

Guide to the Niela Goodelle Collection (Mss 054)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Title: Niela Goodelle Collection

Accession Number: A2013-006

Dates: 1911 – 1988

Quantity: ½ lft; 1 document box

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

The collection consists of personal information, photographs, news clippings, and sound recordings documenting the personal and professional life of actress and singer Niela Goodelle.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Niela Goodelle Hartz (September 8, 1910 – May 26, 1988) was born Helen Goodelle in New York. In the 1920s, she worked as an accompanist for Burton Thatcher in exchange for vocal lessons. By the 1930s she was a Hollywood starlet, performing in various shows and movies with the likes of Buddy Rogers. She is perhaps most famous for turning down a marriage proposal by Rudy Vallee in 1937.

Goodelle retired at what was arguably the peak of her career, in 1940, and married Minton Hartz. She had 3 children.

ACQUISITION

The Niela Goodelle Collection was received from Laurie Anderson on February 14, 2013.

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SUBJECTS

Goodelle, Niela

PREFERRED CITATION

Cite as: Niela Goodelle Collection, The Great American Songbook Foundation.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

Contents	Box	Folder
Newspaper Clippings		
Picture of Daughter for Junior League event, 12/5/1954	1	20
Obituary of Niela Hartz, <i>Evansville Metro Press</i> , May 27, 1988.	1	1
Marriage to Minton Hartz, 2/6/1940. [14 items]	1	6
Telegrams, c. 1930s. [5 items]	1	2
Miscellaneous Publicity, 1936 – 1964. [18 Items]	1	7
Ziegfeld Follies, ca. 1931. Includes copy of her contract. [2 items]	1	3
Buddy Rogers Rompers, ca. 1933. [9 items]	1	4
Miscellaneous Items		
Hartz Family History, 11/2000.	1	8
“Introducing Miss Radio Stars: a lovely girl in her twenties, who knows just how her future will work out.” <i>Radio Stars</i> , November 1935, 28. [includes separate clipping of Goodell Hartz’s relationship with Rudy Vallée]	1	9
Ziegfeld Follies’ program, 1934.	1	5
Address Book with several handwritten guest lists, ca. 1930’s. [includes a copy of J.W. Riley’s “When the Frost is on the Punkin’” transcribed by Niela]	1	10
Photos		
Niela, Niela with young girl (daughter?)ca. 1940’s.	1	11
Young Boy, ca. 1950’s. [3 poses, 9 photos]	1	12
B&W Photos, ca. 1930s [11 photos]		13
Assorted Head Shots, 1930’s. [7 photos]	1	14
Full-Body Poses, 1930’s. [3 photos]	1	15
Performance Photos, ca. 1930’s. [10 photos]	1	16
Vacation snapshots, n.d., [2 photos]	1	17
Wedding Photos, 2/6/1940. [5 photos]	1	18
Various poses as a child, ca. 1913 – 1925. [3 photos]	1	19
Lacquer Recordings		
John Peel (handwritten on one side), n.d.	1	
“I Love You”, 8/6/1936. [from <i>Rudy Vallée Variety Show</i>]	1	
“Comin’ Through the Rye”/”John Peel”/”Thanks for the Memory”, n.d.	1	
“Love is a Merry-Go-Round”/”All God’s Chillin’ Got Rhythm”, 7/18/1937.	1	
“Wild Trumpets, Crazy Piano”8/6/1936. [from <i>Rudy Vallée Variety Show</i>]	1	
“Where or When”/”Trust in Me”, 4/24/1937.	1	
“Meet Miss Jones”/”Nice Work If You Can Get It”/”If It’s the Last Thing”/”Once in a While”, 12/22, 1935?	1	
“I’ll See You in My Dreams”/”All God’s Chillin’ Got Rhythm”, 7/25/1937.	1	
Unidentified, 3 items.	1	