

# NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Manuscripts

No. 55

Date processed: Feb. 22, 1977

- I. Title The Little Theater Guild of New Haven. Papers. 1922-1935.
- II. The papers of The Little Theater Guild of New Haven deposited in the Library on Jan. 20, 1972 , by Mrs. Jack Crawford as a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1 1/2 feet  
Approximate number of items: 300
- IV. Restrictions: none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: The Little Theater Guild of New Haven was organized in 1922 in order to provide interested persons with the opportunity to work in all areas of theater. Yearly memberships were sold for \$5.00. The group erected the building currently known as the Lincoln Theater as a home for its productions during the 1920's. In addition, the group also sponsored a Children's Theater in order to give young people a chance to be entertained and to work in the theater. During 1934 and 1935 the Little Theater Guild of New Haven also sponsored Children's Symphony Concerts. The organization dissolved in 1935 because of financial difficulties.
- VIII. Analysis: The collection covers three main areas: Scrapbooks containing memorabilia of Little Theater Guild productions from 1922-1935, Miscellaneous papers and photographs and, Five (5) reels of film of a production of "Vanity Fair". The film is quite brittle and should be viewed with great care. There are also newspaper clippings in the collection which are in poor condition.

\* \* NOTE \* \* When requesting materials, give librarian Mss. number (55)  
Item number and Folder letter. Thank you

The Little Theater Guild of New Haven

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Item 1: Scrapbooks 1922-1935

- Folder A: 1922-1923; 1923-1924
- " B: 1925-1926
- " C: 1926-1929
- " D: 1929-1931
- " E: 1931-1932
- " F: 1932-1935

Item 2: Miscellaneous Papers

- Folder A: Typescript of "Les Vignes Du Seigneur", copy 1
- " B: " " " " " " carbon
- " C: Minutes 1925-1929
- " D: " 1930-1934
- " E: Correspondence of Mrs. Jack Crawford, Secretary and General Manager 1926, 1927, undated
- " F: Description of Activities, typescript, no date
- " G: By-laws, no date
- " H: Programs 1931-1933
- " I: " 1934-1935
- " J: Newspaper clippings 1925-1928 (extremely fragile)
- " K: Miscellaneous Publicity Items, no date
- " L: "Architecture" April 1925
- " M: Blueprints - Little Theater Storage Building, 1932
- " N: " Lighting System for Theater Building, 1924
- " O: Sketches for Costumes, no date
- " O<sub>1</sub>: " " " " "
- " O<sub>2</sub>: " " " " "
- " P: Sketches for Scene Design, "Trelawny of the Wells", 1927 and "Dear Brutus", 1930

Item 3: Miscellaneous Photographs and Papers

- Folder A: Photographs: "Little Women" 1935
- " B: " "Hans Brinker" no date
- " C: " "The Late Christopher Bean" 1934
- " D: " "The Wizard of Oz" 1932 or 1935
- " E: " Miscellaneous & Unidentified
- " F: Children's Theater and Symphony Concerts 1934-1935, miscellaneous papers,
- " G: Miscellaneous Papers, correspondence, etc. 1934-1935

THE LITTLE THEATER GUILD OF NEW HAVEN  
MSS #55

Box/Folder    Contents

(Box 4 contains films made at various dates of productions by the Little Theater Guild.)

- 4            Little Theater Guild Production of "Vanity Fair"  
              and other films.

(In the 1980's a Committee was organized to save the Lincoln Theater. Material from this Committee was given to the Whitney Library in 2008 by Marcia Kravitt. Since the Lincoln Theater building had been erected by the Little Theater Guild, it was felt appropriate that this Committee's records should be added to MSS #55. These have been included in box 3.)

Committee to Save the Lincoln Theater

- 3/H            Newspaper articles, 1982-1990
- 3/I            Correspondence, 1982-1988
- 3/J            Research done by the Committee, 1982  
              History of the Theater
- 3/K            Press Releases, 1982-1987  
              National Register Nomination Form, 1983