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Guide to the

James Watkins collection of Richard Lortz material

1958-1994 [bulk 1970s]

*T-Mss 1994-012

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Summary

Creator: Lortz, Richard

Title: James Watkins collection of Richard Lortz material

Date: 1958-1994 [bulk 1970s]

Size: .4 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Donated by James Watkins, 1994.

Abstract: Richard Lortz was an author, playwright and screenwriter whose work is reflected in letters, playbills, reviews and scripts.

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Creator History

Richard Lortz (1917-1980) was a playwright, screen writer and novelist, notably for his publication *Children of the Night* (1974), and his theatrical productions on Broadway and London. Lortz died in New York City in 1980.

Scope and Content Note

The collection, dated 1958 to 1994 (bulk dates 1970s), holds material by Richard Lortz, collected by James Watkins, a long-time friend. The files include several letters to the Watkins family from Lortz describing professional and life events; playbills from Lortz's productions of *The Others* and *Voices*; and reviews and copies of Lortz's scripts.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged by format.

Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings
Playbills
Scripts

Occupations

Playwrights

Subjects

Theater -- 20th century

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1 Letters 1967-1979, 1994
Playbills
- b. 1 f. 2 Of Sons and Brothers 1970
- b. 1 f. 3 (The) Others 1967
- b. 1 f. 4 Three Sons 1970
- b. 1 f. 5 Voices 1972
- b. 1 f. 6-7 Reviews 1958-1979
Scripts
- b. 1 f. 8 Children of the Night circa 1974
- b. 1 f. 9 (The) Plaster Virgin circa 1960s-1970s
- b. 1 f. 10 Where the Kings Die circa 1960s-1970s