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Guide to the

Chandos Sweet papers

1916-1962

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Summary

Creator: Sweet, Chandos, 1882-

Title: Chandos Sweet papers

Date: 1916-1962

Size: 1 portfolio

Source: papers: unknown, 2003

Abstract: Chandos Sweet (1882-1960) worked as a company manager, business manager, and general manager for numerous plays, touring companies and theaters in a show business career which lasted over four decades. At various times in his career Chandos Sweet worked as an actor and also served as an agent for actors, but by the late 1930s he was employed primarily as a manager, and remained active in that capacity almost to the end of his life. Sweet formed an especially close friendship with Gertrude Lawrence. Chandos Sweet died in March 1960. The Chandos Sweet papers consist mostly of correspondence, including brief notes from actress Gertrude Lawrence or her husband Richard Aldrich. There is also paperwork concerning a loan made to Sweet by actor-director Sidney Olcott in 1916, three contracts securing Sweet's services as manager for various companies, a Certificate of Merit from the Actors' Fund, and a fold-out document some 65 inches long, dated 1954 and signed by numerous members of the Lambs Club "with affectionate memories of Chandos Sweet." Signees include Frank Fay, Smith & Dale, Elliott Nugent, Harry Blackstone, Ed Begley, and Frank McHugh.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Theater -- New York (State) -- New York
Theatrical managers -- New York (State) -- New York

Names

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Lawrence, Gertrude