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Guide to the

Cherry County Playhouse records

1955-1974

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Summary

Creator: Cherry County Playhouse (Traverse City, Mich.)

Title: Cherry County Playhouse records

Date: 1955-1974

Size: 10.5 linear feet, (25 boxes)

Source: Gift, Eugene Swigart, 1983

Abstract: The Cherry County Playhouse is a summer theater in Traverse City, Michigan. During the summers of 1955-74, its owner, Ruth Bailey produced and presented weekly plays, musicals, and childrens' productions. Each play or musical featured a different star celebrity. Besides the main productions, Ms. Bailey produced the Children's Theatre Program at the Playhouse, under the supervision of the Cherry County Junior Players. About 180 personalities have been featured as star players in the various productions offered by the Playhouse within a twenty year period. The Cherry County Playhouse was purchased in 1975 by Pat Paulsen. The Cherry County Playhouse Records include information regarding the Playhouse from 1955 to 1974, the years when Ms. Bailey was the producer and owner.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Theater -- United States

Names

Bailey, Ruth

Swigart, Eugene

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