
H. N. Swanson Agency records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: H. N. Swanson Agency records

Date (inclusive): 1920s-1980s

Date (bulk): 1934-1969

Collection number: 221

Creator: H. N. Swanson Agency

Extent: 127 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 H. N. Swanson, Inc., 1990

Biography

The H. N. Swanson Agency, an American literary agency that represented book authors and screenwriters, was formed in 1934 by H. N. Swanson in Los Angeles. Harold Norling Swanson (1899-1991), known as Swanie, was an American literary agent active in film from 1934 to 1989. He came to California in 1931, and within a few years he set up shop representing fiction and screen writers for Hollywood films. Pearl S. Buck, Raymond Chandler, William Faulkner, and F. Scott Fitzgerald were among his clients. In 1989, Swanson's stepson, Thomas Shanks, became operations chief.

Collection Scope and Content Summary

The H. N. Swanson Agency records span the years 1920s-1980s (bulk 1934-1969) and encompass 127 linear feet. The collection consists of the agency's client files, including correspondence and contracts; and office files, including advertising, client lists, clippings, form letters, playbills, and publicity. In addition there are four scrapbooks.

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series: 1. Correspondence; 2. Subject files; 3. Scrapbooks

Indexing Terms

Swanson, H. N. (Harold Norling) , 1899-1991.

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agent (literary)
