
Finding Aid for the Burt Metcalfe Collection of M*A*S*H Scripts PASC.0017

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Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections

Title: Burt Metcalfe collection of *M*A*S*H* scripts

Creator: Metcalfe, Burt

source: Metcalfe, Burt

Identifier/Call Number: PASC.0017

Physical Description: 32.0 Linear Feet(77 boxes)

Date (inclusive): 1972-1982

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Language of Material: Materials are in English.

Conditions Governing Access

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Burt Metcalfe, 1985.

Biographical / Historical

*M*A*S*H*, based on Robert Altman's 1970 film (which in turn was based on Richard Hooker's novel), premiered Sept. 17, 1972; it was set at the 4077th *M*A*S*H* (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) Unit located a few miles from the front line in wartime Korea; it did not receive high ratings in the first season's Sunday time slot but was moved to Saturday night in the second season (1973-74) where it zoomed to fourth place and remained a top ten show for all but one of the next nine seasons; in its eleven seasons and 251 episodes, the series depicted the horror and futility of war; Larry Gelbart and Gene Reynolds produced the show during its first few seasons (1972-76), Burt Metcalfe produced the show during the latter seasons; regular cast members included Alan Alda, Wayne Rogers, McLean Stevenson, Loretta Swit, Larry Linville, Gary Burghoff, William Christopher, Jamie Farr, Harry Morgan, David Ogden Stiers, and Mike Farrell; the series ended in 1983 while it was still popular.

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Scope and Contents

Collection consists of script materials related to the television series *M*A*S*H*. Includes outlines, story lines and various draft versions of scripts.

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Metcalfe, Burt
