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Mona Bismarck
Photograph Collection, 1860-1979

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Size of Collection:
130 items

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989PC9X

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Scope and Content Note

The collection includes portrait photographs of Mona Bismarck, many by Sir Cecil Beaton, and photographs of her family, her husbands, and friends from her years in society. There are also photographs of the villa on Capri and her Paris apartment in the Hotel Lambert. Identified persons include Count Edward Bismarck, Harrison Williams, Umberto di Martini, Robert Sims Strader, Margaret Sims Strader, members of the Shockency family, Birdie Bell Shockency Hussey, John Hussey, Sir Cecil Beaton, Bernard Baruch, Marlene Dietrich, Lorraine Rowan Cooper (Mrs. John Sherman Cooper), Randolph Churchill, and Cristobal Balenciaga.

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Biographical Note

Countess Mona Bismarck, born Mona Travis Strader in Louisville, married in 1917 the first of five husbands. After a divorce from her second husband, she became part of the "cafe society" world in New York and her marriage to Wall Street financier Harrison Williams in 1926 gave her further entree into a glamorous lifestyle. After his death in 1953, she married Count Edward Bismarck, grandson of Germany's Chancellor Bismarck. In her later years, she lived quietly in Paris and at her villa on the Isle of Capri.

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