Guide to the California Circus Photographs, 1945-1955

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Descriptive Summary
Title: California circus photographs, 1945-1955
Dates: 1945-1955
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Collection Size: 3 boxes2 linear feet
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Dept. of Special Collections
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Abstract: The collection consists of photographic negatives of California circuses from 1945 to 1955, including the Clyde Beatty, Bell Brothers, Biller Brothers and Yankee Paterson Circuses.
Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the library's online catalog.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
Access
None.

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Scope and Content of Collection
The collection consists of photographic negatives of California circuses from 1945 to 1955, including the Clyde Beatty, Bell Brothers, Biller Brothers and Yankee Paterson Circuses. The Clyde Beatty circus, among the largest of its time, is also the best represented in this collection. Its owner and namesake was the star act, performing with the wild animals in the ring. Beatty worked with many circuses, frequently headlining and co-managing, and appeared in a number of movies, often as himself.
Many of the images portray circus vehicles and grounds and some show animals backstage. The collection is organized into sections associated with dates and particular circuses, and the accompanying labels are in English.

Arrangement
The collection is organized into sections associated with dates and particular circuses.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Circus -- United States
Clyde Beatty Circus
# Photographs

1 Photographic Negatives 1945-1955

Physical Description: 2 linear ft.

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| Box 3:3 | **Set 413, Clyde Beatty**  
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| Box 3:4 | **Set 414, Clyde Beatty**  
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