Guide to the Vivian Lee Welch Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Vivian Lee Welch Papers
Creator: Welch, Vivian Lee
Dates: 1957-2007
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Abstract: This collections contains correspondence from Vivian Lee Welch to Dree Lyon from 1991-1998, legal docuemtns, financial documents, manuscripts for plays and screenplays, music lyrics, miscellaneous writings, photographs, and publications.

Collection Number: d2008.2
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No addition to the collection is anticipated.

Biography of Vivian Lee Welch
Vivian Lee Welch was born in Youngstown, Ohio. She is buried in the Veterans National Cemetary in Riverside, California. During World War II she worked for the U.S. military as a cigarette girl. As a young woman she lived in Hollywood, California; she worked as a standup comedian in a homosexual club, she wrote poetry, she was a lyricist, she performed in "B" movies and worked as a box office clerk at the Triagle Theatre on Melrose Ave. Eventually she moved to Phoenix and then Tucson Arizona. She worked for TWA as reservation clerk. After she retired from TWA she moved to a retirement home in Palm Springs, California.

Scope and Contents of the Collection
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Series Arrangement
Series 1 Correspondence
Series 2 Legal Documents
Series 3 Financial Documents
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Series 5 Music Lyrics
Series 6 Miscellaneous Writings
Series 7 Photographs
Series 8 Publications

Subject Headings
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection
Welch, Vivian Lee
Chatterton, Robert
Women's studies
Western Americana -- 1900-1999
musical scores

Series 1 Correspondence,

Box 1, folder 1  Letters,
Box 1, folder 2  Postcards, 1968-1989
Box 1, folder 3  Postcards, 1968-1989
box 4, folder 1  Correspondence with Dree Lyon, 1981-1991
box 4, folder 2  Correspondence with Dree Lyon, 1991
box 4, folder 3  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, 1992
box 4, folder 4  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - August 1993
box 4, folder 5  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, September - December 1993
box 4, folder 6  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - May 1994
box 4, folder 7  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, April - December 1994
box 4, folder 8  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - August 1995
box 4, folder 9  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, September - December 1995
box 5, folder 1  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - May 1996
box 5, folder 2  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, June - September 1996
box 5, folder 3  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, October - December 1996
box 5, folder 4  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - July 1997
box 5, folder 5  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, August - December 1997
box 5, folder 6  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, January - July 1998
box 6, folder 1  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, Undated
box 6, folder 2  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, March 1996
box 6, folder 3  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, June 1996
box 6, folder 4  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, February 19, 1998
box 6, folder 5  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, March 20, 1998
box 6, folder 6  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, March 23, 1998
box 6, folder 7  Correspondence from Welch to Dree Lyon, April 2, 1998
box 6, folder 8  Empty Envelopes, Undated
box 6, folder 7  Notecards to Dree Lyon,

Series 2 Legal Documents 1958-2007

box 1, folder 3  Certificate of Copyright, 1958
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box 1, folder 4  Passport, 1958, 1978
box 1, folder 5  Marriage Certificate, 1960
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box 1, folder 6  Vivian Lee Welch Film Corporation, Undated
box 1, folder 7  Power of Attorney, Undated
box 1, folder 7  Vital records, 2007
box 3, folder 2  Power of Attorney, Will, Social Security
box 3, folder 3  Power of Attorney for burial arrangements
box 3, folder 4  Life Assurance
box 3, folder 5  “Certificate of Individual transacting business under a fictitious name”, 1962
box 3, folder 6  Financial statements, personal

Series 3 Financial Documents 1997

box 1, folder 8  Bank Statement, 1997
box 1, folder 9  Government Cash, Undated
Series 4 Manuscripts Undated

Scope and Content Note
Lee Welch wrote poetry and plays.

- **Airline Hostess, Undated**
- **Armour Inc., Undated**
- **Confidential Agent, Undated**
- **Confidential Agent, 1954**
- **How Strange My Love, Undated**
- **A Prelude -- How Strange My Love, Undated**
- **Feature That -- A Play, Undated**
- **Jack and the Magic Beanstalk, Undated**

  **Note**
  >This a manuscript for an television episode of Jack and the Magic Beanstalk.

- **The Kiss, Undated**
- **Long Live Queen Elizabeth, Undated**
- **Marie Atoinette in Pennsylvania, Undated**
- **Next Time, Undated**
- **Runners and Corridors -- A Play, Undated**
- **Runners in the Sun, Undated**
- **Salisbury, Undated**
- **Thespian -- A Play, Undated**

  **Note**
  >This play was written at Los Angeles City College, Department of Radio Broadcasting. The play is registered under the Screen Writers Guild.

- **Whirlpool, Undated**
- **Windfall, Undated**
- **Vulture Gulch, Undated**
- **Poetry, Undated**
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- **Poetry, Undated**
- **Poetry/Lyrics, Undated**
- **National Library of Poetry, Undated**

Series 5 Music Lyrics, Undated

- **Cat Life -- A play by Robert Chatterton, Undated**

  **Scope and Content Note**
  >Robert Wade Chatterton and Vivian Lee Welch lyrics for movies and plays.

- **Lyrics by Robert Chatterton, Undated**
- **Hollywood Hayride -- A Play, Undated**
- **A Season of Celebration, Undated**
- **Music Scores, Undated**
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- **Poetry - unknown poet, Undated**
- **Sheet Music, Undated**
- **Piano Solos by Lee Welch, Undated**

Series 6 Miscellaneous writing, Undated
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- box 2, folder 45: Poetry - unknown poet, Undated
- box 2, folder 46: Review for Stage productions, Undated
- box 2, folder 47: The Pool by Stan Chatterton, Undated
- box 2, folder 48: How to Rub Your Stomach, Undated
- box 2, folder 48: After Dinner Mince - A Playbill, Undated

### Series 7 Photographs

- box 2, folder 49: Photographs and Negatives, Undated
- box 2, folder 50: Photographs and Negatives, Undated
- box 2, folder 51: Studio Photographs, Undated
- box 2, folder 52: Photographs, Undated
- box 2, folder 53: Miscellaneous, Undated

### Series 8 Publications

- box 2, folder 54: Dust of the Stars by Lee Welch, Undated
- box 2, folder 55: Women Artists 1550-1950, Undated
- box 2, folder 56: Magazine Articles, Undated