

**The Inventory**

**of the**

**Adele Astaire**

**Collection**

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## Biography

Adele Astaire was born Adele Austerlitz on September 19, 1896 to Frederick E. Austerlitz, a traveling salesman, and his wife Ann Geilus Austerlitz. Adele was born in Omaha, Nebraska along with her brother Fred who was born on May 10, 1899.

Adele began to show an interest in and talent for dancing at an early age and she was enrolled in the Chambers Dance Academy in Omaha, in 1902. In 1905, realizing that Adele's talent would be better nurtured outside of Omaha, Mr. and Mrs. Austerlitz decided that Ann would take the two children to New York in order to provide Adele with greater opportunities to further her performing career. Although Adele was considered to be the sibling with the talent for performance, both she and Fred were enrolled in the Alveinne School of Dancing after Fred expressed an interest in taking lessons.

While at the Alveinne School, Adele and Fred began learning an elaborate number created for them by Charles Alveienne. It was this number that would become the basis for their first vaudeville act. Between 1906 and 1916, Adele and Fred performed in Vaudeville throughout the United States in the Orpheum and Keith circuits. It was during this period that the children began to be billed as "Fred and Adele Astaire" rather than Austerlitz.

Adele made her Broadway debut with Fred in the musical review "Over the Top" in 1917. Adele and Fred were to play together in 8 subsequent shows between 1918 and 1931, including: "Apple Blossoms," "The Love Letter," "For Goodness Sake," "The Bunch and Judy," "Lady Be Good," "Funny Face," "Smiles," and "The Bandwagon." The Astaires made their London debut in "For Goodness Sake," retitled "Stop Flirting," at the Shaftesbury Theater in 1923.

In 1932, Adele announced her retirement from show business after completing her run in "The Bandwagon." On May 8, 1932, she married Lord Charles Cavendish, the second son of the Duke of Devonshire. During her marriage to Lord Cavendish, Adele lived at the Devonshire family estate, Lismore Castle, in Co. Waterford, Ireland. During World War II, Adele worked for the American Red Cross at its Rainbow Corner Club at Piccadilly. There she entertained American troops and wrote letters home for them, often signing her letters "Adele Astaire," rather than Lady Charles Cavendish. In March of 1944, Lord Charles Cavendish passed away from illness. Despite her loss, Adele continued working for the Red Cross.

While working for the Red Cross, Adele became acquainted with Kingman Douglas, who was then an officer in the United States' Army Air Force. She left Lismore and returned to the United States in March of 1947 and married Kingman Douglas on April 29, 1947. She lived with Kingman Douglas in Middleburg, VA.

Adele Astaire died on January 24, 1981 in Phoenix, Arizona.

### **Scope and Content**

The Adele Astaire collection, gift of Ava Astaire McKenzie, daughter of Fred Astaire, and Richard McKenzie, comprises 9 boxes of material relating to both Adele Astaire's private and professional life. Also included in the Adele Astaire collection is material related to the life and career of her brother Fred Astaire and her mother Ann Astaire. The material in the collection dates from roughly the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the time of Ms. Astaire's death in 1981, with the bulk of the collection being from the early 1920s through the early 1970s.

The types of material in the collection include, correspondence, personal diaries, scrapbooks, newspaper and magazine clippings as well as other printed material, photographs, artwork and personal memorabilia.

## Items suitable for Exhibition

Correspondence: AA to Ann Astaire 1923, AA to Ann Astaire on Red Cross Stationary 1944, AA to Fred Astaire 1934, AA to Phyllis Astaire 1944, AA to Lord Cavendish, Fred Astaire to AA 1932-33, 1942, Fred Astaire to Ann Astaire all, Fred Astaire to Frederick Austerlitz, J.M. Barrie, Kathleen Kennedy Cavendish to AA and Ann Astaire ,Winston Churchill, Charles Dillingham, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, A. A. and Christopher Robin Milne, George Jean Nathan, Mrs. S.H. Swift, Prince of Wales, Duke and Duchess of York

Diaries and Journals: Journal by AA, Daily Diaries of Ann Astaire.

Notebooks: childhood notebook of AA.

Theater Programs and Advertisements: Any

Photographs: Early photographs of AA and early photographs of AA with Fred Astaire particularly photo of AA and Fred Astaire as Cyrano and Roxanne, glamour/publicity shots, AA with Fred Astaire, AA and Lord Charles Cavendish by Cecil Beaton (Box 4, Envelope 4), AA with the Duke of Kent, (Box 3, Envelope 14), Evelyn, Duchess of Devonshire (Box 4, Envelope 13), Photos of Theater Marquis (Box 4, Envelope 24), Fred Astaire by Cecil Beaton (Box 5)

Artwork: Paper dolls by Cecil Beaton

Memorabilia: Medal for "Sense of Humor" (to be displayed with early photo of Adele as Cyrano and Fred as Roxanne), Sandringham hunt card, passes and carriage ticket to marriage of , passes and carriage ticket to marriage of Duke of Kent, AA and Fred Astaire costumes.

**Box 1****I. Manuscripts.****Folder 1**

- A. History of Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford, Ireland by Evelyn Cavendish, Duchess of Devonshire, original draft, holograph, 4 p., n.d., with holo. notes by Ann Astaire on verso of last page.
- B. History of Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford, Ireland by Evelyn Cavendish, Duchess of Devonshire, typed draft, typescript, 3 p., n.d.
- C. Description of Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford, Ireland dictated by Evelyn Cavendish, Duchess of Devonshire, typescript, 3 p., n.d., with holo. notes by Ann Astaire on verso of last page.

**II. Correspondence.**

Note: Dates written in brackets [ ] are dates taken from a date written on the letter by someone other than the author of the letter; dates taken from the postmark; or dates implied in the content of the letter. They are not meant to be conclusive dates.

**Folder 2-6**

- A. Aarons, Alex.
  - 1. To Fred Astaire.
    - a. TLS, 1 p., February 10, 1923.
    - b. TLS, 2 p., February 12, 1923.
    - c. TLS, 3 p., n.d.
    - d. Telegram, October 17, 1926.
    - e. Telegram, November 23, 1926.
- B. Allen, Fred. TLS to AA, 2 p., 1946.
- C. "Allison and Joy." Christmas card, n.d.
- D. "Anne" (Possibly Anne Hunloke, sister of Lord Charles Cavendish.) ALS to Ann Astaire, 2 p., "Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>."
- E. An[illegible], Harry S. Christmas card, n.d.
- F. Astaire, Adele.

1. To Ann Astaire.
  - a. ALS, 2 p., [1923].
  - b. ALS, 3 p., [1937].
  - c. ALS, 4 p., August 31, [1944].
  - d. AL, 4 p., October 2, [1944].
  - e. ALS, 2 p., March 27, [1946].
  - f. ALS, 2 p., October 15, [1946].
  - g. ALS, 2 p., "Saturday" [1958].
  - h. ALS, 4 p., "July 7."
  - i. ALS, 6 p., "July 24."
  - j. ALS, 2 p., "Dec. 10."
  - k. ALS, 2 p., "July 22."
  - l. ANS, 1 p., n.d.
  - m. Christmas card, n.d.
2. ALS to Fred Astaire, 3 p., November 27, [1934].
3. ALS to Phyllis Astaire, 6 p., "Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>" [1944].
4. Postcard to Mr. and Mrs. Burns, 1943.
- 5 To Lord Charles Cavendish.
  - a. ALS, 2 p., November 4, [1930].
  - b. ALS, 4 p., "Wed. 5<sup>th</sup>" [1930].
  - c. ANS, 1 p., "Monday" [1930].
  - d. ALS, 2 p., "Saturday" [1930].
  - e. ALS, 3 p., "Monday" [1930].
  - f. AN, 1 p., [1930] with enclosed clipping.
  - g. ANS, 1 p., "Friday 5<sup>th</sup>" [1930].
  - h. ALS, 2 p., "Friday" [1930].
  - i. ALS, 2 p., "Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>" [1930].
  - j. ANS, 1 p., "Tuesday" [1930].
  - k. ALS, 3 p., "25<sup>th</sup>" [1930].
  - l. ALS, 3 p., December 31, [1930].
  - m. ALS, 2 p., January 1, [1931].
  - n. Als, 3 p., "Sunday 13" [1931].
  - o. ALS, 2 p., "Sunday" [1931].
  - p. ALS, 2 p., August 26, [1931].
  - q. ANS, 1 p., "Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>" [1931].
  - r. ALS, 4 p., August 28, [1931].
  - s. ANS, 1 p., "August 29, [1931].
  - t. ALS, 2 p., "August 31, [1931].
  - u. ALS, 2 p., September 1, [1931].

- v. Telegram, September 5, 1931 with note to AA from Lord Charles Cavendish written on the bottom.
  - w. ALS, 2 p., December 25, [1931].
  - x. ALS, 4 p., December 25, [1931].
  - y. ALS, 2 p., December 28, [1931].
  - z. ALS, 4 p., January 1, [1932].
  - aa. ALS, 3 p., January 2, [1932].
  - bb. ALS, 2 p., "Wednesday at the crack of dawn" [1938].
  - cc. ALS, 1 p., "Thursday" [1938].
  - dd. ALS, 1 p., [1938].
  - ee. ALS, 3 p., July 20, [1938].
  - ff. ALS, 2 p., July 21, [1938].
  - gg. ALS, 4 p., March 27, [1939].
  - hh. ALS, 2 p., "Friday" [1939].
6. CTL to George Friedman by secretary, 1 p., August 5, 1971.
- G. Astaire, Ann. AL, draft of letter regarding AA and Lord Charles Cavendish's wedding, 3 p., n.d.
- H. Astaire, Fred.
- 1. To AA.
    - a. ALS, 4 p., Nov. 8, [1932].
    - b. AL, 8 p. (incomplete), February 5, [1933].
    - c. ALS, 7 p. (incomplete), [1933].
    - d. ALS, 5 p., "Sunday," [1933].
    - e. ALS, 12 p., "Monday," [1933].
    - f. ALS, 12 p., August 9, [1933].
    - g. ALS, 12 p., May 13, [1933].
    - h. ALS, 5 p., [1942].
    - i. ALS, 2 p., [1960].
    - j. ALS, 7 p., [1966].
    - k. ALS, 2 p., August 9, [1969].
    - l. ALS, 1 p., "Sunday," [1969].
    - m. ALS, 2 p., "Monday," [1969].
    - n. AL, 6 p., "Saturday."
    - o. ALS, 2 p., "Tuesday," [1976] signed "Derf."
  - 2. To Ann Astaire.
    - a. ALS, 6 p., [1923] with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
    - b. AL, 4 p. (incomplete), [1923].
    - c. Als, 4 p., [1928] with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
    - d. ALS, 5 p., July 1, [1933].

- e. ALS, 10 p., July 20, [1933].
- 3. To Frederick Austerlitz, father of AA and Fred Astaire.
  - a. ALS, 4 p., May 26, [1923].
  - b. ALS, 6 p., August 12, [1923].
- 4. ALS to Lord Charles Cavendish, 3 p., December 22, [1931].
- I. Astaire McKenzie, Ava, daughter of Fred Astaire. ANS to Ann Astaire, 1 greeting card, "Oct. 14."
- J. Austerlitz, Frederick, father of AA and Fred Astaire. ALS to AA, 3 p., May 1, 1923.
- K. Barlow, Punch and Kay. ANS (Christmas card) to AA, n.d.
- L. Barrie, J. M. ANS to AA, 1 p., 1927.
- M. Beaton, Cecil.
  - 1. To AA.
    - a. ANS, 1 p., March 28, 1973.
    - b. ALS, 3 p., "Christmas time" 1973.
    - c. ANS, 1 p., December 24, [1975].
    - d. ALS, 2 p., n.d.
    - e. ALS, 1 p., n.d.
    - f. ANS, 1 p., n.d.
    - g. ALS, 1 p., n.d.
    - h. ANS (Christmas card), n.d.
- N. "Bill and Phillipa." ANS to AA, 1 p., n.d.
- O. Brecknock, Marjorie, Countess. ANS to AA, 1 calling card, n.d.
- P. Butt, Alfred. ANS to AA, 1 floral card, April 2, 1929.
- Q. Cavendish, Andrew, 11<sup>th</sup> Duke of Devonshire.
  - 1. To AA.
    - a. ALS, 2 p., November 25, 1946.
    - b. ALS, 6 p., April 18, 1947.
    - c. ANS, 1 p., 1946.

R. Cavendish, Deborah "Debo," Duchess of Devonshire, 1950 - .

1. ANS to AA, 1 p., 1946.
2. To Ann Astaire.
  - a. ALS, 2 p., July 21, 1947.
  - b. ALS, 2 p., December 28, 1947.

S. Cavendish, Emma, daughter of Andrew, 11<sup>th</sup> Duke of Devonshire. ALS to AA, 1 p., January 18, 1950.

T. Cavendish, Evelyn, Duchess of Devonshire, 1908-1938.

1. To AA.
  - a. Christmas card with photograph, 1932.
  - b. ALS, 1 p., September 5, 1937.
  - c. ANS, 1 p., [prior to March 1944].
  - d. ALS, 2 p., February 17, 1947.
  - e. ALS, 3 p., June 8, 1950.
  - f. ALS, 2 p., July 21, 1950.
  - g. ALS, 2 p., December 2, 1950.
  - h. ALS, 2 p., July 11, 1955.
2. To Ann Astaire.
  - a. ALS, 2 p., May 19, 1938.
  - b. ANS, 1 p., August 31, 1938.
  - c. ALS, 2 p., January 5, 1941.
  - d. ALS, 2 p., February 10, 1944.
  - e. ALS, 2 p., December 21, 1944.
  - f. ALS, 2 p., May 26, 1947.
  - g. ALS, 2 p., July 16, 1947.
  - h. ALS, 2 p., January 5, 1948.
  - i. ALS, 2 p., August 24, 1949.
  - j. ALS, 2 p., [1950].
  - k. ALS, 2 p., July 12, 1951.
  - l. ALS, 2 p., August 25, 1952.
  - m. ALS, 2 p., December 2, 1952.
  - n. ALS, 2 p., December 20, 1953.
  - o. ALS, 2 p., April 1, 1953.
  - p. ALS, 2 p., July 15, 1953.
  - q. ALS, 2 p., August 29, 1953.

U. Cavendish, Kathleen "Kick" Kennedy, Lady Hartington.

1. ALS to AA, 4 p., September 7, 1947.
  2. To Ann Astaire.
    - a. ALS, 2 p., August 17, 1945.
    - b. ALS 2 p., November 16, 1946.
- V. Cavendish, Mary Alice "Moucher," Duchess of Devonshire, 1938-1950.
1. To AA.
    - a. ALS, 4 p., "Oct. 30."
    - b. ALS, 4 p., "Mar 29."
  2. To Ann Astaire.
    - a. ALS, 2 p., [1944].
    - b. ALS, 3 p., [1944 or 1945]
    - c. ALS, 3 p., April 15, [1947] with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
    - d. AL, 2 p. (incomplete), May 30, [1947].
    - e. ALS, 4 p., September 28, [1947].
    - f. AL, 2 p. (incomplete), May 29, [1948].
    - g. ALS, 2 p., January 25, [1949].
    - h. ALS, 4 p., "Dec. 54<sup>th</sup>."
    - i. ALS, 3 p., "Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>."
    - j. ALS, 3 p., "Jan 26<sup>th</sup>."
    - k. ALS, 3 p., n.d.
- W. Cavendish, Peregrine, Marquess of Hartington, son of Andrew, 11<sup>th</sup> Duke of Devonshire. ALS to AA, 1 p., n.d.
- X. Cazalet, Captain V.A. ANS to AA, 1 calling card, n.d.
- Y. Chance, Isabel.
1. To Ann Astaire.
    - a. ALS, 2 p., "May 27<sup>th</sup>."
    - b. ALS, 2 p., "July 1<sup>st</sup>."
    - c. ALS, 3 p., "July 15<sup>th</sup>."
- Z. Christopher of Greece. ALS to AA, 1 p., October 13, 1923.
- AA. Churchill, Winston. ANS to AA, 1 card, [March 13, 1932], note from Churchill written on back of Menu card for R.M.S. Majestic, with holo. note by Ann Astaire.

- BB. Coward, Noël.
1. To Ann Astaire.
    - a. ANS, 1 floral card, [1924].
    - b. ALS, 2 p., October 25, 1943.
    - c. ANS, 1 p., n.d.
- CC. Cox, Arthur, AA's solicitor.
1. To AA.
    - a. TLS, 1 p., March 6, 1947 with enclosure CTL to W.D. MacPherson, Esq., 1 p, March 6, 1947.
    - b. TLS, 1 p., March 15, 1947.
    - c. TLS, 1 p., March 21, 1947 with enclosure CTL to W.D. MacPherson, Esq., 1 p., March 21, 1947.
- DD. Cox, Mr. & Mrs. George Emerson. Invitation to Ann Astaire, n.d.
- EE. Cox, Robert Osborne. TLS to Ann Astaire, 1 p., October 6, 1944.
- FF. Crothers, Rachel. ALS to Ann Astaire, 2 p., n.d. with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
- GG. De Castellane, Comte Henri. ANS to unknown, 1 calling card, n.d.
- HH. Dillingham, Charles. ALS to Fred Astaire, 1 p., n.d.
- II. Douglas, Kingman.
1. To AA.
    - a. ALS, 2 p., "Tuesday."
    - b. Telegram, January 9, 1947.
  2. To Ann Astaire.
    - a. ALS, 2 p., December 27, 1951.
    - b. ALS, 2 p., January 21, 1959.
  3. ALS to Lord Charles Cavendish, 4 p., March 12, 1943.
- JJ. Dressler, Marie. ANS to unknown, 1 calling card, [1923] with holo. not by Ann Astaire.

- KK. Dunne, Peter. ALS to Ann Astaire, 2 p., "May 22."
- LL. Fairbanks Jr., Douglas. ALS to AA, 5 p., July 14, 1957.
- MM. Farquharson, Zoe.
1. To Ann Astaire.
    - a. AL, 2 p. (incomplete), "July."
    - b. AL, 2 p. (incomplete), "August 28."
    - c. ANS, 1 p., "Friday 5."
    - d. ALS, 2 p., "Sat."
    - e. ALS, 2 p. (incomplete?), n.d.
    - f. ALS, 2 p., n.d.
- NN. Field, Audrey (Mrs. Marshall Field). ALS to Ann Astaire, 2 p., "Monday."
- OO. Findley, Mary Mitchell.
1. ANS to AA, 2 p., "Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>."
  2. ALS to Ann Astaire, 2 p., "Tue 26<sup>th</sup>."
- PP. Fross, Martha, secretary to Paul Mellon. TLS to AA, 1 p., December 22, 1962.
- QQ. Genee, Adeline. ALS to AA, 2 p., January 23, 1927.
- RR. Girard, Ruth, representative of United States Treasury. TLS to AA, 1 p., April 26, 1946.
- SS. Gish, Dorothy. AN to AA, 1 calling card, n.d.
- TT. Gish, Lillian.
1. ANS to unknown, 1 floral card, n.d.
  2. Christmas card to unknown, n.d.
- UU. Hayes, Helen. ANS (Christmas card) to AA and Fred Astaire, 1931.
- VV. Heeley, David and Joan Kramer. TLS to AA, 1 p., March 12, 1980.

- WW. Heywood-Lonsdale, Mrs. Edward. Invitation to AA and Kingman Douglas, 1967.
- XX. Ilchester, Countess and Mary, Countess. Invitation to AA and Lord Charles Cavendish, n.d.
- YY. Jallotta, James N. ANS (Christmas card with photograph) to Ann Astaire, 1943.
- ZZ. Kennedy, John F. TNS to AA, 1 p., October 25, 1963.
- AAA. Kennedy, John F. and Jacqueline. Invitation to AA and Kingman Douglas, 1961.
- BBB. Kennedy Onassis, Jacqueline.
1. To AA.
    - g. ANS, 1 note card, [ca. 1963].
    - h. ANS, 1 note card, July 29, [1963].
    - i. ALS, 2 p., August 21, 1966.
    - j. ALS, 2 note cards, n.d.
- CCC. Knoblock, Edward. ALS to AA, 2 p., April 21, 1926.
- DDD. Knopf, Blanche. Invitation to AA, n.d.
- EEE. Koo, Madame Wellington "Huilan." ALS to AA, 3 p., November 15, 1976.
- FFF. Landsdowne, Maud, Countess. ANS to Ann Astaire, 1 p., April 24, [1923] with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
- GGG. Lathom, "Ned" 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of.
1. To AA.
    - a. ANS, 1 calling card, n.d.
    - b. ANS, 1 calling card, n.d.
- HHH. Leeds, William "Billy." ANS to AA, 1 p., n.d. with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
- III. Leeds, Xenia (Princess Xenia of Russia). ALS to AA, 2 p., [1923].
- JJJ. Leslie, Shane. ALS to AA, 1 p., September 7, 1947.

KKK. MacMillan, Dorothy. ALS to Ann Astiare, 4 p., n.d.

LLL. MacMillan, Prime Minister and Lady Dorothy. Invitation to AA, 1960.

MMM. Malley, Jim. Christmas card to Ann Astaire, n.d. with holo note by Ann Astaire.

NNN. Maugham, Syrie. AN to unknown, 1 calling card, n.d.

OOO. Mellon, Bunny.

1. To AA.

- k. ANS, 1 notecard, August 18, [1964].
- l. ALS, 2 p., January 8, 1965.
- m. ALS, 3 p., February 14, 1965.
- n. ALS, 3 p., July 24, 1965.
- o. ALS, 3 p., February 1, 1966.
- p. ALS, 2 p., April 29, [1967].
- q. ANS, 1 note card, February 20, 1968.
- r. ANS, 1 note card, n.d.

PPP. Mellon, Paul.

1. To AA.

- a. TLS, 1 p., December 23, 1968.
- b. ALS, 1 p., September 21, 1969.

QQQ. Mellon, Paul and Bunny. Christmas card to AA, n.d.

RRR. Mendl, Lady Elsie.

1. To Ann Astaire.

- a. TNS, 1 p., February 2, 1948.
- b. TNS, 1 p., January 5, 1949.
- c. TNS, 1 p., March 23, 1949.
- d. TNS, 1 p., July 21, 1949.

SSS. Mendl, Sir Charles and Lady Mendl. Invitation to AA, n.d.

TTT. Milne, A. A.

1. To AA and Fred Astaire.

- a. ALS, 1 p., with enclosed photo. postcard, n.d.
- b. ANS, 1 floral card, n.d.

UUU. Milne, Christopher Robin. ANS to AA and Fred Astaire, 1 p., December 28, 1926 with holo. note by Ann Astaire.

VVV. Montgomery, A.H. ALS to AA, 1 p., February 24, 1947.

WWW. Moore, A.W.D. TNS to Lord Charles Cavendish, 1 p., May 4, 1932.

XXX. Morros, Boris. TNS to Fred Astaire, 1 p., May 14, 1932.

YYY. Mountbatten, Edwina.

- 1. To AA.
  - a. ANS, 1 p., September 27, 1925.
  - b. ANS, 1 p., "Thursday."
  - c. ALS, 2 p., "Friday."
  - d. ALS, 2 p., n.d.
- 2. Christmas card with photograph to AA and Fred Astaire, 1926.

ZZZ. Nathan, George Jean.

- 1. TLS to AA, 1 p., August 5, 1922.
- 2. ANS to Ann Astaire, 1 p., [1923].

AAAA. Ni[illegible]. ALS to AA and Lord Charles Cavendish, 1 p., n.d.

BBBB. Nixon, Richard. New Years Card, 1969.

CCCC. Northesk, Lord David. ANS to unknown, 1 floral card, n.d. with holo. note by Ann Astaire.

DDDD. Oberon, Merle. Christmas card, n.d.

EEEE. Peter, Dr. D.H. TLS to AA, 3 p., June 5, 1938.

FFFF. Renaud, F. ALS to AA, 2 p., May 6, 1960.

GGGG. Rideal, Charles F. TLS to AA, 1 p., December 22, 1922.

- HHHH. St. Albans, Beatrix Frances, Duchess of. ANS to Ann Astaire, 1 p., October 11, 1940 with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
- IIII. St. John [illegible, possibly Ervine], ANS to AA, 1 p., December 12, 1929.
- JJJJ. Sarawak, Renee of. ANS to AA, 1 p., June 15, 1924.
- KKKK. Sarawak, Sylvia of. ANS to AA, 1 p., June 16, 1924.
- LLLL. Shaw, George Bernard. ANS to Ann Astaire, 1 card with signed photograph, March 21, 1945 with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
- MMMM. Shubert, Lee, ANS to unknown, 1 floral card, n.d.
- NNNN. Storz, Monnie and Art. Christmas card to AA, 1961.
- OOOO. Sutherland, Duke and Duchess of. Invitation to AA, n.d.
- PPPP. Swift, Mrs. S. H. ALS to AA, 3 p., August 12, 1943.
- QQQQ. Telegrams.
1. 34 Telegrams to AA and Fred Astaire, November 20, 1911 to February 24, 1932, mostly good luck wishes, some business related.
- RRRR. Thurbun, Harold. Christmas card with photograph to AA, n.d.
- SSSS. Tree, Nancy. TLS to AA, 2 p., September, 1942.
- TTTT. Uchitel, Maurice. TNS to AA, 1 p., January 2, 1969.
- UUUU. Vane-Tempest-Stuart, Jane, daughter of 8<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Londonderry. ALS to AA, 3 p., "Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>."
- VVVV. Vane-Tempest-Stuart, Edward "Robin," 8<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Londonderry.
1. To AA.
    - a. ALS, 5 p., January 30, 1930.
    - b. ALS, 3 p., August 10, 1930.
    - c. ALS, 3 p., November 26, 1949.
    - d. ALS, 4 p., November 27, 1951.
    - e. ALS, 4 p., December 15, 1951.
    - f. ALS, 2 p., January 18, 1952.

- g. ALS, 2 p., April 18, 1952.
- h. ALS, 1 p., April 22, 1952.
- i. ALS, 2 p., June 6, 1952.
- j. ALS, 2 p., July 3, 1952.
- k. ALS, 4 p., [1954].

WWWW. Vane-Tempest-Stuart, Romaine, Marchioness of Londonderry, wife of 8<sup>th</sup> Marquess. Christmas card with two photographs, 1946.

XXXX. V[illegible], Richard. TLS to AA, 2 p., June 8, 1955.

YYYY. Von Horn, Tony, Baroness. Invitation to AA, n.d.

ZZZZ. Walpole, Hugh. ANS to AA, 1 p., July 4, 1926.

AAAAA. Westminster, Duchess of. Invitation to AA, 1 calling card, n.d.

BBBBB. Whitney, John Hay.

1. To AA.

- a. ANS, 2 note cards, October 14, [1971].
- b. ANS, 1 calling card, n.d.
- c. Invitation, n.d.

CCCCC. Windsor, Dean of Windsor Castle. Christmas card, 1928.

DDDDD. Windsor, Edward, Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales.

1. To AA.

- a. ALS, 2 p., "Sunday."
- b. Christmas card to AA and Fred Astaire, 1927.

EEEEE. Windsor, Edward, Prince of Wales and George, Duke of York. Invitation, 1932.

FFFFF. Windsor, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, then Duchess of York.

1. To AA.

- a. ALS, 2 p., August 9, 1926.
- b. ALS, 2 p., January 10, 1927.

2. ALS to Ann Astaire by secretary Marion Hyde, 2 p., December 2, 1947.

GGGGG. Windsor, Queen Elizabeth II. Invitation, 1960.

HHHHH. Windsor, George, Duke of Kent.

1. To AA.
  - a. ALS, 2 p., "Saturday" [1924].
  - b. Christmas card, 1933.
  - c. Christmas card with photograph, 1936.

IIIII. Windsor, King George VI, then Duke of York.

1. To AA.
  - a. ANS, 2 p., December 22, 1926.
  - b. ALS, 2 p., January 10, 1927.
2. TN to Ann Astaire by personal secretary, 1 p., June 3, 1937.

JJJJJ. Wright, A. Paul. TNS to Ann Astaire, 1 p., July 19, 1965.

KKKKK. Youmans, Vincent. Christmas card, n.d.

LLLLL. Ziegfeld, Florence. ANS to AA and Fred Astaire, 1 floral card, [1930].

### **III. Diaries and Journals.**

A. Journal by AA, 1 bound volume, 1933-1961.

#### **Folder 7**

B. Daily Diaries by Ann Astaire. (Each date range represents a single volume.)

#### **Folders 8-13**

1. 1923-1926.
2. 1926-1932.
3. January 1, 1932 – April 19, 1932.
4. March 10, 1932 – December 30, 1934.

5. December 11, 1935 – October 10, 1936.
6. October 29, 1936 – December 30, 1936.
7. 1937.
8. 1938.
9. 1939.
10. 1940.
11. 1941.
12. 1943.
13. 1944.
14. 1945.
15. 1946.
16. 1947.
17. 1948.
18. 1949.
19. 1950.
20. 1951.
21. 1952.
22. 1953.
23. 1954.
24. 1955.
25. 1956.
26. 1957.
27. 1958.

- 28. 1959.
- 29. Undated diary.

C. Daily diaries by Lord Charles Cavendish. (Each date indicates a single volume.)

**Folder 14**

- 1. 1929.
- 2. 1931.

**Box 2**

**IV. Notebooks.**

A. Childhood notebook by AA, 1910.

**Folder 1**

**V. Professional Material.**

A. "The Band Wagon."

**Folder 2**

- a. Box Office Statement, 1 p., December 12, 1931.
- b. Routine Sheets, 3 p., May 2, 1932 and May 6, 1932.
- c. Program and Schedule for Paramount Theater, New York, NY, 3 p., May 7 – May 9, 1932.

**VI. Legal Material.**

A. 2 Contracts between AA and Fred Astaire and Max Gordon, Manager, January 13, 1931 and May 4, 1932.

**Folder 3**

B. Lord Charles Cavendish.

**Folder 4**

- a. Passport, 1928.
- b. Will, Copy, 5 p., January, 15, 1943.

- c. "Agreement by Way of Family Arrangement," agreement between AA and Cavendish family re: AA's inheritance after the death of Lord Charles Cavendish, copy, 5 p., 1947.
- d. Opinion written by Arthur Cox & Co. Solicitors re: "Agreement by Way of Family Arrangement," 6 p., n.d.
- e. Memorandum of Amendments to "Agreement by Way of Family Arrangement" written by Arthur Cox & Co. Solicitors, 3 p., n.d.

## **VII. Financial Material.**

### **Folder 5**

- A. Royalty Statements for "You're Such a Lot," 4 p., September 30, 1926 - June 30, 1927.
- B. Invoice, Nat Ross furniture remover carrier & forwarding agent, 1 p., March 11, 1947.

## **VIII. Printed Material.**

- A. Newspaper and Magazine Clippings.

### **Folders 6-11**

- 1. 42 newspaper and magazine clippings re: AA from various sources, ca. early 1900s - 1931.
- 2. 16 newspaper and magazine clippings re: AA from various sources, 1932 - 1944.
- 3. 39 newspaper and magazine clippings re: AA from various sources, 1945 - 1978.
- 4. 13 newspaper and magazine clippings re: Ann Astaire from various sources, 1923 - 1967.
- 5. 56 newspaper and magazine clippings re: Fred Astaire and family from various sources, 1932 - 1979.
- 6. 19 newspaper and magazine clippings re: friends of AA from various sources, ca. 1927 and later.

- B. Magazines.

### **Folders 12-20**

1. Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine, June 23, 1968.
2. Harper's Bazaar, August, 1933.
3. The Hollywood Reporter, Vol. CCXXXV, No. 24, March 21, 1975.
4. McCall's, Vol. XCI, No. 9, June, 1964.
5. Observer, May 6, 1979.
6. Parade Magazine, *Boston Globe*, July 29, 1979.
7. The Play Pictorial, Vol. LIV, No. 324, March 1, 1929.
8. Radio Times, March 22-28, 1975.
9. Screen Book Magazine, Vol. XIV, No. 5, June, 1935.
10. This Week Magazine, *New York Herald Tribune*, March 1, 1959.
11. Town and Country, May, 1951.
12. Vogue, March 1, 1950.
13. Vogue, February 1, 1959.
14. Vogue Hommes, French Edition, March, 1977.
15. The West Indian Review, January 16, 1954, 2 copies.
16. The West Indian Review, February 6, 1954.

C. Theater Programs and Advertisements.

**Folder 21**

1. Theater Advertisements.
  - a. "New Songs & Distinctive Dances," Orpheum, Season, 1916-17.
  - b. "Stop Flirting," Grand Theatre Hull, Spring Engagements, 1924.
  - c. "Smiles," Ziegfeld Theater, Announcement of Premiere, November 18, 1930.

- d. Red Cross Rainbow Corner, postcard, ca. 1944, with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
2. Theater Programs, Astaire Shows.
- a. "Lady, Be Good, " Liberty Theater, New York, 1925, approx. 3 p. missing.
  - b. "Lady, Be Good," Empire Theater, London, special performance for King George V and Queen Mary, August, 9, 1926, with holo. note by Ann Astaire.
  - c. "Funny Face, " Alvin Theater, New York, ca. 1927-28, approx. 5 p. missing.
  - d. "Funny Face," Winter Garden Theater, London, 1928-29.
  - e. "Smiles," Ziegfeld Theater, New York, opening night program, November 18, 1930.
  - f. "The Band Wagon," New Amsterdam Theater, 1932.
  - g. The Film Society of Lincoln Center gala in honor of Fred Astaire, Philharmonic Hall, Lincoln Center, April 30, 1973.
3. "Hokum & Hook'em Gambol," the Lambs new year's gambol, January 23, 1927 with holo. note to Fred Astaire from Walter Catlett.

D. Sheet Music.

**Folder 22**

- 1. Music from "The Band Wagon," ca. 1931-32.
  - a. "Confession," 5 p.
  - b. "High and Low, " 5 p.
  - c. "Hoops," 7 p.
  - d. "Miserable With You," 7 p.
  - e. "Sweet Music," 5 p.

E. Religious Items belonging to Ann Astaire.

**Folder 23**

F. Miscellaneous Printed Items.

**Folder 24**

- 1. Business card for Restaurant Larue.

2. Card with quotation from Christmas 1929 speech of King George VI.
3. 3 postcards.
4. Signed picture from a magazine of George Bernard Shaw.
5. Printed Illustration of Lismore Castle.
6. Proof of Devonshire entry for 1946 edition of Debbrett's Peerage
7. Advertisements for property, 2 p.
8. Advertisements for jewelry, 2 p.
9. Incomplete article from Town & Country entitled "The Halcyon Summers of Cape Cod's Osterville," 1 p., July 1977.

#### **IX. Photographs.**

- A. Photographs removed from Albums.

#### **Folders 25-29**

1. Photographs from album labeled "Book 0, '67," approx. 117 color prints, various sizes, ca. 1960s.
2. Photographs from album labeled "Book 1, 1972," approx. 122 color prints, various sizes, ca. 1970s.
3. Photographs from album labeled "Book 2, 1973," approx. 92 color prints, 3 ½" x 4 ½", ca. 1970s.
4. Photographs from album labeled "Book 3, 1974," approx. 89 color prints, various sizes, ca. 1974.
5. Photographs from album labeled "Book 4, '74," approx. 98 color prints, various sizes.
6. Photographs from unlabeled album, approx. 40 color prints and 3 black & white prints, various sizes, color prints ca. 1960s, black & white prints earlier.

7. Photographs of in and around Lismore castle from unlabeled album, approx. 45 color prints and 1 postcard, various sizes, ca. 1963.
8. Photographs from unlabeled album, approx. 56 color prints, 3 ½" x 5", ca. 1962-64.
9. Photographs for unlabeled album, approx. 104 color prints, various sizes, ca. 1960s and 1970s.
10. Photographs from unlabeled album, approx. 22 color prints and 1 black & white print, various sizes, ca. 1970s.
11. Photographs from unlabeled album, approx 35 color prints, various sizes, ca. 1970s.

### **Box 3**

#### **B. Early photographs.**

#### **Envelopes 1 – 4.**

1. Early photographs of AA alone, 6 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. 1900 – ca. 1916.
2. Early photographs of AA with Fred Astaire and early family portraits, 13 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. 1904 – ca. 1915.
3. Austerlitz family photographs, 16 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. mid-1900s and later.
4. Portrait of Stefan Austerlitz (grandfather of AA), 1 black & white print, 10" x 13", n.d.

#### **C. Glamour/Publicity and other posed photographs of AA.**

#### **Envelopes 5 – 11.**

1. 5 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. 1920s – early 1930s.
2. 7 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. 1920s – early 1930s.
3. 8 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. 1920s – early 1930s.

4. 8 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. 1920s – early 1930s.
5. 26 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. late 19-teens – early 1940s.
6. 23 black & white prints, 1 black & white contact print, various sizes, ca. 1932 – ca. 1944.
7. 8 black & white prints, 2 black & white contact prints, various sizes, after March 1944.

D. Formal and candid photographs of AA doing Red Cross work.

**Envelope 12.**

1. 17 black & white prints, various sizes, ca. 1941 – 1944.

E. Candid photographs of AA.

**Envelope 13 – 16.**

1. Photographs of AA alone and with family and friends, 54 black & white, various sizes, ca. 1932 – ca. 1946.
2. Photograph of AA with Duke of Kent, 1 black & white, 7 ½" x 10", 1938.
3. Photographs of AA with family and friends, 20 black & white prints and 20 color prints, various sizes, after March 1944.
4. Photographs of AA with family and friends, 14 black & white prints, various sizes, after March 1944.

**Box 4**

F. Photographs of AA with Fred Astaire.

**Envelope 1 – 3.**

1. Photographs of AA with Fred Astaire 13 black and white prints, 1 black and white postcard, various sizes, ca. 1920s – early 1930s.
2. Publicity photographs of AA with Fred Astaire, "Smiles" and "The Band Wagon," 3 black & white prints, various sizes, 1930-31.

3. Photographs of AA with Fred Astaire, later years, 8 black and white prints, 1 color print, various sizes, ca. 1944 and later.

G. Photographs of AA with Lord Charles Cavendish.

**Envelope 4.**

1. Formal/posed photographs of AA and Lord Charles Cavendish, 9 black and white prints, various sizes, ca. 1932 – ca. 1944.

H. Photographs of Ann Astaire.

**Envelope 5 - 7.**

1. Ann Astaire, 7 black and white prints, various sizes, 1911 – 1950.
2. Ann Astaire, 25 black and white prints, 4 color prints, various sizes, 1929 – 1961.
3. Ann Astaire, 8 black and white prints, 4 color prints, various sizes, 1913 – ca. 1960s.

I. Photographs of Fred Astaire.

**Envelope 8 - 10.**

1. Portraits of Fred Astaire, 2 black and white, 11" x 14", 1920s.
2. Fred Astaire and family/friends, 11 black and white prints, various sizes, ca. 1930s and later.
3. Fred Astaire and family/friends, 24 black and white prints, 3 color prints, various sizes, 1907 – 1970s.

J. Photographs of Lord Charles Cavendish and Cavendish family.

**Envelope 11 - 13.**

1. Photographs of Lord Charles Cavendish, 5 black and whiteprints, various sizes, ca. 1914 – ca. 1940s.
2. Photographs of funeral and grave of Lord Charles Cavendish, 2 black and white prints, 8" x 10", 1944, 1 color print, 3 ½" x 4 ½", n.d.

3. Photographs of members of Cavendish family, 15 black and white prints, 2 color prints, various sizes, ca. late 1800s – ca. 1970s.

K. Photographs of Kingman Douglas.

**Envelope 14.**

1. Photographs of Kingman Douglas, 5 black and white prints, various sizes, 1940s.

L. Photographs of AA's friends and family.

**Envelope 15 - 19.**

1. Members of British royal family, 4 black and white prints, 1923 – 1942.
2. AA's friends and family, 16 black and white prints, 11 color prints, various sizes, ca. 1920s – 1970s.
3. AA's friends and family, 9 black and white prints, ca. 1920s – 1960s.
4. AA's friends, 8 black and white prints, 2 color prints, various sizes, 1920s – 1960s.
5. Photographs of celebrities, including: Irene Castle, Ronald Coleman, Katherine Cornell, Margot Fonteyn, Kay Francis, Clark Gable, George Gershwin, and Audrey Hepburn, 10 black and white prints, various sizes, n.d.

M. Photographs of Homes and Locations.

**Envelope 20 – 23.**

1. Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford, Ireland, 14 black and white prints, 1 black and white contact sheet, 5 color prints, 3 postcards and Chatsworth House, Derbyshire, England, 2 black and white prints, 1 post card, estates of the Cavendish family, various sizes, n.d.
2. Estate of Sir Michael Assheton-Smith, Vanol, Bangor, Wales, 8 black and white prints, 4" x 5 ¾", n.d.
3. AA's homes in United States, 6 black and white prints, 7 color prints, various sizes, n.d.

4. Vacation spots, 1 black and white print, 4 color prints, 3 postcards, various sizes, n.d.

N. Other Miscellaneous photographs.

**Envelope 24 – 26.**

1. Theater marquis, "Stop Flirting" and "Lady Be Good," 2 black and white prints, various sizes, ca. 1924-26.
2. Photograph of a Salvador Dalí portrait of Mrs. Winston Guest, signed by Salvador Dalí, 1 color print, 8" x 10", 1959.
3. Miscellaneous photographs, 2 black and white prints, 1 color print, various sizes, n.d.

**Box 5**

O. Oversized photographs.

1. of AA.
  - a. Portrait of AA by Bertram Park, 1 black and white print, 9 ½" x 14", n.d.
  - b. Portrait of AA by Madame Yevonde, 1 black and white print, 7 ½" x 9 ½" on 12" x 15" matte, n.d.
2. Portrait of Fred Astaire by Cecil Beaton, 1 black and white print, 7 ¼" x 12 ", n.d.

**Box 6**

P. Photographs retained in Album.

**Folder 1**

1. Photograph album with handwritten descriptions, approx. 120 color prints, 3 ½" x 3 ½", ca. 1960s.

**X. Audio.**

A. Record Albums.

1. "The Astaire Story," produced by Norman Granz. Unnumbered Limited edition, inscribed "To Dolly from F.[red Astaire]." Includes photographs by Gjon Mili and Paul Nodler, a portfolio of drawings by David Stoe Martin, Mercury records, 4 record albums, 33 1/3 rpm, 1952. MG 1001-1004.
2. "The Fred Astaire Show," 1<sup>st</sup> part only, "Fred" into "Beautiful Doll," private recording, 33 1/3 rpm record album, n.d.
3. "Funny Face," by George and Ira Gershwin, featuring Fred and Adele Astaire and Sydney Howard, also featuring George Gershwin on Piano, 33 1/3 rpm record album, n.d.
4. "Subways are for Sleeping," by Percy Faith and his Orchestra, 33 1/3 rpm record album, n.d.
5. "Wonderland of Sound: Broadway's Greatest Hits," by Andre Kostelanetz and his Orchestra, 33 1/3 rpm record album, 1962.

#### **XI. Artwork.**

- A. Hand illustrated paper dolls and outfits, by Cecil Beaton, 7 items, with 2 paper doll outfits cut out from magazines.

#### **Folder 2**

- B. Color drawing by Olive Snell

#### **Package 1**

#### **XII. Personal Memorabilia.**

#### **Folder 3**

- A. Medal won by AA and Fred Astaire for "Sense of Humor," Reinhardt Galleries, Baby Show, ca. 1904.
- B. Wallet belonging to Lord Charles Cavendish originally containing letters from AA, n.d.
- C. Dried rosebud given to Ann Astaire by her brother, 1926.
- D. Personalized luggage tag of Kingman Douglas, n.d.
- E. Fred Astaire's Taps, 1949.

- F. Queen Alexandra's Handkerchief, left at Lismore Castle, July 1904.
- G. Certificate of membership in Theater Hall of Fame for AA, November 19, 1972.
- H. Hunt card, for Lord Charles Cavendish, for a hunt at Sandringham royal estate, October 28, 1926.
- I. 2 passes and 1 carriage ticket for marriage of the Duke of Kent, November 29, 1934.
- J. Porcelain shell made by Royal Worcester.

**Box 7**

- K. Scrapbooks.  
Note: Scrapbooks consist mostly of newspaper and magazine clippings, but may also contain photographs, a small amount of correspondence, playbills, or other ephemera.
  1. Scrapbook covering AA's early career, 1906 – 1916.
  2. Scrapbook covering "Passing Show of 1918," "Apple Blossoms," "The Love Letter," "Lady Be Good," "The Bunch and Judy," and "The Band Wagon," 1916 - ca.1932.
  3. Loose pages from scrapbook re: "For Goodness Sake," 1922.
  4. Loose pages from Scrapbook re: "The Bunch and Judy," 1922-23.
  5. Scrapbook re: "Stop Flirting," London, 1923-24.
  6. Scrapbook re: "Lady Be Good," New York, 1925-26.

**Box 8**

7. Scrapbook re: "Lady Be Good," London, 1926-27.
8. Scrapbook re: "Smiles," and "The Bandwagon," 1927-32.
9. Scrapbook re: "Funny Face," New York, 1927-28.

**Box 9**

10. Scrapbook re: "Funny Face," London, 1928-29.

11. Scrapbook re: "Smiles," New York, 1920.
12. Scrapbook compiled by AA, 1949 – ca. 1960s.

**Box 10**

- L. Child-size gypsy costume belonging to AA, ca. early 1900s.

**Box 11**

- M. Child-size jacket with tails belonging to Fred Astaire, ca. early 1900s.
- N. Child-size sock belonging to Fred Astaire, ca. 1904.

**XII. Miscellaneous****Box 6****Folder 4**

- A. Photocopy of a sketch of AA by Alex Clark Jr., n.d.
- B. Loose description probably from a scrapbook, n.d.