

# Elanora Peake Zint Collection Finding Aid MS345

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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

MS345

### Unit Date

1924-2006

### Language

English .

### Creator

Zint, Elanora Peake, 1907-1957

### Creator

Zint, Raymond W. (Raymond William), 1899-1962

### Extent

.42 Linear Feet 1 box, 44 folders correspondence, silver gelatin prints, chromogenic negatives

### Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

## Administrative Information

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Fred Zint, 2006

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# Biographical / Historical

Elanora Zint nee Peake was born December 20th 1907 in Alexandria, VA, where she attended St. Mary's Academy. In the 1920's, she was a ballerina with the Pemberton Dancers, led by Stafford Pemberton, dancing in venues around Washington D.C, such as the Earle (now Warner) theater. In 1928 she joined the Pantages Vaudeville Circuit, where she met her future husband, Raymond Zint, and they were married in 1930. With the onset of the depression, Elanora and her husband moved to Wapakoneta, OH, Raymond's hometown, where she owned and taught in a dance studio. In 1942, they moved to Alexandria, where they both served in the OSS and the CIA. Elanora Zint died April 20th, 1957 due to complications from an operation.

# Content Description

The collection consists of primarily of photographs, with some artwork, correspondence, and contracts included. The photos are primarily centered around the 1920's Washington D.C. vaudeville scene. Included are letters from Allen Dulles, former head of the CIA, one concerning Elanora's death and service, and another commending Raymond upon his retirement. Another letter concerns a friend of Elanora's, which describes her experience with the Mange Bros. Circus in Venezuela. There are also a small number of photos and negatives of the couple's travels in the 1940's and 50's to Niagara Falls, and Great Falls, VA.

# Keywords

Ballet.

Dance Teachers.

Vaudeville.

Circus.

Great Falls of the Potomac (Md. and Va.)

Niagara Falls National Heritage Area (N.Y.)

Pantages Circuit of Vaudeville Theatres

Tourism.

Washington (D.C.) -- Social life and customs.

Jones, Bobby, 1902-1971

Negri, Pola, 1899-1987

# Arrangement

The collections has been divided into two series: Series I: Photographs and Negatives, 1920-1957 Series II: Correspondence and Ephemera

# Description of Subordinate Components

## Series I: Photographs and Negatives

**Unit Date** 1920-1957

**Unit Date** Note from relative upon donation

## Photograph of Elanora Peake Zint

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photograph of Elanora Peake**

**Unit Date** 1926

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Dance & Studio Photos of Elanora**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Dance & Studio Photos of Elanora**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photo of Elanora and Fellow Dancer**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photos of Stafford Pemberton and Elanora**

**Unit Date** 1926

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photos of Gladys Hartlep**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photos of an Actor Named Doc**

**Unit Date** 1928

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 8 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photo of June Shirley Blake, Age 5**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 9 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photos of the Pemberton Dancers**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 10 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photo of a Crowd Around Bobby Jones**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 11 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Keywords**

Golf.

Jones, Bobby, 1902-1971

**Photo of Pola Negri**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 12 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Actors and Dancers**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 13 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains several photographs of actors, dancers, and entertainers from the 1920s. Included are Josie Carole, Paul Douglas, Walter Hebb, and Jack Spangler.

**Photos of Dorothy and Edna Daye**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 14 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Three Dancers**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 15 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Original folder said "3 Graces."

**Photo of Buck and Clinton Jr.**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photo of Prim**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Doris in the Doghouse**

**Unit Date** February 17, 1942

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photo of Unknown Couple**

**Unit Date** October 19, 1938

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photos of Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Frame**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Photo of Two Dancers**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Niagara Falls Photo Album**

**Unit Date** September, 1951

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Zoo and Capitol Photo Album**

**Unit Date** circa 1950-1957

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Picnic Photo Album**

**Unit Date** circa 1950-1957

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Great Falls Photo Album**

**Unit Date** July 4, 1951

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 25 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Boating Photo Album**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 26 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Negatives 1**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 27 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Negatives 2**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Negatives 3**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 29 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Series II: Correspondence and Ephemera****Dulles Letters and Obituary**

**Unit Date** 1957-1961

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 30 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains 2 photocopied letters written by Allen W. Dulles as director of the CIA. One letter is to Raymond Zint, and is a condolence on the death of Elanora, noting her service to the CIA. The other is to congratulate Raymond Zint on his retirement from the CIA. Also in this folder are photocopies of Elanora's obituary.

**Keywords**

Dulles, Allen, 1893-1969 -- Correspondence.

**Pencil Sketch of Elanora by E.Day**

**Graphic Materials** 1 (box)

**Container** 31 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Keywords**

Sketches.

Zint, Elanora Peake, 1907-1957

**"Verses to a Dancer" by C.R. Woods**

**Unit Date** 1926

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 32 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Creator** Woods, C. R.

**Keywords**

Poetry.

Zint, Elanora Peake, 1907-1957

**Letter to Elanora from Victoria**

**Unit Date** September 16, 1933

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 33 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Scope and Contents**

Folder contains a letter to Elanora Peake Zint from someone named Victoria about travelling with the Mange Bros Circus to Venezuela. The letter was sent from Caracas.

### **Photocopies of Class Photos and Dance Contract**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 34 (folder)

**Language** English.

### **Miscellaneous - Notes, Business Card, Invoice**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 35 (folder)

**Language** English.

#### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains 3 items: a poem written on a negative sleeve, a receipt from a photo studio, and a business card for Perry Oakes, an artist representative from New York.

### **Christmas Card from the Rohms**

**Unit Date** 1958

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 36 (folder)

**Language** English.

#### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains a Christmas Card from Edsel and Ardath Rohm and features a photograph of their children Keith and Karen.

## **Series III: Newspaper Clippings**

### **Dorothy Daye**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 37 (folder)

**Language** English.

### **Florence Berry and Alice Kennedy**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 38 (folder)

**Language** English.

### **Nina Haynes**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 39 (folder)

**Language** English.

### **Various People and Dancers**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 40 (folder)

**Language** English.

#### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains several newspaper clippings about various people and dancers. Some of the names found in this folder:

Florence Ambler, Dolores Carey, Lucille Luitich, MORse Allen, Virginia Catlett, Gertrude Smith, Cleitte Bradley, Sarah Loftin, Evelyn Wellman, Margaret Suggs, Mrs. John Foreman, Jean Stewart, and Elizabeth Yeoder.

### **Woodrow Wilson**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 41 (folder)

**Language** English.

**Miscellaneous**

**Text** 1 (box)

**Container** 42 (folder)

**Language** English.