Marion Davies papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Marion Davies papers
Date (inclusive): 1906-1961
Date (bulk): 1928-1937; 1951-1961
Collection number: 192
Creator: Davies, Marion
Extent: 5 linear feet of papers. 1 linear foot of photographs.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Gordon Mueller, 1992
Biography
Marion Davies was an American actress active in film from 1917 to 1937. In 1915 she met William Randolph Hearst, and they began an affair that lasted until his death in 1951.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Marion Davies papers span the years 1906-1961 (bulk 1928-1937; 1951-1961) and encompass 6 linear feet. The papers consist of accounting and financial information for most of Davies's later films and correspondence files from the 1950s. There is also information about Davies's business dealings, as well as her relationship with the Hearst organization after Hearst's death. There is no material on William Randolph Hearst in the collection, and most of the correspondence that deals with him consists of condolences to Davies. The photograph series consists of glass slides, nitrate negatives, and prints of biography photographs.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files; 2. Television files; 3. Subject files; 4. Oversize; 5. Photographs
Indexing Terms
Davies, Marion, 1897-1961--Archives.
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