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Guide to the

Gerald O'Brien production papers

1958-1967

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Summary

Creator: O'Brien, Gerald, -2000

Title: Gerald O'Brien production papers

Date: 1958-1967

Size: .94 linear feet (2 boxes, 1 oversized folder)

Source: Donated by James Riley, 2000.

Abstract: Gerald O'Brien (d. 2000) was a stage manager who worked on Broadway productions, Off-Broadway productions, and touring productions. He worked frequently with producers Richard Barr and Clinton Wilder. His production papers document his work on *A Delicate Balance* (1966), *The Deputy* (1965), *Duel of Angels* (1960), *Everything in the Garden* (1967), *Everybody Loves Opal* (tryout tour, 1961), *A Far Country* (1961), *Keep It In the Family* (1967), *Tender Loving Care* (1962), *Visit to a Small Planet* (road company, 1958), and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* (national company, 1963). The papers consists mostly of prompt books and other annotated scripts, containing light cues, sound cues, costume and prop plots, production schedules, and other production information, as well as dialogue changes. Some of the scripts only contain minor annotations. For example, the script for *A Delicate Balance* contains only dialogue revisions; it does not include cues. The collection includes a lighting location plan for *Visit to a Small Planet* and a lighting plot for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*.

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Key Terms

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Promptbooks

Scripts

Subjects

Stage management

Theater -- United States -- 20th century

Occupations

Stage managers

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-7 Productions, A-F 1960-1967
- b. 2 f. 1-7 Productions, K-W 1958-1967
 - o. 1 Lighting Designs 1958, 1963