

**THOMAS, EDNA, 1885-1974.**  
**Edna Thomas correspondence, 1924-1935**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Thomas, Edna, 1885-1974.  
**Title:** Edna Thomas correspondence, 1924-1935  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1109  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Correspondence received by Edna Thomas, a singer of African American spirituals.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

Edna Thomas (1885-1974) was a singer who primarily performed African American spirituals. Known as "the Lady of Louisiana," she toured both nationally and internationally. Thomas may

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also have worked as an actress in New York in the latter half of her career (for more information, consult the collection file located in the Rose Library).

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains letters written to Edna Thomas from 1924-1935. The letters are mostly from admirers and friends in Australia and discuss concerts, books, Thomas's finances, and her tours. The collection also contains an undated newspaper clipping about Thomas while she was touring in London.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in chronological order.

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**Container List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Correspondence, undated
1	2	Correspondence, 1924
1	3	Correspondence, April-October 1925
1	4	Correspondence, November-December 1925
1	5	Correspondence, January-March 1926
1	6	Correspondence, April-May 1926
1	7	Correspondence, June-August 1926
1	8	Correspondence, September-October 1926
1	9	Correspondence, November-December 1926
1	10	Correspondence, January-April 1927
1	11	Correspondence, May-December 1927
1	12	Correspondence, 1928
1	13	Correspondence, 1929
1	14	Correspondence, 1930-1935
1	15	Newspaper clipping, undated

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