Thomas J. Geraghty papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Thomas J. Geraghty papers
Date (inclusive): 1924-1933
Collection number: 83
Creator: Geraghty, Tom J.
Extent: 1 linear feet of papers.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English

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Acquisition Information
Gift of Tom Geraghty

Biography
Thomas J. Geraghty was an American screenwriter. Trained as a reporter in New York, he began working as a publicist in the film industry in the 1910s. Geraghty worked as a writer at Famous Players-Lasky in Los Angeles before becoming scenario editor and writer for Douglas Fairbanks. Returning to New York when Famous Players opened its Long Island facility, he was in charge of production for three years before moving to a similar position in London for a year. Geraghty again returned to New York, then set off for Hollywood in 1922. Later he became a screenwriter for such films as IRISH LUCK (1926), THE TAMING OF THE SHREW (1929), WEARY RIVER (1929), and WINGS OF THE MORNING (1937). Geraghty served on the Academy Board of Governors in 1929. In his later years, Geraghty headed the Hollywood Bureau of Censorship of the Office of War Information.

Collection Scope and Content Summary
The Thomas J. Geraghty papers span the years 1924-1933 and encompass 1.0 linear foot. The collection consists chiefly of scripts and production material for First National productions, as well as a small amount of correspondence, biographical material, and a manuscript for a proposed book on amateur filmmaking. Four scrapbooks include clippings and correspondence concerning Geraghty’s role as supervising director of the Famous Players-Lasky scenario department and clippings concerning Paralta Studios.

Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files; 2. Subject files, subseries A-B as follows: A. General; B. Correspondence; 3. Scrapbooks.

Indexing Terms
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