia. 1 item	1903
	Lunt, Alfred. <i>See Fontanne, Lynn</i>	
	Manning, Tom. <i>See Farnum, William</i>	
3.04	Mansfield, Richard. 1 item	undated
1.11	Mantell, Robert B. 1 item	undated
3.03	Mantell, Robert B. 1 item	undated

3.05	Marlow, Julia. 17 items	1888-1940
1.12	Massey, Raymond. 1 item	[1931]
1.13	Mathison, Edith Wynne. 4 items	1916, 1918, undated
3.01	McCullough, John. 1 item	undated
3.02	McLiammor, Michael. 1 item	undated
1.14	Mellish, Fuller. 1 item Mellish, Fuller. <i>See Anglin, Margaret.</i>	1887
3.06	Modjeska, Helena. 2 items	undated
3.07	Neilson, Adelaide. 2 items	undated
3.08	Opp, Julie. 1 item	1919
1.15	Power, Tyrone. 1 item	undated
3.10	Rehan, Ada and Dreher, Virginia. 1 item	undated
3.09	Rehan, Ada. 1 item	undated
3.11	Robson, Stuart and W.H. Crane. 1 item	undated
3.12	Salvini, Tomasso. 1 item	undated
3.13	Scott-Siddons, Mary Frances. 1 item	undated
1.16	Skinner, Otis. 1 item Skinner, Otis. <i>See Crosman, Henrietta</i>	1919
1.17	Skipworth, Alison. 1 item	1924
1.18	Sothorn, E.A. 1 item	1926
3.14	Sothorn, E.H. 7 items	undated
1.19	Taylor, Laurette. 2 items	1918
3.15	Tearle, George Osmond. 1 item	undated
3.16	Tree, Herbert B. 1 item	[1916]
1.20	Tree, Herbert B. 2 items	1916
1.21	Tully, Jim. 1 item	1928
1.25	Unidentified. 14 items	undated
3.19	Unidentified. 6 items	undated
3.17	Warfield, David. 1 item	1923
1.22	Wells, George. 1 item	undated
1.23	Wise, Thomas. 1 item	1916
1.24	Wood, Peggy. 1 item	undated
3.18	Wycherly, Margaret. 1 item	undated