
Finding Aid for the Collection of Research Photographs for Cecil B. De Mille Motion Picture Productions, ca. 1947-ca. 1956

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection of Photographic Research Materials for Cecil B. De Mille Motion Picture Productions

Date (inclusive): ca. 1947-ca. 1956

Collection number: 68

Extent: 7 boxes (3.0 linear ft.)

Abstract: Collection consists primarily of photographic research for Cecil B. De Mille motion picture productions *The Ten commandments* (1956), *Samson and Delilah* (1949), and *Unconquered* (1947). Includes photographic reproductions from books and magazines for period costumes, objects, architecture, and ephemera, proof sheets, negatives, and transparencies. Also contains photostats of costume sketches by Cecil Lawton for *Unconquered*.

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library. Performing Arts Special Collections.

Los Angeles, California 90095-1575

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

Restrictions on Access

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Purchase, 1988.

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History

Samson and Delilah (1949) featured Hedy Lamarr, Victor Mature, George Sanders, and Angela Lansbury; produced and directed by Cecil B. De Mille; screenplay by Jesse Lasky, Jr. and Frederick M. Frank; music by Victor Young; editor Anne Bauchens; photography by George Barnes; it was speculated De Mille spent 100,000 dollars on background information for the story.

The Ten commandments (1956) was De Mille's last film and best known for its Academy Award winning special effects; based on the story of Moses and the Jewish Exodus from Egypt (previously filmed, 1923), the cast featured among others, Charlton Heston, Anne Baxter, Yul Brynner, Edward G. Robinson, and Yvonne De Carlo; produced and directed by De Mille, assoc. producer Henry Wilcoxon, written by Dorothy Clare Wilson (from *Prince of Egypt*), Rev. J.H. Ingraham (*Pillar of fire*), and Rev. A.E. Southon (*Eagle's wings*), cinematographer Loyal Griggs, and editor Anne Bauchens.

Unconquered (1947) was produced and directed by De Mille; featured among others, Gary Cooper, Paulette Goddard, Howard Da Silva, Boris Karloff, and Ward Bond; written by Neil H. Swanson, cameraman Ray Rennahan, and editor Anne Bauchens.

Scope and Content

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Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Ten commandments (Motion picture) *Unconquered* (Motion picture) *Samson and Delilah* (Motion picture)

Motion picture directors and producers--Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material

Photographs.

	<i>Ten Commandments (1956).</i>
Box 1, Folder 1	Proof Sheets Physical Description: (120 items)
Box 1, Folder 2	Proof Sheets Physical Description: (120 items)
Box 1, Folder 3	Proof Sheets Physical Description: (120 items)
Box 1, Folder 4	Proof Sheets Physical Description: (87 items)
Box 1, Folder 5	Wardrobe Shots (8 x 10 glossies) Physical Description: (5 items)
Box 1, Folder 6	Physique Shots (8 x 10 glossies) Physical Description: (10 items)
Box 1, Folder 7	Black and White Negatives (8 x 10) Physical Description: (12 items)
Box 1, Folder 7	Color Transparencies (8 x 10) Physical Description: (23 items)
	<i>Samson & Delilah (1949).</i>
Box 2, Folder 1	Research photographs of Architecture Detail, Minoan Physical Description: (4 items)
Box 2, Folder 2	Research photographs of Asses and Mules Physical Description: (3 items)
Box 2, Folder 3	Research photographs of Minoan Baths & Plumbing Physical Description: (6 items)
Box 2, Folder 4	Research photographs of Battles Physical Description: (6 items)
Box 2, Folder 5	Research photographs of Bulls Physical Description: (7 items)
Box 2, Folder 6	Research photographs of Camels Physical Description: (11 items)
Box 2, Folder 7	Research photographs of caves & tombs Physical Description: (8 items)
Box 2, Folder 8	Research photographs Chariots Physical Description: (14 items)
Box 2, Folder 9	Research photographs of Costumes - Arranged Alphabetically by Area or Country of Origin

Box 2, Folder 10	Research photographs of Food and Meals Physical Description: (6 items)
Box 2, Folder 11	Research photographs of Games Physical Description: (2 items)
Box 2, Folder 12	Research photographs Hair Styles Physical Description: (20 items)
Box 2, Folder 13	Research photographs of Horses and Equipment
Box 2, Folder 14	Research photographs of Idols Physical Description: (20 items)
Box 2, Folder 15	Research photographs of Lamps Physical Description: (10 items)
Box 2, Folder 16	Research photographs of Lion Fight Physical Description: (21 items)
Box 2, Folder 17	Research photographs of Locks Physical Description: (14 items)
Box 2, Folder 18	Research photographs of Mills Physical Description: (8 items)
Box 2, Folder 19	Research photographs of Mosaics Physical Description: (4 items)
Box 2, Folder 20	Research photographs of Musical Instruments Physical Description: (4 items)
Box 2, Folder 21	Research photographs of Palaces & Temples
Box 2, Folder 22	Research photographs of Palaces and Temples - Minoan Physical Description: (31 items)
Box 3, Folder 1	Research photographs of Metal Vessels Physical Description: (24 items)
Box 3, Folder 2	Research photographs of Samson-capture Physical Description: (39 items)
Box 3, Folder 3	Research photographs of Samson - Gates of Gaza Physical Description: (7 items)
Box 3, Folder 4	Research photographs of Samson - Just mill Physical Description: (4 items)
Box 3, Folder 5	Research photographs of Samson - gawbone fight Physical Description: (11 items)
Box 3, Folder 6	Research photographs of Samson (misc.) Physical Description: (21 items)

Box 3, Folder 7	Research photographs of Samson - Simple Physical Description: (12 items)
Box 3, Folder 8	Research photographs of scenery Physical Description: (44 items)
Box 3, Folder 9	Research photographs of streetscenes Physical Description: (9 items)
Box 3, Folder 10	Research photographs of toys Physical Description: (1 item)
Box 3, Folder 11	Research photographs of trades and occupants Physical Description: (29 items)
Box 3, Folder 12	Research photographs of utensils Physical Description: (10 items)
Box 3, Folder 13	Research photographs of villages and towns Physical Description: (17 items)
Box 3, Folder 14	Research photographs of weapons Physical Description: (17 items)
Box 3, Folder 15	Research photographs of weights Physical Description: (4 items)
Box 3, Folder 16	Research photographs of writings Physical Description: (3 items)
Box 3, Folder 17	Research photographs, unidentified Physical Description: (18 items)
Box 3, Folder 18	Handbook for the film <i>The Unconquered</i> (1947)
Box 4, Folder 1	Photostats of Costume sketches by Cecil Lawson Physical Description: (50 items)
Box 4, Folder 2	Photostats of Costume sketches by Cecil Lawson Physical Description: (49 items)
Box 4, Folder 3	Photostats of Costume sketches by Cecil Lawson Physical Description: (38 items)
Box 4, Folder 4	Photostats of Costume sketches by Cecil Lawson Physical Description: (38 items)
Box 5, Folder 1	Research photographs of Backwoodsmen Physical Description: (15 items)
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Box 5, Folder 8	Research photographs of Conestoga Wagons Physical Description: (13 items)
Box 5, Folder 9	Research photographs of Costumes - boots Physical Description: (1 item)
Box 5, Folder 10	Research photographs of Costumes - Men Physical Description: (26 items)
Box 5, Folder 11	Research photographs of Costume - Men & Women Physical Description: (53 items)
Box 5, Folder 12	Research photographs of Costumes - Riding Physical Description: (6 items)
Box 5, Folder 13	Research photographs of Costumes - Women Physical Description: (28 items)
Box 5, Folder 14	Research photographs of Dances & bands Physical Description: (21 items)
Box 5, Folder 15	Research photographs of Fairs Physical Description: (32 items)
Box 5, Folder 16	Research photographs of Forts Physical Description: (33 items)
Box 5, Folder 17	Research photographs of Homes & Cabins Physical Description: (12 items)
Box 5, Folder 18	Research photographs of Houses & Cabins interiors Physical Description: (8 items)
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Box 6, Folder 2	Research photographs of Indians - Costumes, men Physical Description: (48 items)
Box 6, Folder 3	Research photographs of Indian Costumes - moccasins Physical Description: (9 items)

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Box 6, Folder 6	Research photographs of Indians - Lodges Physical Description: (28 items)
Box 6, Folder 7	Research photographs of Indians - Make Up Physical Description: (29 items)
Box 6, Folder 8	Research photographs of Indians - Ornament Physical Description: (8 items)
Box 6, Folder 9	Research photographs of Indians - Props Physical Description: (15 items)
Box 6, Folder 10	Research photographs of Indians - totems Physical Description: (2 items)
Box 6, Folder 12	Research photographs of Indians - Wampum Physical Description: (16 items)
Box 6, Folder 13	Research photographs of Indians - Warfare Physical Description: (25 items)
Box 6, Folder 14	Research photographs of Indians - Weapons Physical Description: (20 items)
Box 6, Folder 15	Research photographs of Maps Physical Description: (8 items)
Box 6, Folder 16	Research photographs of Mason-Dixon & Surveying Physical Description: (9 items)
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Box 6, Folder 18	Research photographs of Military bottles & campaigns Physical Description: (19 items)
Box 6, Folder 19	Research photographs of Military Manual of Arms Physical Description: (8 items)
Box 6, Folder 20	Research photographs of Military Uniforms - British Physical Description: (20 items)
Box 6, Folder 21	Research photographs of Military Uniforms - provincial Physical Description: (7 items)
Box 6, Folder 22	Research photographs of Miscellaneous Physical Description: (12 items)

Box 7, Folder 1	Research photographs of Old Balley Costumes Physical Description: (17 items)
Box 7, Folder 2	Research photographs of Old Balley, interior & exterior Physical Description: (23 items)
Box 7, Folder 3	Research photographs of Prisoners Physical Description: (8 items)
Box 7, Folder 4	Research photographs of Props Physical Description: (50 items)
Box 7, Folder 5	Research photographs of saddles Physical Description: (13 items)
Box 7, Folder 6	Research photographs of sailors Physical Description: (14 items)
Box 7, Folder 7	Research photographs of scenery Physical Description: (22 items)
Box 7, Folder 8	Research photographs of Ships Physical Description: (18 items)
Box 7, Folder 9	Research photographs of Taverns Physical Description: (28 items)
Box 7, Folder 10	Research photographs of Traps Physical Description: (2 items)
Box 7, Folder 11	Research photographs of Tanks Physical Description: (12 items)
Box 7, Folder 12	Research photographs of Washington, George Physical Description: (21 items)
Box 7, Folder 13	Research photographs of Weapons Physical Description: (37 items)