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#### **Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Will Rogers State Historic Park Collection of Scrapbook Material about Will Rogers,

**Date (inclusive):** ca. 1914-1944

**Collection number:** 520

**Creator:** Will Rogers State Historic Park

**Extent:** 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

**Repository:** University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Department of Special Collections.  
Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

**Abstract:** William Penn Adair Rogers (1879-1935) was a Western entertainer, newspaper columnist and author. The collection consists of 4 microfilm reels of scrapbook material about Will Rogers, including clippings, photographs, correspondence, and Will Rogers State Historic Park collection inventory.

**Physical location:** Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library, Department of Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

**Language:** English.

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#### **Biography**

William Penn Adair Rogers was born on November 4, 1879 near Oologah, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma; quit school and joined a Wild West show in Argentina in 1902; in 1905 he performed at Keith's Union Square Theatre in New York; began to interject witticisms between his lasso routines; in 1915 he played in the revues *Hands up* and *Town topics*, and featured in *Ziegfeld's Midnight Frolic* (1921) and several Ziegfeld Follies; began writing a newspaper column in 1926; appeared in motion pictures including *A Connecticut Yankee* (1931), *State Fair* (1933), and *David Harum* (1934); published books include *The Cowboy Philosopher on Prohibition* (1919), *The Cowboy Philosopher on the Peace Conference* (1919), *What we Laugh at* (1920), *The Illiterate Digest* (1924), *Letters of a Self-Made Diplomat to his President* (1927), and *Will Rogers' Political Follies* (1929); he died in a plane crash near Point Barrow, Alaska on August 15, 1935.

#### **Scope and Content**

Collection consists of 4 reels of microfilm of scrapbook material about Will Rogers, including scrapbooks, clippings, photographs, correspondence, and Will Rogers State Historic Park collection inventory. Subjects include Rogers' plane crash, death, memorial, photographs of Betty and Will Rogers, and correspondence regarding the development of the ranch.

#### **Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Rogers, Will, 1879-1935.

Will Rogers State Historic Park--Archives.

Humorists, American.

Microfilms.

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#### **Scrapbooks, Various**

Box 1, Folder 1	<b>Clippings of death and memorial and tributes.</b>
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Vaudeville performances, personal scrapbooks, small photos of Betty Rogers and Will Rogers, etc.</b>
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>Clippings of death and memorial and tributes.</b>
	<b>Scope and Content Note</b>
	Includes scrapbook compiled by Irvin S. Cobb.
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Incoming correspondence re ranch development, etc.</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>Clippings of plane crash.</b>
Box 1, Folder 4	<b>Inventory of State park collection. 1944, objects donated, etc.</b>