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Biographical / Historical

Alice Montgomery Lawrence (ca. 1865-1895) and Rita (Margarita) Woodhull Lawrence (ca. 1867-1939?) were well-known amateur actresses in New York City during the 1880s and 1890s. Many of their performances were benefits for various charities. Rita Lawrence also wrote an autobiographical memoir, *AMATEURS & ACTORS OF THE 19TH-20TH CENTURIES (AMERICAN, ENGLISH, ITALIAN)* (Menton, Fr., 1936).

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Summary

Correspondence, programs, clippings, and other theatrical memorabilia relating the the careers of Alice and Rita Lawrence.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Amateur theater -- New York (State) -- New York
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- New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs
- Actresses
- Lawrence, Margarita Woodhull, approximately 1867-1939?

Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged Correspondence, Manuscripts, and Documents

Scope and Contents

This series contains incoming and outgoing correspondence to Alice and Rita Lawrence, and is arranged in alphabetical order by name.

Title/Description	Instances
Allen, Edward Heron "I love you so!" [n.p.], 5 February 1888 1 page a.ms.s. (poem)1, February 1888	box 1
Amory, Rhina [Mrs. William, Jr.] To Rita Lawrence [New York], 12 February 1887 2 page a.l.s.1, February 1887	box 1
Amory, William Jr. To Rita Lawrence [New York], 20 February 1887 2 page a.l.s., February 1887	box 1
Backus, George To Rita Lawrence [New York], 1893 2 page a.l.s., 1893	box 1
Barber, M. Louise To Alice M. Lawrence Brooklyn, 15 January 1886 4 page a.l.s., January 1886	box 1
Barber, M. Louise To Rita W. Lawrence Brooklyn, 16 January 1886 4 page a.l.s., January 1886	box 1
Barnard, Anna E. To Alice & Rita W. Lawrence [New York], 14 May 1888 1 page a.l.s., May 1888	box 1
Barry, Helen To Rita Lawrence [New York], 1890 2 page a.l.s., 1890	box 1
Bloom, Edward L. Receipt for Theatre Rental New York, 6 February 1893 1 page a.d.s., February 1893	box 1
Bond, Frederick To Rita Lawrence [New York], 1888 2 page a.l.s., 1888	box 1
Bond, Frederick To Rita Lawrence [New York], 23 March 1888 3 page a.l.s., March 1888	box 1
Booth, Agnes To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 6 March 1888 2 page a.l.s., March 1888	box 1
Burroughs, William To Alice M. Lawrence Larchmont, NY, 10 April 1892 3 page a.l.s., April 1892	box 1
Carter, Edward To Rita Lawrence New York, 23 April 1888 2 page a.l.s., April 1888	box 1
Collins, Laura Sedgwick Receipt for Salary [n.p.], 19 May 1892 1 page a.d.s, May 1892	box 1
Corlies, Susan M. To Alice M. Lawrence Pelham Manor [NY], 11 November 1888 4 page a.l.s., November 1888	box 1
Coward, Edward Fales To Rita Lawrence [New York], 11 February 1887 1 page a.l.s., February 1887	box 1
Curtis, Henry Holbrook To William Thomas Lawrence [New York], 1890 2 page a.l.s., 1890	box 1

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Cutting, Robert Livingston Jr. To Rita Lawrence [New York], [1890] 3 page a.l.s.	box 1
de Blossieres, A. G. To Miss Lawrence [New York], 17 April 1888 1 page a.l.s., April 1888	box 1
De Forest, Fanny A. To Miss Lawrence [n.p.], 18 February 1893 3 page a.l.s., February 1893	box 1
De Forest, Harriet To Miss Lawrence Summit, NJ, 18 February 1893 2 page a.l.s., February 1893	box 1
de Wolfe, Elsie Anderson To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], [23 February 1888] 2 page a.l.s.	box 1
Dixey, Henry E. To Alice Lawrence [New York], 22 December 1885 1 page a.l.s., December 1885	box 1
Drew, Josephine Baker (Mrs. John) To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], [n.d.] 2 page a.l.s.	box 1
Eldridge, Louisa To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 20 February 1889 2 page a.l.s., February 1889	box 1
Fitch, Clyde To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 9 April 1892 3 page a.l.s., April 1892	box 1
Frohman, Daniel Statement about Alice M. & Rita Lawrence New York, 1890 1 page t.ms. (carbon), 1890	box 1
Gaunt, Percy Receipt for Orchestra Payment New York, 189- 1 page a.d.s	box 1
Gwynne, Edith To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], [ca. December 1887] 4 page a.l.s	box 1
Gwynne, Edith To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], [ca. January 1888] 4 page a.l.s	box 1
Gwynne, Edith To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 1 January 1888 1 a.p.c., January 1888	box 1
Henderson, Grace R. To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 1890 1 page a.l.s., 1890	box 1
Henderson, Grace R. To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], [1890 ?] 2 page a.l.s.	box 1
Hoey, Josephine To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 14 February 1889 2 page a.l.s., February 1889	box 1
Jackson, Sir Harry V. To Alice M. Lawrence London, 8 July 1835 1 page t.l.s., July 1835	box 1
Kelcey, Caroline Hill (Mrs. Herbert) To Alice M. Lawrence [London], [December n.y.] 1 a.n.	box 1
Kelcey, Herbert To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 19 March 1889 2 page a.l.s., March 1889	box 1

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Kelcey, Herbert To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], 1890 1 page a.l.s., 1890	box 1
Kelcey, Herbert To Alice M. Lawrence New York, [4 February 1890] 2 page a.l.s.	box 1
Laughton, Mrs. Lily McAllister To Alice M. Lawrence Washington, 17 February 1886 1 telegram, February 1886	box 1
Laughton, Mrs. Lily McAllister To Sophie Clinch Tilley Lawrence Washington, 18 February 1886 1 telegram, February 1886	box 1
Lawrence, Alice Montgomery [to Herbert Kelcey] To Alice M. Lawrence [New York], [1890] 3 page a.l.s.	box 1
Lawrence, Alice Montgomery Copyright Certificate Washington, 4 March 1891 1 page ms.d., March 1891	box 1
Lawrence, Rita Woodhull Diary [v.p.], 1891-1895 1 volume a.ms.s., 1891-1895	box 1
Lawrence, William Thomas To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 14 April 1892 1 page a.l.s., April 1892	box 1
Lawrence, William Thomas "Fresh Air Home" Account New York, 15-18 February 1889 2 page a.d., February 1889	box 1
Nicholas, George W. Receipt New York, 20 February 1889 1 page a.d.s., February 1889	box 1
Lawrence, William Thomas Account Book New York, 28 March - 12 April 1892 ? 1 page a.d., April 1892	box 1
Lewis, James To Rita Lawrence New York, 13 April 1892 1 page a.l.s., April 1892	box 1
Lyman, Laura C. To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 9 December 1892 4 page a.l.s., December 1892	box 1
Lyon, B. de (Mrs. John Doane) To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 2 March n.y. 1 page a.l.s.	box 1
Madison, Mathilde To Alice M. Lawrence [n.p.], [n.d.] 2 page a.l.s.	box 1
Madison, Mathilde To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 1 November 1886 2 page a.l.s., November 1886	box 1
Madison, Mathilde To Rita Lawrence New York, ca. February 1887 2 page a.l.s., February 1887	box 1
Manierre, Alfred Lee To Rita Lawrence New York, 22 April 1898 3 page a.l.s., April 1898	box 1
Martin, Mary T. To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 23 May n.y. 3 page a.l.s.	box 1
Meyer, Charles Receipt for Wigs New York, 22 April 1893 1 page a.d.s., April 1893	box 1

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Ninton, Telfair Mariott To Rita Lawrence [n.p.], 1890 1 card a.n.s., 1890	box 1
Murray, Henry Alexander To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 5 January 1886 2 page a.l.s., January 1886	box 1
Pierson, Henrietta B.H. To Sophie Clinch Tilley Lawrence New York, 1 March 1889 2 page a.l.s., March 1889	box 1
Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs. James Brown) To Alice M. Lawrence [n.p.], [n.d.] 2 page a.l.s.	box 1
Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs. James Brown) To Alice M. Lawrence New York, ca. 1884 1 page a.l.s., 1884	box 1
Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs. James Brown) To Alice M. Lawrence New York, February 1886 6 page a.l.s. Note: With copies of 3 related letters, February 1886	box 1
Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs. James Brown) To Alice M. Lawrence [n.p.], 24 May 1886 1 page a.l.s., May 1886	box 1
Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs. James Brown) To Alice M. Lawrence [London], 28 July 1886 6 page a.l.s., July 1886	box 1
Pryor, Sara Agnes Rice (Mrs. Roger Atkinson) To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 7 December 1888 3 page a.l.s., December 1888	box 1
Pryor, Sara Agnes Rice (Mrs. Roger Atkinson) To Rita Lawrence New York, 7 December 1888 2 page a.l.s., December 1888	box 1
Reeve, C.C. To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 21 January 1893 1 page t.l.s., January 1893	box 1
Roberts, R.A. To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 1891 1 page a.l.s., 1891	box 1
Roeder, Benjamin A. To Rita Lawrence New York, 29 March 1890 1 page a.l.s., March 1890	box 1
Roosa, Daniel Bennett St. John To Sophie Clinch Tilley Lawrence New York, 11 December 1892 2 page a.l.s.1 Russell, Robert Howard To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 20 March 1889 2 page a.l.s., December 1892, March 1889	box 1
Ryan, J.S. To Rita Lawrence New York, 16 November 1890 1 page a.l.s., November 1890	box 1
Shortridge, Laura Virginia To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 1892 2 page a.l.s., 1892	box 1
Shortridge, Laura Virginia To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 7 December 1892 7 page a.l.s., December 1892	box 1
Suydam, Walter L. To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 2 April 1893 1 page a.l.s., April 1893	box 1

Teall, Florence Rissell (Mrs. Oliver Sumner) and Cora Urquhart Potter (Mrs. James Brown) To Alice M. Lawrence Washington, 18 February 1886 1 page telegram, February 1886	box 1
Tosti, Francesco Paolo To Alice M. Lawrence London, 16 December n.y. 4 page a.l.s.	box 1
Warner, Franklin Mott To Rita Lawrence New York, 1890 1 page a.n., 1890	box 1
Weekes, Frederic Delano To Rita Lawrence New York, 1888 1 page a.l.s., 1888	box 1
Wendell, Evert Janson To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 24 February 1891 2 page a.l.s., February 1891	box 1
Wendell, Evert Jansen To Rita Lawrence New York, 3 January 1915 2 page t.l.s., January 1915	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Alice M. Lawrence [n.p.], [n.d.] 1 page a.n.s.	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Rita Lawrence New York, 1890 2 page a.l.s., 1890	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Sophie Clinch Tilley Lawrence New York, 26 march 1890 2 page a.l.s., 1890	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Sophie Clinch Tilley Lawrence New York, 14 April 1890 2 page a.l.s., April 1890	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 21 April 1890 1 page a.l.s., April 1890	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Rita Lawrence New York, 6 May 1890 1 page a.l.s., May 1890	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Rita Lawrence New York, 25 June 1890 2 page a.l.s., June 1890	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Rita Lawrence New York, 9 December 1890 2 page a.l.s., December 1890	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 21 February 1891 1 page a.l.s., February 1891	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Rita Lawrence New York, 17 April 1891 1 page a.l.s., April 1891	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Rita Lawrence New York, 25 January 1893 1 page a.n.s., January 1893	box 1
Wheatcroft, Nelson To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 25 April 1893 2 page a.l.s., April 1893	box 1
Williard, Paul To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 20 April 1893 1 page a.l.s., April 1893	box 1
Yrmonde, Eugene To Alice M. Lawrence New York, 1892 1 page a.l.s., 1892	box 1

Yrmonde, Eugene Receipt for Salary New York, 9 April 1892 1 page ms.d.s., April 1892	box 1
Unidentified Correspondence [n.p.], 10-11 May 1892 5 items 1 Folder, May 1892	box 1

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Series II: Amateur Theater

Scope and Contents

The series contains material related to the Lawrence sisters' work with theater, other personalities in theater, and charitable efforts.

Title/Description	Instances
Note: The series contains material related to the Lawrence sisters' work with theater, other personalities in theater, and charitable efforts.	box 1
Invoices, property lists New York, 1892-1893	box 1
Programs, flyers, awards New York, 1887-1892 Note: Including list of photographs transferred from the Alice and Rita Lawrence Scrapbooks to the Dramatic Museum Portrait File, 1887-1892	box 1
Clippings New York, 1889-1896	box 1
Clippings on Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft New York, [n.d.] &, 1926	box 1
My Turn Next and The Serenade [n.p.], 15 October 1892 1 poster, October 1892	flatbox 281
Ladies Society Presented to Misses Lawrence for the December 4 1888 production of Blue and Cherry [n.p.], 1888 1 satin banner Note: For the relief of sufferers of yellow fever, 1888, 1888	flatbox 281

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Series III: Scrapbooks

Scope and Contents

The series contains five scrapbooks from the Lawrences' acting careers. The scrapbooks contain programs, souvenirs, and clippings.

Title/Description	Instances
Note: The series contains five scrapbooks from the Lawrences' acting careers. The scrapbooks contain programs, souvenirs, and clippings.	flatbox 281

Rita Lawrence Book 1 [n.p.], 1882-1891	flatbox 281
Alice Lawrence Book 1 [n.p.], 1874-1889	flatbox 281
Rita Lawrence Book 2 [n.p.], 1890-1893	flatbox 282
Alice Lawrence Book 2 [n.p.], 1890-1892	flatbox 282
Alice Lawrence Book 3 [n.p.], 1893-1895	flatbox 282

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Allen, Edward Heron (2)	
Amory, Mathilde see: Madison, Mathilde	
Barnard, Nanette (Mrs Horace) see: Widdleton, Nanette	
Barry, Helen	
Bedlow, Henry	
Belasco, David (2)	
Bond, Frederick (2)	
Boynton, C. E.	
Brady, Katheryn M.	
Burroughs, William (2)	
Cary, John D.	
Cayvan, Georgia with: Kelcey, Herbert	
Collins, Laura Sedgwick	
Coolidge, Palmer with: Lawrence, Alice Montgomery	
Cutting, Robert Livingston, Jr. with: Lawrence, Alice Montgomery	
Croly, Vida	
Denison, Mathilde (Mrs. Charles) see Madison, Mathilde	
Dyas, Ada and H. J. Montague	
Gale, Minna K. (4)	
Gale, Minna K. (5) with: Lawrence, Rita Woodhull	
Griswold, Mrs Daniel Payne see: Robe, Annie	
Grovesteen, Bessie(2) with: Lawrence, Rita Woodhull	

Harris, Katharine (Mrs Sidney) see: Brady, Katheryn M.

Haynes, Minna see: Gale, Minna K.

Heaton, Gilbert

Henderson, Grace

Hendrickson, Mrs George Lincoln See: Vaux, Marion

Hill, Caroline (2)

Hopper, Will

Ireland, Joseph N.

Jackson, Ann

Kelcey, Herbert (3)

Kelcey, Herbert & Georgia Cayvan

Kelcey, Caroline Hill (Mrs Herbert) see: Hill, Caroline

Kershaw, Edmund (2)

Lamb, Herbert see: Kelcey, Herbert

Lawrence, Alice Montgomery (4)

Lawrence, Alice Montgomery & Rita Woodhull

Lawrence (3)

Lawrence, Alice M., Rita W.

Lawrence, & Sophie Clinch Tilley

Lawrence, Sophie Clinch Tilley (Mrs W.T.) (5)

Lawrence, Alice M., Rita W.

Lawrence, Minna K. Gale, Henry Miller, & George W.

Nicholas (2) Lawrence, Alice M., Rita W. Lawrence, & Robert Lee Morrell (2)

Lawrence, Alice M., Rita W.

Lawrence, & Henry Miller

Lawrence, Alice M., Rita W.

Lawrence, Horace Porter, & Mr. Proctor (2)

Lawrence, Alice M., Rita W.

Lawrence, Palmer Coolidge, Robert Livingston Cutting, Jr., & Robert Lee Morrell (2)

Lawrence, Rita Woodhull (8)

Lawrence, Rita W. & Henry Miller

Lawrence, Rita W. Minna K. Gale, & three others

Lawrence, Rita W. Minna K. Gale, Bessie Grovestein, &
Charles C. Ransom (2)

Lawrence, Sophie Clinch Tilley (Mrs William Thomas)
with:Lawrence, Alice M. Leslie, Elsie (2)

Madison, Mathilde (2)

Merrill, W. A.

Miller, Henry with; Lawrence, Alice M.

Miller, Henry with: Lawrence, Rita W.

Montague, Harry J.

Montague, Harry J. with: Dyas, Ada

Morrell, Robert Lee with: Lawrence, Alice M.

Nicholas, George W.

Nicholas, George W. with: Lawrence, Alice M.

Pauling, Gracie

Porter, Horace with: Lawrence, Alice M. .

Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs James Brown) (2)

Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs James Brown) & Alice M.
Lawrence

Potter, Cora Urquhart (Mrs James Brown) & her daughter
Anne Urquhart Potter Stillman

(Mrs James A.)

Proctor, Mr with: Lawrence, Alice M.

Ramsay, Walden

Ransom, Charles C. with: Lawrence, Rita W.

Robe, Annie (Mrs Daniel Payne Griswold) (2)

Stanhope, Adeline

Stillman, Anne Urquhart Potter (Mrs James A.) with: Potter,
Cora Urquhart

Stoddard, Lorimer

Thorpe, Courtenay (2)

Throop, George Enos

Tilley, Mary Madison see: Lawrence, Rita W.

Vaux, Marion (3)

West, Percita

Wheatcroft, Adeline Stanhope (Mrs Nelson) see: Stanhope, Adeline)

Wheatcroft, Nelson (5)

Whitten, Mrs Thomas

Widdleton, Nanette

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Wood, William T.

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