W. C. Fields papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: W. C. Fields papers
Date (inclusive): 1898-1978
Date (bulk): 1898-1946
Collection number: 520
Creator: Fields, W. C.
Extent: 85 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 the W. C. Fields family, 2006, with additions from Allen Fields, 2008
Biography
W. C. Fields was an actor, comedian, and screenwriter most active in film from the mid-1920s to mid- 1940s. From his humble beginnings as a juggler, he embarked on a career as a vaudeville comedian and stage actor. Fields appeared in a number of silent films and early sound films before finding his place as a comedy writer and actor portraying memorable screen curmudgeons.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The W. C. Fields papers span the years 1898-1978 (bulk 1898-1946) and encompass approximately 85 linear feet. The collection includes scripts and production material, contracts, correspondence, scrapbooks, artifacts, posters, and photographs.
Arrangement
Indexing Terms
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