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Abstract: Primarily letters from William R. Hearst and other members of his staff, and copies or drafts of Hastings' replies. Hastings was editor of the New York Journal, 1906-26, and supervising editor of several newspapers in the Hearst Service, 1926-42. Included also are Mss. of two of his plays and letters from actors and producers relating to his efforts to have them performed; clippings; and biographical information.

Languages Represented: English

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Biographical Sketch

John R. Hastings was supervising editor of the Hearst newspapers from 1926 until his death in 1942. He began his long newspaper career, after graduation from high school, on the *Los Angeles Express*, going from there to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, the *New York Press and Evening Telegram*, the *New York Daily News*, the *New York Globe* the *New York Times*, and the *New York Journal*, for which he served as managing editor from 1906 to 1926.

Scope and Content

These papers, which were given to the Bancroft Library in June 1950 by his widow, relate primarily to his association with the Hearst newspaper organization. Included are letters from William Randolph Hearst and other members of his staff, 1909-1942, and copies or drafts of Hastings replies; letters relating his efforts to have his plays produced, 1910-1912; copies of his plays; clippings; and biographical information about him assembled by his wife.

Letters written by Hastings are arranged chronologically; letters to him, alphabetically by name of correspondent with a miscellany of single letters at the beginning of the file. Letters from play producers and actors relating to his playwriting follow the rest of the correspondence. All of the material is housed in one carton. A list of the more important correspondents follows. Photographs have been transferred to the Pictorial Collection.

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Miscellany

Coblentz, Edmond David, 1882-1959

Letter, Nov. 10, 1937

Lindner, Clarence Richard, 1890-

Letter, Jan. 14, 1936.

Additional Note

Copy, addressed to J. Willicombe.

White, Thomas Justin, 1884-1948

Telegram, Feb. 13, 1931.

Additional Note

Copy, addressed to E. C. Simmons.

Young, George Gilray, 1876-

Letter, Sept. 12, 1929.

Additional Note

Enclosure: telegram from Frank Knox.

Bitner, Harry Murray, 1883-

12 letters, 1928-1935

Brisbane, Arthur, 1864-1936

53 letters, 1909-1936

Carvalho, Solomon Solis, 1856-

3 letters, 1912-1918

Hearst, William Randolph, 1863-1951

299 letters, 1915-1940 & n. d.

Hearst Newspapers. Executive Council

4 letters, 1926-1932

Knox, Franklin, 1874-1944

28 letters, 1927-1930

Moore, Joseph Arthur, 1879-1937

2 letters, 1920-1922

Newmyer, Arthur G.

4 letters, 1935

Willicombe, Joseph

40 letters, 1921-1940

Playwriting correspondence

Physical Description: (1 folder)

Ames, Winthrop, 1871-1937

3 letters, 1910-1912

Bowes, Edward J., d. 1946

Letter, Aug. 22, 1912

Fiske, Minnie Maddern, d. 1932

Letter, n. d.

Frohman, Daniel, 1851-1940

Letter, Aug. 16, 1912

Megrue, Roi Cooper, 1883-1927

2 letters, 1911

Miller, Henry, 1860-1926

Letter, Mar. 8, 1911

Ware, Helen, 1877-1939

2 letters, 1911