Cornelia Otis Skinner Papers
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Summary Information

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Biographical/Historical note

Cornelia Otis Skinner (1899-1979) was born in Chicago, the daughter of the actor Otis Skinner and his wife Maud (Durbin) Skinner. After attending Bryn Mawr College (1918-1919), and studying theatre at The Sorbonne in Paris, France, she began her career on the stage in 1921. She appeared in several plays before embarking on a tour of the United States from 1926 to 1929 in a one-woman performance of short character sketches she herself wrote.

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Scope and Contents note

The letters in this collection were written by Cornelia Otis Skinner to the manager of her 1926-1929 tour, James Burton Pond, and his assistant, Viva Smith. James Burton Pond (1889-1961), head of the Pond Lecture Bureau in New York City, managed lecture tours of the United States by many prominent American and British speakers and performers. The letters, which are mostly undated, concern travel arrangements, bookings, expenses, and other matters related to the life of a touring actress. Also in the collection is a letter from Cornelia Otis Skinner's mother to Mr. Pond, and two printed items advertising the tour.

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Arrangement note

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