Descriptive Summary
Title: Norman Panama papers
Date (inclusive): 1929-1998
Date (bulk): 1945-1986
Collection number: 10
Creator: Panama, Norman
Extent: 9.9 linear feet of papers.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Norman Panama, 1986, with additions from Kathleen Panama, 2003
Biography
Norman Panama was an American screenwriter, director, and producer, often specializing in, but not limited to, the field of comedy. Active from the 1940s to 1970s, he was a longtime collaborator of screenwriter Melvin Frank. Together they worked on the screenplays of "Monsieur Beaucaire" (1946), "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" (1948), "White Christmas" (1954), "The Court Jester" (1955), and many others, often sharing producing and directing credits as well, and working most frequently with Bob Hope or Danny Kaye. Panama, along with Frank, was nominated by the Academy in the writing category for "Road to Utopia" (1946), "Knock on Wood" (1954), and "The Facts of Life" (1960).
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Norman Panama papers span the years 1929-1998 (bulk 1945-1986) and encompass 9.9 linear feet. The collection consists primarily of Panama's scripts for many of his productions from the late 1940s through the late 1960s.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files, subseries A-B as follows: A. Produced; B. Unproduced; 2. Television files, subseries A-B as follows: A. Produced; B. Unproduced; 3. Stage files, subseries A-B as follows: A. Produced; B. Unproduced; 4. Radio files; 5. Story files; 6. Subject files
Indexing Terms
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