Fred Engel family photograph collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Fred Engel family photograph collection

Dates: 1890-1947

Collection Number: 1991.0047

Creator/Collector:

Extent: 3 linear feet (1 box)

Repository: UC Riverside. California Museum of Photography

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Abstract: The photographs and papers in the collection relate to the life of Fred Engel, who worked in Hollywood throughout the 1940s.

Language of Material: English

Access
The collection is open for research use.

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Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to UCR/CMP in 1991 by Daniel Lane.

Biography/Administrative History
Frederick W. Engel (b. 1897) worked in Hollywood’s film industry during its ‘golden age’. Throughout the 1940s, he befriended movie stars and was a major figure in Los Angeles’ social scene. Engel died in 1971, and is buried in the Hollywood Forever Cemetery.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Engel Family material spans from the late 1800s into the 1940s. Two albums chronicle Fred Engel’s youth in New York, while the rest of the collection contains images and objects from his adult years in California. Photos depict Engel with friends at parties thrown by the film studio MGM, and dining at famous Los Angeles nightclubs like Ciro’s and the Café Trocadero. Other memorabilia include a telegram from Mary Pickford and celebrity headshots.