Inventory of the James Forbes Papers

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Creator: Forbes, James, 1871-1938
Title: James Forbes Papers
Date (inclusive): circa 1904-1937
Extent: 9.2 linear feet
Abstract: James Forbes (1871-1938), a twentieth century playwright, authored The Chorus Lady, The Commuters, and The Famous Mrs. Fair. The collection contains manuscripts, correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memorabilia related to a number of his works.
Physical location: Researchers should contact Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.
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Collection number: D-581
Language of Material: Collection materials in English.
Biography
James Forbes was born September 2, 1871 in Salem, Ontario. He began his career as an actor in 1891 in Chicago and played comic roles for the next five years. He then served as the the drama critic for the Pittsburgh Dispatch, business manager for Henry W. Savage's Castle Square Opera Company, business representative for the Metropolitan English Opera Company and the Amelia Bingham Company, and assistant manager of Henry B. Harris Theatrical Enterprises. Forbes later turned to playwriting. Between 1904-1936, Forbes wrote or helped to adapt a number of plays which were produced professionally.
Source:
Scope and Content
The collection contains manuscripts, correspondence, clippings, photographs, and memorabilia related to a number of his works.
Arrangement of the Collection
The collection is arranged alphabetically by title.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Forbes, James, 1871-1938--Archives
American drama--20th century
Access
Collection is open for research.
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