
Finding Aid for the Ross Martin papers, ca. 1960s-ca. 1970s

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ross Martin papers,

Date (inclusive): ca. 1960s-ca. 1970s

Collection number: 239

Creator: Martin, Ross, 1920-1981

Extent: 2 boxes (1 linear ft.)

Abstract: Best known for his role as Artemus Gordon in the 1960s television series *The Wild Wild West*, Ross Martin was an actor who performed on Broadway, television and motion pictures. The collection contains photographs, script material and ephemera related to Martin's acting career.

Language: Finding aid is written in English.

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 the UCLA Library, Performing Arts Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

Restrictions on Access

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift, 1983.

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Biography

Ross Martin was born Martin Rosenblatt in Grodek, Poland (ca. 1920). He came to the US as an infant and grew up in NYC, NY. Though he earned a law degree, Martin chose to work in public relations. He started acting on the *Janice Gray* radio series and went onto various roles on Broadway, television and motion pictures. He is best known for his role as Artemus Gordon in the 1960s television series *The Wild Wild West*. Martin passed away at the age of 61 in July 1987.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of materials related to Ross Martin's acting career. The bulk of the collection is photographs from various projects including *The Wild Wild West* and *The Twilight Zone*. Also included is script material and ephemera from a series of Dodge commercials, and miscellaneous articles about Martin. Notably absent from the collection are scripts from *The Wild Wild West* television series, but for one episode, *The Night of the Sorcerer*.

Organization and Arrangement

There is no specific arrangement to the collection

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Martin, Ross, 1920-1981 -- Archives.

Actors -- United States -- Archival resources.

Genres and Forms of Material

Photographs.

Box 2, Folder 4

Abdullah Location - photograph (1975)

Box 1, Folder 2

Articles about Martin (photocopied clippings) (no date)

Box 1, Folder 12

Caricature sketch of Martin by Sandy Dvore photograph (3 copies) (no date)

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| Box 1, Folder 6 | Celebrity Pictorial (The) - article titled Ross and Olavee Martin as party pacesetters (1974 July) |
| Box 1, Folder 37 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - Chan and 4 Sons in T-Shirts script and story boards (1977 May-June) |
| Box 1, Folder 30 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - Chan Bridge story boards (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 32 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - Check 30 script and story boards (1977 Jun-July) |
| Box 1, Folder 31 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - Check script and story boards (1977 Jun-July) |
| Box 1, Folder 33 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - I See script and story boards (1977 Jun-July) |
| Box 1, Folder 34 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - Luxury/Room script and story boards (1977 May-Jun) |
| Box 1, Folder 38 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - Price/Styling script and story boards (1977 July) |
| Box 1, Folder 29 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - quotations book and color photographs (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 36 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - That's One annotated scripts (1977 July 17) |
| Box 1, Folder 35 | Charlie Chan Dodge Commercials - Wagon Features script (1977 June 16) |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | City of Fossils - annotated television script (1976 April 30) |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Coloroto Magazine Sunday New York News - article about Martin's marriage. (1967 Dec 17) |
| Box 2, Folder 3 | Crooked Hearts - photographs (3 items) (1972 May) |
| Box 1, Folder 21 | Dr. Kildare - photographs (5 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 19 | I and Claudie - photographs (2 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 22 | Joey Bishop Show - Hat Sketches black and white proof sheet (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 15 | Martin and Bernie West - photographs (2 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Martin caricature - photograph (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 16 | Martin head shots - Early sixties (7 items) (ca. 1960) |
| Box 1, Folder 14 | Martin head shots (4 items, color) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 17 | Martin head shots (5 items) (no date) |
| Box 2, Folder 1 | More Wild Wild West - photographs (8 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | More Wild Wild West - photographs of Martin and James Cagney (3 items) (no date) |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | More Wild Wild West Revisited - photographs (5 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 18 | Mr. Lucky - photograph (no date) |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences award for Distinguished Service medal in wood enclosure (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Photographs of Martin (30 items) (no date) |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Photographs of Martin (8 items) (ca. 1981) |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Photoplay - article about Ross Martin's health crisis (1969 Jun) |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Photoplay - article featuring Mrs. Ross Martin talking about Lucille Ball (1974 Nov) |
| Box 1, Folder 24 | Return of Charlie Chan (The) - photograph (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 23 | Seekers (The) - photographs (9 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Tele Jours - article featuring photographs of Ross Martin (1977 Jan 15) |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | TV Radio Mirror - article about Martin's marriage. (1967 Dec) |
| Box 1, Folder 20 | Twilight Zone (The) - Four of Us Are Dying black and white photographs (37 items) (ca. 1960) |
| Box 1, Folder 25 | Wild Wild West - photocopied photographs of Martin in various costumes (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 26 | Wild Wild West - photographs of Martin in various costumes (23 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 27 | Wild Wild West - photographs of Martin in various costumes (39 items) (no date) |
| Box 1, Folder 28 | Wild Wild West - The Night of the Sorcerer second draft script (1968 Dec) |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Wild Wild West - TV Guide cover and unlabelled still photocopies (no date) |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Zorgon the Malevolent - photographs of Martin (2 items) (1978 Mar) |