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
H. N. Swanson Agency
agent (literary)