William Selig papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: William Selig papers
Date (inclusive): 1857-1979
Date (bulk): 1900-1923
Collection number: 2
Creator: Selig, William N.
Extent: 15 linear feet of papers. 6 linear feet of photographs.
Repository: Margaret Herrick Library. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.
Languages: English
Access
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Biography
"Colonel" William N. Selig was an American producer active in film from 1896 to 1938. He founded the Selig Polyscope Company and co-founded the Motion Picture Patents Company. Selig shared a 1947 Special Academy Award for being a pioneer in the developing art of motion pictures.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
The William Selig papers span the years 1857-1979 (bulk 1900-1923) and encompass 21 linear feet. The collection consists of production files (continuities and credit sheets for many of the Selig one- and two-reel shorts from 1908 to 1917), scripts and story material, clippings, correspondence files, subject files (primarily related to early film history patents and Selig Polyscope Company releases), books and pamphlets, oversize material, scrapbooks, and photographs.
Arrangement
Arranged in the following series: 1. Production files, subseries A-B as follows: A. Feature films and serials; B. Short subjects; 2. Story files; 3. Correspondence, subseries A-B as follows: A. William Selig; B. Foreign; 4. Subject files, subseries A-B as follows: A. General; B. Books and periodicals; 5. Oversize; 6. Scrapbooks; 7. Photographs, subseries A-C as follows: A. Motion picture production; B. Biography; C. Subject
Indexing Terms
Selig, William N. , 1864-1948--Archives
Executives
Producers