Guide to the

**John Effrat scripts**
1950s-1962
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**Summary**

**Creator:** Effrat, John, approximately 1908-1965

**Title:** John Effrat scripts

**Date:** 1950s-1962

**Size:** 2.94 linear feet (7 boxes)

**Source:** Unknown.

**Abstract:** John Effrat (1908-1965) was a stage and production manager for Broadway, Off-Broadway and special events. The scripts, dated 1950s to 1960s, are from his theatrical and other stage productions. The remaining material relates to the Broadway Show League.

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**Creator History**

John Effrat (1908-1965) was a stage and production manager for Broadway, Off-Broadway and special events. He was active from the 1940s through the 1960s. His production credits include Ballad for Broadway for the Broadway Show League; Memory Book for the 40th anniversary season of the Actors Fund of America; the Sophie Tucker Story; and the Talent 59 and Talent 60 productions for the Broadway Show League. He also produced Broadway U.S.A. a musical revue for American military
personnel stationed abroad. Effrat was the founder of the Broadway Show League, a non-profit organization which offers cast and crew from Broadway and Off-Broadway shows the opportunity to engage in softball games.

Effrat died in New York State in 1965.

Scope and Content Note
The John Effrat scripts document his stage and production career for shows on Broadway, Off-Broadway and for other stage productions. The scripts are dated from the 1950s to the 1960s; some of which are annotated or have accompanying ephemera.

There is a small amount of material about the Broadway Show League that documents the early years of the organization through photographs, memos, and printed matter.

Arrangement: The collection is arranged by format.

Key Terms
Geographic Names
New York (N.Y.)

Genre/Physical Characteristic
Photographs
Scripts
Sheet music

Subjects
Theater

Occupations
Theatrical producers and directors

Names
Broadway Show League
Container List

Scripts

b. 1 f. 1  American Flotilla 1958
b. 1 f. 2-4  Ballad for Broadway 1960
b. 1 f. 5  Baseball 58 1959
b. 1 f. 6  Baseball Follies of 1961 1962
b. 1 f. 7  Basketball 59 1960

Broadway U.S.A  undated
b. 1 f. 8-9  1960
b. 2 f. 1-8  1961
b. 3 f. 1-4  1961-1962
b. 3 f. 5  Clarence Derwent Album 1960
b. 3 f. 6  Courtin Time 1958

Don Marquis  undated
b. 3 f. 7-9  1962
b. 4 f. 1-3  1962
b. 4 f. 4-6  Double Play's the Thing 1957
b. 4 f. 7  Festival of Festivals in the 1959 Hudson Celebration 1958
b. 4 f. 8  F.B.I. For Baseball Itself 1956
b. 4 f. 9  From Here to Fraternity 1954
b. 5 f. 1-4  Memory Book 1958
b. 5 f. 5  New York City Diamond Jubilee Celebration Banquet 1958
b. 5 f. 6  (The) Old Soak History of the World  undated
b. 5 f. 7-11  Salute to Seasons 1957-1958
b. 5 f. 12  Silk Stockings 1955
b. 6 f. 1-4  (The) Sophie Tucker Story 1953
b. 6 f. 5-7  Stars and Stripes 1957
b. 6 f. 8  Talent 59 1959
b. 7 f. 1-4  Talent 60 1960
b. 7 f. 5  Unidentified script
b. 7 f. 6  Broadway Show League 1957-1958
b. 7 f. 7  Assorted Scores 1950s