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Guide to the

James Foster Milliken papers

1887-1894

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Summary

Creator: Milliken, J. F., (James Foster), 1847-1917

Title: James Foster Milliken papers

Date: 1887-1894

Source: Purchase, Irving Benjamin, 03/--/1986

Abstract: J. F. Milliken was an agent for vaudeville entertainers. His papers contain letters documenting vaudeville in the late 1800s.

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Creator History

James Foster Milliken was born in 1847 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania. Known as "Colonel" he was a theatrical agent primarily for 19th century vaudeville and variety acts. He is also listed in some sources as a playwright. He died in 1917 in New York City.

Custodial History

The J. F. Milliken Papers were purchased in 1986 from Irving Benjamin.

Scope and Content Note

The J. F. Milliken papers consist of theatrical correspondence and span the years 1887-1894. The correspondence documents the vaudeville touring circuit at the end of the 19th century.

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Correspondence

Subjects

Milliken, Colonel

Theater -- United States

Vaudeville

Names

Milliken, J. F., (James Foster), 1847-1917

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 **Correspondence "A" 1887-1891 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from Archibald Allen, Harry M. Allen, James J. Armstrong and C. T. Atwood.
- b. 1 f. 2 **Correspondence "B" 1888-1891 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from Florence Bayard, Frederick W. Bert, F. J. Binkhurst, F. D. Bunce and H. C. Burdick.
- b. 1 f. 3 **Correspondence "C" 1888-1892 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from J. P. Carroll, A. Z. Chipman and Mrs. Clay Clement.
- b. 1 f. 4 **Correspondence "D" 1887-1891 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from William H. Daly, Lucie Dawson, Dellon M. Dewey, W. S. Dibble, J. B. Dickson, Henry E. Dixey and Robert Downey.
- b. 1 f. 5 **Correspondence "F-H" 1888-1889 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from Forepaugh Connelly, Mabel de Fabian and J. M. Hill.
- b. 1 f. 6 **Correspondence "I-J" 1892-1893 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from Jean Jacques, Marie de Janis, Jennings Belknap, H. E. Johnson and Lorimer Johnstone.
- b. 1 f. 7 **Correspondence "K" 1892-1893 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from B. Kalisch (probably Bertha Kalich), Fred Keller, H. B. Keller, F. H. Kells, Edward Kendall, Frank Addis Kent, Klaw Erlanger, Albert Klein, E. Klinordlingen, Max Knauer and Susie Korwin.
- b. 1 f. 8 **Correspondence "L" 1888-1893 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from Richard E. Lakes, C. W. B. Lane, Lavelle, C. M. Leach, Steve Leach, Thomas G. Leath, M. B. Leavitt, William J. Lees, W. C. LeNoir, F. A. Libby, Thomas Linn, George G. Liscomb, Milton P. Lyons and Frank de Lydston.
- b. 1 f. 9 **Correspondence / James C. Mitchell 1893 (1 folder)**
Correspondence to James Foster Milliken.
- b. 1 f. 10 **Correspondence "M" 1890-1893 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from W. H. McBride, Harry McDonald, J. W. McGahan, Walter C. Mack, Joseph McKavar, F. F. Mackay, Majori Olivier, E. M. Malluk, Manning Wolley, Frank Miller, T. E. Mills, George E. Mitchell, Lewis Morrison, Morton Slater and H. H. Murdock.
- b. 1 f. 11 **Correspondence "P-S" 1892-1893 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from J. Wilson Phillips, S. Sidonie and Q. A. Scott.
- b. 1 f. 12 **Correspondence "W" 1892-1893 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken from business associates. Includes letters from George W. Wadleigh, E. A. Warren, J. H. Washburne, Neil Wesley, Edward C. Wiebe, A. L. Wilbur, W. M. Wilkison, C. H. Williams, Harry Winsinan and D. Woodworth.
- b. 1 f. 13 **Correspondence / Edward Young 1892 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken.
- b. 1 f. 14 **Unidentified correspondence 1892-1894 (1 folder)**
Letters to James Foster Milliken.