

**Rosamond Pinchot Papers**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Rosamond Pinchot Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1918-1955

**Bulk Dates:** 1923-1937

**ID No.:** MSS85544

**Creator:** Pinchot, Rosamond, 1904-1938

**Extent:** 100 items

**Extent:** 2 containers plus 3 oversize

**Extent:** 2.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2010085544>

**Summary:** Actor. Address book, correspondence, diary, photographs, printed matter, and scrapbooks relating to the life and acting career of Rosamond Pinchot.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Arden, Elizabeth, 1878-1966.

Cerf, Bennett, 1898-1971.

Cooper, Diana, 1892-1986.

Cukor, George, 1899-1983--Correspondence.

Cukor, George, 1899-1983.

Dietz, Howard, 1896-1983.

Gish, Lillian, 1893-1993--Correspondence.

Kaufman, Beatrice.

Kaufman, George S. (George Simon), 1889-1961.

Lewis, Sinclair, 1885-1951--Correspondence.

Marbury, Elisabeth, 1856-1933.

Marx, Harpo, 1888-1964.

Molnár, Ferenc, 1878-1952--Correspondence.

Montgomery, Robert, 1904-1981.

Parker, Dorothy, 1893-1967.

Pinchot, Rosamond, 1904-1938.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Eleanor, 1884-1962.

Selznick, David O., 1902-1965.

Selznick, Irene Mayer, 1907-1990.

Shawn, Ted, 1891-1972.

St. Denis, Ruth, 1880-1968.

Woollcott, Alexander, 1887-1943.

### Subjects

Presidents--United States--Inauguration.

Theater--United States.

### Titles

*Miracle (Pantomime)*

### Occupations

Actresses.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Rosamond Pinchot, actress, were given to the Library of Congress by Bibi Gaston and James Pinchot Gaston in 2010.

## Processing History

The papers of Rosamond Pinchot were arranged and described by Donna Ellis in 2011. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## Transfers

Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

## Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the [Gifford Pinchot Papers](#), the [Amos Pinchot Papers](#), and the [Cornelia Bryce Pinchot Papers](#).

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Rosamond Pinchot in these papers and in other collections in the custody of the Library of Congress is reserved. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for further information.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Rosamond Pinchot are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Rosamond Pinchot Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Rosamond Pinchot (1904-1938) span the years 1918-1955, with the bulk of the material dating from 1923 to 1937. The papers are in English.

A diary dating from 1933 to 1934 describes Pinchot's activities in private life as well as her career as an actress and includes details of Elisabeth Marbury's funeral and a behind the scenes report on Eleanor Roosevelt during the 1933 presidential inauguration festivities. Pinchot records her participation in several repertory theater productions and social encounters with Elizabeth Arden, Bennett Cerf, George Cukor, Howard Dietz, Beatrice Kaufman, George S. Kaufman, Robert Montgomery, Dorothy Parker, Irene Mayer Selznick, and David O. Selznick.

An address book, in Pinchot's hand, lists her many theater acquaintances. Two scrapbooks and numerous loose photographs depict her private and professional life and include signed photographs from George Cukor, Diana Cooper, Ruth St. Denis, and Ted Shawn, and candid shots taken at a summer party on Alexander Woollcott's island. Among the guests were Bennett

Cerf and Harpo Marx. The scrapbooks also contain signed letters from George Cukor, Lillian Gish, Sinclair Lewis, Ferenc Molnar, and Eleanor Roosevelt and reviews of the play *The Miracle* that launched her acting career.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

## Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Address book, 1934
BOX 1	Correspondence, 1929
BOX 1	Diary, 1933-1934 (7 folders)
BOX 2	(2 folders)
BOX 2	Photographs
BOX 2	Negatives, undated
BOX 2	Positives, circa 1923-1955 (5 folders)
BOX 2	Printed matter, undated
BOX 2	Scrapbooks
BOX 2	Vol. I, 1923-1927
BOX 2	Vol. II, 1918-1937 <i>See Oversize</i> (3 folders)
BOX OV 1	Oversize
BOX OV 1	Scrapbooks
BOX OV 1	Vol. II, 1918-1937 (Container 2) (3 folders)
BOX OV 2	(3 folders)
BOX OV 3	(2 folders)