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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

SC 0022

### Unit Date

circa 1934-1935

### Language

English .

### Abstract

The "Peggy's Doctor" Cast Photograph, circa 1934-1935, is a glossy black-and-white promotional still photograph with text overlaid depicting the cast of the radio drama "Peggy's Doctor" which ran from 1934-1935.

**Extent**

0.08 cubic feet 1 legal folder

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## Bio/Historical Note

During the mid-twentieth century, radio drama was a popular medium of entertainment before the advent of the television. Large industrial companies became eager to sponsor these dramas in order to advertise.

"Peggy's Doctor," presented by Blue Coal, was one such drama. The show premiered on October 1, 1934 and the final episode aired in March 1935. It aired on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on NBC Red at 1:15 PM. Each episode was fifteen minutes in length. "Peggy's Doctor" was a romantic drama that revolved around prominent female radio actress, Rosaline Greene, who played the main character Peggy Dale. In the radio drama, Peggy, the daughter of a destitute horse breeder, is courted by a moneyed physician who is working in her hometown in Kentucky. "Peggy's Doctor" was created as a response to an increasingly romanticized view of medical professionals after the WWI. "Peggy's Doctor" also featured African-American actor Ernest Whitman as the character George. The show also cast Wilma Walter, Allyn Joslyn, Ethel Blume, Walter Soderling, Alan Devitt, and James Meighan.

## Scope and Content

The "Peggy's Doctor" Cast Photograph, circa 1934-1935, is a promotional still printed on 8 x 10" photograph paper with text overlaid. The glossy black-and-white photograph depicts the cast in full costume of the radio drama "Peggy's Doctor" which ran from 1934-1935. The names of the actors and their respective characters are overlaid at the bottom of the photograph: Ernest Whitman as George, Wilma Walter as Mr. Dale, Allyn Joslyn as Vance Harris, Ethel Blume as Louis Dale, Walter Soderling as Mr. Harris, Rosaline Greene as Peggy Dale, Alan Devitt as Dr. Temple, and James Meighan as Dr. John McKeever. Researchers should note that the following actors' names are misspelled on the photograph: Ernest Whitman, Allyn Joslyn, and Alan Devitt.

## Keywords

Radio plays, American -- 20th century

Radio broadcasting -- United States -- History -- 20th century

Black-and-white photographs

## Bibliography

Cox, Jim. The Great Radio Soap Operas. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc., 1999. "Peggy's Doctor." OTTRpedia: Database of Old Time Radio Programs. Accessed November 10, 2016. <http://otrppedia.net/getprogram.php?item=6240>.

## Arrangement

## **Arrangement**

The photograph is housed in a one legal folder.

## **Description of Subordinate Components**

### **"Peggy's Doctor" Cast Photograph**

**Unit Date** circa 1934-1935

**Mixed Materials [1000885757]** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)