Buster Keaton papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Buster Keaton papers
Date (inclusive): 1900-1999
Date (bulk): 1924-1966
Collection number: 181
Creator: Keaton, Buster
Extent: 0.4 linear feet of papers. 2 linear feet of photographs.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Biography
Buster Keaton was an American actor, director, producer, and screenwriter active in film from 1917 to the mid-1960s. The Academy presented him with a 1959 Honorary Award.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Buster Keaton papers span the years 1900-1999 (bulk 1924-1966) and encompass 2.4 linear foot. The collection consists of an assortment of material relating to Keaton, including scripts, music, autograph books, a vaudeville scrapbook, clippings, date books, and photographs. The photograph series document Keaton's last three decades, with many personal photographs, candids, and snapshots, as well as material related to his film, stage, and television work. There are also some vintage photographs from Keaton's infancy, childhood, and vaudeville days, as well as a Keaton family photograph album of snapshots dating from 1909-1917. Photographs from the collection were published in ?uster Keaton Remembered? (2001) by Eleanor Keaton and Jeffrey Vance, with an afterword by Kevin Brownlow.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files, subseries A-B as follows: A. Produced; B. Unproduced; 2. Subject files; 3. Scrapbooks; 4. Photographs, subseries A-F as follows: A. Motion picture production; B. Television production; C. Stage production; D. Biography; E. Subject; F. Photograph albums
Indexing Terms
Keaton, Buster, 1895-1966--Archives.
actors
directors
producers
screenwriters