

Inventory of the Buddy Basch Joke Files

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Billy Rose Theatre Division



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Descriptive Summary

Title: Buddy Basch Joke Files.

Collection ID: *T-Mss 1997-044

Creator: Buddy Basch .

Extent: 3 linear feet (18 card file boxes)

Repository: The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts.
Billy Rose Theatre Division.

Administrative Information

Access: Collection is open to the public. Photocopying prohibited.

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Processing Information: The collection arrived in good condition. Original order was maintained and a copy of the joke file subject list was transcribed and appended to the finding aid.

Biographical Note

Buddy Basch, born in 1922 in South Orange, New Jersey and educated at Columbia University, was a columnist, radio critic and editor before becoming a successful talent agent in the 1950s. With his partner Dick Gersh he formed the talent agency Buddy Basch Associates. Though primarily an agent for singers, his clients also included musicians, comedians, actors and a variety of performing artists. In 1966 he formed the Buddy Basch Feature Syndicate and covered show business, travel and many other subjects for a variety of well-known publications including *The New York Daily News*, *Argosy*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *Today Magazine*.

Scope and Content Note

The Buddy Basch Joke Files contain jokes, organized by subject, which Basch used for his clients as well as for himself. The collection was started by Buddy Basch when he was fourteen and was writing for various New Jersey newspapers and magazines. It includes jokes and gags from some of the most well-known comedians of the mid 20th century.

Arrangement

Alphabetical

Container Listing

- b. 1 Jokes "Abbreviations - Anatomy (Head)"
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Abbreviations to Anatomy (Head).

- b. 2 Jokes "Anatomy (Head) - Bald"
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Anatomy (Head) to Bald.

- b. 3 Jokes "Bald - Buttons"
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Bald to Buttons.

- b. 4 Jokes "Cafeteria - College (Dorms)"
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Cafeteria to College (Dorms).

- b. 5 Jokes "College (English) - Dead"
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: College (English) to Dead.

- b. 6 **Jokes "Dead - Dumb"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Dead to Dumb.
- b. 7 **Jokes "Early - Furniture"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Early to Furniture.
- b. 8 **Jokes "Gambler - Home"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Gambler to Home.
- b. 9 **Jokes "Home - Island"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Home to Island.
- b. 10 **Jokes "Jewelry Store - Marriage (Proposal)"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Jewelry Store to Marriage (Proposal).
- b. 11 **Jokes "Marriage - Money"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Marriage to Money.
- b. 12 **Jokes "Monocle - Night Club"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Monocle to Night Club.
- b. 13 **Jokes "Night Club - Post Office"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Night Club to Post Office.

- b. 14 **Jokes "Prayer - School (History)"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Prayer to School (History).
- b. 15 **Jokes "School (History) - Sleep"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: School (History) to Sleep.
- b. 16 **Jokes "Slogan - Switch"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Slogan to Switch.
- b. 17 **Jokes "Tailor - Voice"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Tailor to Voice.
- b. 18 **Jokes "Walk - Zoo"**
1 box of cards
Joke card file belonging to Buddy Basch. Includes subjects: Walk to Zoo.