Pete Smith papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Pete Smith papers
Date (inclusive): 1931-1974
Date (bulk): 1931-1955
Collection number: 28
Creator: Smith, Pete
Extent: 4 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. Pete Smith (Anne Dunston), 1979
Biography
Pete Smith was an American film producer. Smith was best known for producing, writing, and narrating numerous short films for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) from 1931 through 1954. His sixteen Academy Award nominations in the short subject categories between 1932 and 1950 resulted in Oscars for PENNY WISDOM (1937) and QUICKER 'N A WINK (1940). He received a 1953 Honorary Academy Award. Smith served on the Academy Board of Governors.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Pete Smith papers span the years 1931-1974 (bulk 1931-1955) and encompass 4 linear feet. The collection consists primarily of scripts and/or narrations for some 260 short subject films produced by Smith between 1931 and 1955. There is also material collected by Smith for a proposed book on his early years as a publicist and five scrapbooks that contain newspaper and magazine clippings, correspondence, and photographs from 1931 to 1974.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files; 2. Scrapbooks.
Indexing Terms
Smith, Pete , 1892-1979--Archives.
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