
Finding Aid for the Frank Baker papers, ca. 1928-1934

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Frank Baker papers

Date (inclusive): ca. 1928-1934

Collection number: 1911

Creator: Frank Baker, 1892-1980

Extent: 1 flat box.

Abstract: Frank Baker was an Australian actor and stuntman in Hollywood whose career spanned from 1912 to 1970. This collection consists of ink drawings, color paintings and notes of costumes and locations he made for the films *The Bushranger* (1928, directed by Chester Withey) and *The Lost Patrol* (1934, directed by John Ford).

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

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Biography

Frank Baker was an Australian actor and stuntman in Hollywood whose career spanned from 1912 to 1970. He was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1892 and was the brother of Snowy Baker, a well-known silent film star and boxing promoter in Australia. Both men eventually settled in Hollywood in the 1920s. Over his career Frank appeared in 18 John Ford films and was considered a member of the "John Ford stock company," a group of actors who regularly worked with Ford. During the Depression Baker sent checks to 22 families on a weekly basis for Ford who wanted to remain an anonymous donor. Baker appeared in bit parts in about 100 films over his long career including *Of Human Bondage* (1934), *The New Adventures of Tarzan* (1935), *Stagecoach* (1939), *That Forsyte Woman* (1949), *The Quiet Man* (1952) and *My Fair Lady* (1964). He passed away at the Motion Picture Country House and Hospital in Woodland Hills, California in 1980.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of ink drawings, color paintings and notes by Frank Baker of costumes and locations for the films *The Bushranger* (1928, directed by Chester Withey) and *The Lost Patrol* (1934, directed by John Ford).

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Baker, Frank, 1892-1980 --Archives.

Stunt performers --California --Los Angeles --Archival resources.

Box 1, Folder 1

Costume and location drawings and paintings for "The Bushranger" (1928, MGM) and "Lost Patrol" (1934, RKO) 1928-1934

Physical Description: Ink drawings and color paintings. Primarily of costumes of New South Wales police and Australian Military uniforms.

- Item 1 **"The Bushranger" New South Wales mounted police trooper, 1865. 1928**
- Item 2 **"Lost Patrol" British Trooper (Tropical Service) 1917. 1934**
- Item 3 **Deane-Harding Revolver (English) 1859**
- Item 4 **Government House, Parramatta, New South Wales**
- Item 5 **Redman's Court Sydney 1835**
- Item 6 **Chariot 1744**
- Item 7 **Horse and two-wheeled carriage**
- Item 8 **Seamen and marine**
- Item 9 **Officer's sword, shako and saddle pouch**
- Item 10 **British Navy Officer 1833-1845**
- Item 11 **Suggestion for governor's costume**
- Item 12 **New South Wales Foot Police 1897-1917**
- Item 13 **New South Wales mounted police trooper (full dress) 1938**
- Item 14 **New South Wales mounted police trooper 1853**
- Item 15 **New South Wales foot police 1917-1938**
- Item 16 **New South Wales mounted police trooper 1865**
- Item 17 **Sketch of New South Wales mounted police trooper 1865**
- Item 18 **New South Wales prison warder 1890-1910**
- Item 19 **New South Wales infantry officer 1833**
- Item 20 **New South Wales police blacktracker 1860-1908**
- Item 21 **Infantry officer Australian military force service dress 1914-1938**
- Item 22 **Light Horse Officer (service dress) Australian military force 1902-1914**
- Item 23 **New South Wales mounted police officer (full dress) 1870 and Ned Kelly**

General note

Image of Ned Kelly is on the reverse.

- Item 24 **New South Wales police inspector 1870**
- Item 25 **Sketch of New South Wales police inspector 1870**
- Item 26 **New South Wales mounted police trooper 1865**
- Item 27 **New South Wales mounted police trooper 1846-1851**
- Item 28 **New South Wales police inspector 1880-1917**
- Item 29 **New South Wales drover 1860-1870**
- Item 30 **New South Wales "Sundowner" (hobo) 1860-1938**
- Item 31 **New South Wales garrison officer 1790**
- Item 32 **New South Wales squatter**
- Item 33 **New South Wales royal garrison artillery private 1902-1938**
- Item 34 **New South Wales infantry officer 1898**