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## Imogene Coca Papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Imogene Coca Papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1479
<b>Date:</b>	1879-2008
<b>Extent:</b>	7.5 Cubic feet (5 boxes, 4 framed items, 12 accordion folders, two loose stacks)
<b>Source:</b>	Basile, Mark Coca, Imogene
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	The collection documents the life and career of comedian Imogene Coca.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Collection donated to the Archives Center in 2019 by Mark Basile.

### Preferred Citation

Imogene Coca Papers, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

### Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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## Content Description

The collection documents the life and career of comedian Imogene Coca. It includes family documents and photographs, including some from the 19th century; a family history written by Imogene Coca; several photograph albums; several scrapbooks, including such things as articles and clippings, advertisements for shows, notes, playbills, and photographs; correspondence; diaries; scripts; original scores; sheet music; clippings; transcripts of interviews; awards; and miscellany.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Awards
- Comedians -- United States
- Interviews
- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century
- Sound recordings -- Discs
- Television personalities
- Variety shows (Television programs) -- Production and direction

### Types of Materials:

- Diaries
- Magazines (periodicals) -- 20th century
- Musical scores
- Newspaper clippings
- Photograph albums -- 20th century
- Playbills
- Scrapbooks -- 20th century
- Sheet music -- 20th century

### Names:

- Basile, Mark