Ben Hamilton collection

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Ben Hamilton collection
Date (inclusive): 1911-1975
Collection number: 264
Creator: Hamilton, Ben
Extent: 5 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 Mrs. Ben Hamilton, 1987
Biography
Ben Hamilton founded the Hampton Aviation Book Co. at Hampton Bays, Long Island, New York in 1946. He collected books and archival materials on aviation history to resell. The business later relocated to Newberry, South Carolina.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Ben Hamilton collection spans the years 1911-1975 and encompasses 5 linear feet. The collection includes correspondence, fan scrapbooks, and miscellany. The correspondence includes letters written to Lily May Caldwell, who worked for various newspapers in Birmingham, Alabama from at least 1945 to 1965. Of note is a script for TEAHOUSE OF THE AUGUST MOON (1956) autographed by the cast and crew. The provenance of the collection is unclear. Hamilton may have collected some of the material himself or it may have been among archival material he acquired for his book business.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Subject files.
Indexing Terms
Hamilton, Ben--Archives.
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