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Guide to the

Florence Ryerson papers

1924-1948

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Summary

Creator: Ryerson, Florence

Title: Florence Ryerson papers

Date: 1924-1948

Size: .9 linear feet (2 boxes)

Source: Gift, 1949

Abstract: Florence Ryerson (1892-1965) was an American playwright and screenwriter. Collection consists of Ryerson's diaries, correspondence, notes, and memoranda. Work diaries kept by Ryerson, chiefly at her homes in Beverly Hills and Canoga Park, California, describe her life and work; the writing of her plays with the aid of her husband, Colin Clements, including "Harriet," based upon the life of Harriet Beecher Stowe, "June Mad," "Strange Bedfellows," and "Welcome Home"; her work as a screenwriter for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer; and her personal life. Also, correspondence with literary agents and producers, and production notes and memoranda relating to the staging of "Harriet" in New York City in collaboration with Charles MacArthur and Helen Hayes. Includes references to stage and screen personalities and Ryerson's reaction to international events in the World War II period.

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Creator History

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Key Terms

Subjects

American drama
Motion picture industry -- United States
Theater -- New York (State) -- New York
Theater -- Production and direction

Geographic Names

Beverly Hills (Calif.) -- Social life and customs
Canoga Park (Calif.) -- Social life and customs

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Diaries

Occupations

Dramatists
Screenwriters

Names

Ryerson, Florence
Clements, Colin, 1894-1948
Hayes, Helen, 1900-1993
MacArthur, Charles, 1895-1956
Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer