Collection on W.K. Laurie Dickson and the Biograph Company

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Descriptive Summary
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Dates: 1889-1934
Collection Number: GC 1285
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Extent: (Boxes: ½ legal)
Repository: Seaver Center for Western History Research, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
Abstract: Correspondence, drawings, photographs and a few celluloid film frames. 1889 - 1934, undated (bulk is 1932).
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Biography/Administrative History
William Kennedy Laurie Dickson (1860 - 1935) was the English inventor of the kinetoscope (1889) during his employment with Thomas Edison in New Jersey, incorporating the use of 35 mm celluloid perforated film. This enabled the Edison Company to provide moving images for entertainment purposes. In 1895, Dickson, along with several other individuals, formed the American Mutoscope and Biograph Company, which became successful in delivering to audiences the first moving pictures projected in theaters.
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