

# Guide to the Constance Welch Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1841

**CREATOR:** Welch, Constance

**TITLE:** Constance Welch papers

**DATES:** 1944-1976

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence written to Constance Welch primarily by former students, some on the occasion of her retirement from Yale University, and a desk diary, 1952.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of William Swan, 2004.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Constance Welch received her B.L. and B.S. degrees in 1922, and an M.A., 1924, from Northwestern University. She joined the Department of Drama faculty in 1929 as an instructor in diction. She later was an assistant professor, 1932-1938, and associate professor, 1938-1967, of play production, and from 1939 to 1967 was head of the acting department which she founded. After reaching the mandatory retirement age in 1967, she taught at Southern Connecticut State College, Brown University, and Florida Atlantic University until 1974. Welch was also involved in summer stock productions and on Broadway and directed the Yale Radio Plays produced by playwriting students. She died in New Haven on June 20, 1976.

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## Scope and Contents

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b.1, f.1 - 2	Correspondence	1944-1976, undated
b.1, f.3	Appointment book	1952

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Acting -- Study and teaching  
Drama -- Study and teaching

### **Names**

Welch, Constance

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale University. Department of Drama  
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