Guide to the John Russel Hastings Papers, 1909-1942

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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 be 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-
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, 192 6-1932
Knox, Franklin, 1874-1944
28 letters, 1927-1930
Moore, Joseph Arthur, 1879-1937
  2 letters, 1920-1922
Newmyer, Arthur G.
  4 letters, 1935
Willocombe, 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