

**Title:** Szekely, Sari Papers

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**Abstract:** Sari Szekely (1883-1971) was a native of Hungary. She and her husband emigrated to the U.S. in 1912, where they lived in New York, Cleveland, Detroit and Evanston, Illinois, before arriving in Milwaukee in 1929. She studied music and writing and soon became a prominent local playwright, director, actress, theater critic, author and composer. Several of her plays won awards, and she wrote a pageant for Milwaukee's Centurama in 1946. She also founded the Matinee Club of Milwaukee in 1953. She passed away in 1971.

**Scope and Content:** The records consist of scrapbooks, programs, speeches, reviews of plays, newspaper clippings and other ephemera that detail her interest in writing, composing, the theater and her Hungarian culture.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English, Hungarian

**Notes:** The collection was reprocessed by Kevin Abing, April 12, 2005.

**Arrangement:**

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"Pioneer Women of the Century: A Historical Pageant"-Script & Scene Sketches, 1946	1	7
Excerpts from Publicity re: Szekely Plays, 1928-1937	1	8
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SCRIPTS OF PLAYS WRITTEN BY SZEKELY - "A Just Claim" - "Flax-Blond-Squaw: A One Act Play"	1	Loose

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Let's Be Domestic: A Comedy in Three Acts"</li> <li>- "So Much of Earth: Drama in Three Acts"</li> <li>- "Ten One Act Plays"</li> <li>- "The Enemy Within"</li> <li>- "The Fair Haired Child: Comedy in Two Acts"</li> <li>- "The Widow's Might: A Farce in Three Acts"</li> </ul>		
<p>SCRAPBOOKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personal Publicity, 1937-1940</li> <li>- Clippings re: Theater, etc., ca. 1930s</li> <li>- Programs &amp; Clippings, 1918-1936</li> </ul>	1	Loose
<p>SCRAPBOOKS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Publicity re: Friends/Acquaintances, 1940-1942</li> <li>- Clippings re: Friends/Acquaintances, 1943-1951</li> <li>- Clippings/Miscellaneous, 1946-1954</li> <li>- Clippings/Miscellaneous, 1943-1951</li> </ul>	RC19, Sh. 5-6	