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# Guide to the Chicago Drama Performances Index 1839-1955



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## **Descriptive Summary**

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**Abstract** Compiled by University of Chicago Professor Napier Wilt. Primarily index cards with information on theatrical performances in Chicago theaters, 1839-1955. Cards include title of play, dates of performances, author, theater where play was performed, actors, and sometimes comments on the play. Also includes scripts, playbills, reviews, and some information on New York theaters in the 20th century.

## **Information on Use**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Citation**

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### **Scope Note**

The Chicago Drama Performances Index represents a record of theatrical performance in the Chicago theaters from 1839-1955. There is also some information on New York theaters in the twentieth century. The Chicago Drama Performances Index is the result of theater history projects conducted by Napier Wilt, a faculty member in the University of Chicago's Department of English who specialized in the study of theater. The index was developed over a period of time by Wilt, with contributions from his students and colleagues.

The material is collected in multiple index files, as well as on unindexed cards. The largest and most cohesive files are an author index, title index, chronological index, index of plays performed annually, indexes of German plays, and an actor index.

## **Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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Napier Wilt. Papers

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- Wilt, Napier, b. 1896
- Drama -- History and criticism
- Theater -- Illinois -- Chicago

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