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Guide to the

Harry Salter papers

1946-1982

*T-Mss 1994-023

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Summary

Creator: Salter, Harry, 1899-1984

Title: Harry Salter papers

Date: 1946-1982

Size: .4 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Unknown

Abstract: The Harry Salter papers contain mostly scripts for radio programs on which he worked as orchestra conductor or music director.

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Creator History

Conductor and music director Harry Salter was born in Bucharest, Roumania on Sept. 14, 1898 (Some sources list birth year as 1899.) He conducted orchestras for numerous radio and television programs, such as *Hollywood Calling*, *Hobby Lobby*, *Mr. District Attorney*, and *Pot o' Gold* (which inspired *Stop the Music!*) and worked with performers such as Milton Berle and Arlene Francis. Salter was also the original producer and conductor for *Name That Tune*. He created *Stop the Music!* on radio and television, also serving as music director. Salter was married to Roberta Semple and they had a daughter, Victoria. He died on Mar. 5, 1984 in Mamaroneck, New York.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains scripts, mostly for radio programs, including an audition by Arlene Francis, possibly for *The Affairs of Anne Scotland* (ca. 1946), *Hollywood Calling* (1949), and *Pot o' Gold* (1946-1947), which inspired the radio and television program *Stop the Music!*. Also included are financial statements for theater productions ranging from *The Best Man* in 1964 through *Fiddler on the Roof* in 1982, a proposal for a television program titled *Blessed Event*, and an audition script for *Congratulations, Pop!* (possibly the same program, ca. 1950s) There are also notes regarding Salter's work on the programs and general information.

Key Terms

Occupations

Conductors (Music) -- United States
Radio music directors

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Financial statements
notes
Radio scripts

Titles

Hollywood Calling
Pot o' Gold

Subjects

Radio game shows
Radio programs -- United States

Names

Francis, Arlene