Branch Rickey Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Branch Rickey Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1890-1969
Bulk Dates: 1936-1965
ID No.: MSS37820
Creator: Rickey, Branch, 1881-1965
Extent: 29,400 items
Extent: 87 containers
Extent: 34.4 linear feet
Extent: 2 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mss37820
Summary: Major league baseball manager and executive. Correspondence, family papers, speeches and writings, memoranda, scouting and other reports, notes, subject files, scrapbooks, photographs, and other papers, chiefly from 1936 to 1965, documenting Branch Rickey's career.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Aaron, Hank, 1934-2021.
Barber, Red, 1908-1992--Correspondence.
Brown, Joe L.--Correspondence.
Campanella, Roy, 1921-1993--Correspondence.
Carey, Archibald J.--Correspondence.
Carlton, Steve, 1944--
Carroll, Louis F. (Louis Francis), 1905-1971--Correspondence.
Clemente, Roberto, 1934-1972.
Cobb, Robert H.--Correspondence.
Colbert, Lester L.--Correspondence.
Cooke, Jack Kent--Correspondence.
Crosby, Bing, 1903-1977--Correspondence.
Cuff, Thomas J. (Thomas Joseph), 18901953--Correspondence.
Dean, Dizzy, 1910-1974.
Drysdale, Don.
Durocher, Leo, 1905-1991--Correspondence.
Eisenhower, Dwight D. (Dwight David), 1890-1969--Correspondence.
Eldridge, Clarence E.--Correspondence.
Galbreath, John W. (John Wilmer), 1897-1988--Correspondence.
Haak, Howie--Correspondence.
Harper, Blake, 1950--Correspondence.
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964--Correspondence.
Hornsby, Rogers, 1896-1963--Correspondence.
Howsam, Robert L.--Correspondence.
Kelchner, Charles S.--Correspondence.
Koufax, Sandy, 1935-
La Guardia, Fiorello H. (Fiorello Henry), 1882-1947--Correspondence.
Landis, Kenesaw Mountain, 1866-1944--Correspondence.
Landon, Alfred M. (Alfred Mossman), 1887-1987--Correspondence.
MacPhail, Lee--Correspondence.
Matthews, W. C.--Correspondence.
Mays, Willie, 1931-
Mazeroski, Bill.
McCranken, G. Herbert--Correspondence.
Murray, Edward R.--Correspondence.
O'Malley, Walter, 1903-1979--Correspondence.
Ornest, Harry--Correspondence.
Peale, Norman Vincent, 1898-1993--Correspondence.
Persons, C. E.--Correspondence.
Reese, Pee Wee, 1918-1999--Correspondence.
Rickey, Branch, 1881-1965.
Rickey, Branch, 1914-1961--Correspondence.
Robinson, Jackie, 1919-1972--Correspondence.
Roettger, Harold G.--Correspondence.
Rooney, Art, 1901-1988--Correspondence.
Rose, Pete, 1941-
Silvey, George--Correspondence.
Sisler, George, 1893-1973--Correspondence.
Spink, J. G. Taylor (John George Taylor), 1888-1962--Correspondence.
Thornburg, Raymond--Correspondence.
Trautman, George M.--Correspondence.

Organizations
Brooklyn Dodgers (Baseball team)
Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Ohio Wesleyan University.
Pittsburgh Pirates (Baseball team)
St. Louis Cardinals (Baseball team)
United States. President's Committee on Government Employment Policy.

Subjects
African American baseball players.
Baseball players--United States.
Baseball teams.
Baseball.
Bonds.
Minor league baseball.
World War, 1939-1945--Finance--United States.
Young Men's Christian associations.

Occupations
Baseball executives.
Baseball managers.
Baseball players.
Acquisition Information

The papers of Branch Rickey, major league baseball player, manager, and executive, were given to the Library of Congress by his daughters and daughter-in-law, Sue Rickey Adams, Mary Rickey Eckler, Alice Rickey Jakle, Jane Rickey Jones, Elizabeth Rickey Wolfe, and Mary Rickey, in 1972, supplemented by an addition received in 1980. An addition was given by Whitney Wheelock in 1999.

Processing History

The papers of Branch Rickey were arranged and described in 1997 by Connie L. Cartledge with the assistance of Paul Colton, Amy Kunze, and Susie H. Moody. The finding aid was revised in 2001 by Connie L. Cartledge to reflect the microfilming of scrapbooks and the addition of an item received in 1999. Duplicate Rickey photographs returned from the Prints and Photographs Division were added and the finding aid revised by Matthew Darby in 2023.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Branch Rickey Papers. Patrons are encouraged to contact the Prints and Photographs Division in advance of a research visit.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Branch Rickey in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Branch Rickey are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers on two reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase and interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Online Content


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Biographical Note

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<td>1907</td>
<td>Catcher, New York Highlanders</td>
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<td>1909-1912</td>
<td>Baseball coach, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.</td>
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<td>1911</td>
<td>J.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.</td>
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<td>1962-1964</td>
<td>Consultant, St. Louis Cardinals</td>
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<td>1965, Dec. 9</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Wesley Branch Rickey (1881-1965) span the years 1890-1971, with the bulk of the papers concentrated in the period from 1936 to 1965. The majority of the papers document Rickey's innovative leadership and administrative skills as a general manager and executive in major league baseball. Some of his significant contributions to the sport were originating the farm team system; signing the first African American, Jackie Robinson, to play major league baseball; creating pennant winning clubs with the St. Louis Cardinals; developing the championship dynasty of the Brooklyn Dodgers; and establishing the groundwork for future Pittsburgh Pirate winning teams. The papers consist of seven series: Family Papers, Correspondence, Baseball File, Subject File, Speeches and Writings File, Miscellany, and Addition. There is also a series of material removed and retained from scrapbooks after microfilming.

The Family Papers, 1890-1969, consist primarily of correspondence and other papers relating to Rickey, his wife, Jane Moulton, and his six children, Sue, Mary, Alice, Jane, Branch, Jr., and Elizabeth. One noteworthy letter, written from Rickey to his parents during Rickey's career as a baseball player, 4 March 1906, conveys his ambivalent feelings about baseball as a profession. Included in the Other Papers file of the series are letters of condolence regarding Rickey's death and the deaths of his son, Branch, Jr., and his brother, Frank W. Rickey. Items relating to Rickey's induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1967 are located in the "General" folder pertaining to Jane Moulton Rickey.

Papers in the Correspondence series, 1900-1965, include incoming and outgoing correspondence between Rickey and friends, business colleagues, staff members, government officials, leaders of organizations, and the public. The Correspondence series constitutes almost one third of the papers and is extensive in its documentation of Rickey's personal and professional interests and his association with the many prominent individuals with whom he was engaged in business or social activities.

Because many of Rickey's friends and colleagues were involved in baseball, there is a significant amount of material in the Correspondence series that relates to that sport. For example, there are letters documenting the reaction to Rickey's signing of Jackie Robinson. Also included are several letters chronicling Rickey and Robinson's relationship, such as a letter to Rickey from Robinson, circa 1950, after Rickey had left the Brooklyn Dodgers in which Robinson thanked Rickey for all he had done for him, his family, and African Americans. A carbon of Rickey's letter to Robinson, 31 December 1950,
records his response to Robinson's question about employment in baseball after the end of Robinson's playing career. With some exceptions, the Manuscript Division retained Rickey's arrangement of filing letters of institutions or organizations, particularly baseball teams, by the name of the individual writing the letter.


The Baseball File, 1906-1971, constituting another third of the collection, documents Rickey's tenure with the St. Louis Browns, St. Louis Cardinals, Brooklyn Dodgers, and Pittsburgh Pirates. Although papers in this series contain a wide array of material, such as correspondence, memoranda, scouting reports, notes, reports, and baseball cards, there is little material about Rickey's early career and his innovative development of the farm system which allowed major league teams to control young prospective players through a chain of minor league franchises.

The majority of the Baseball File chronicles Rickey's role as general manager and other administrative positions with the Pittsburgh Pirates, 1950-1959, and his efforts to form a third major league, 1959-1960. The Pittsburgh files reflect the day-to-day running of the Pirates operation, and the Continental League material indicates Rickey's organizational skills as an administrator and his indefatigable enthusiasm for the project. His plans for a third league were unsuccessful but ultimately led to the expansion of major league baseball in many of the cities to which Rickey had intended to award franchises. Items relating to the Brooklyn Dodgers relate primarily to the sale of Rickey's stock in the Dodgers and contain no material relating to Robinson's integration of baseball. The St. Louis Cardinals papers in the Baseball File pertain chiefly to Rickey's final years with the Cardinals as a consultant. One early item of interest among the Cardinals papers is a report, 1935, describing Dizzy Dean's attributes as a player. Another innovation of Rickey's was instituted during his administrative tenure in Pittsburgh when Pirate players were the first to wear protective batting helmets. The helmets were purchased from the American Baseball Cap Company, a firm started by Rickey.

Scouting reports in the Baseball File document Rickey's skill in analyzing almost every aspect of a player's game and reveal his candor in assessing a player's talent. Some of the players featured in the reports are Hank Aaron, Lou Brock, Steve Carlton, Roberto Clemente, Don Drysdale, Curt Flood, Bob Gibson, Sandy Koufax, Willie Mays, Bill Mazeroski, Stan Musial, and Pete Rose. The printed matter in the series includes statistical publications of the American and National leagues, press guides of various major league teams, and two Our Sports magazines edited by Jackie Robinson. Also worthy of mention in Rickey's Continental League papers are four original tobacco baseball cards filed under "M miscellaneous," 1909-1910, that were sent as attachments with correspondence. A few of the notable and frequent correspondents in the Baseball File are Red Barber, Robert H. Cobb, Jack Kent Cooke, Bing Crosby, John W. Galbreath, Howie Haak, Ralph Kiner, Arthur Mann, Walter F. O'Malley, Branch Rickey, Jr., Harold G. Roettger, William A. Shea, George Sisler, and George M. Trautman.

Papers in the Subject File, 1905-1965, illustrate Rickey's affiliation with numerous institutions, organizations, and committees, such as Ohio Wesleyan University, Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, President's Committee on Government Employment Policy, and the Young Men's Christian associations (YMCA), and his work with the United States government to sell war bonds during World War II. Although the Correspondence series contains material concerning various organizations and institutions, the Subject File comprises papers related to those with which Rickey was most actively involved. Also included in this series is a copy of Jackie Robinson's testimony in 1949 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, with emendations by Rickey, and a lengthy interview with Davis J. Walsh discussing Rickey's life and contributions to baseball, including his signing of Robinson.

Papers in the Speeches and Writings File, 1922-1965, consist chiefly of correspondence, speech texts, articles and other writings, and book drafts. Many of Rickey's speeches reflect his religious beliefs, his patriotism, and his opposition to Communism. The majority of the writings file relates to Rickey's book, The American Diamond: A Documentary of the Game of Baseball, in which he discussed the various aspects of baseball and the sport's "immortals," such as Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, and Jackie Robinson. Items worthy of mention are a speech Rickey made in 1952 about Jim Thorpe and drafts of two forewords Rickey wrote for books by Jackie Robinson and George Sisler.
The Miscellany series, 1901-1967, includes correspondence, appointment books, financial and legal papers, biographical information, printed matter, and scrapbooks. Much of the series relates to Rickey's personal business affairs, particularly, his farm and real estate interests. The numerous awards and honors Rickey received during his lifetime are also well documented. Newspaper clippings constitute the bulk of the printed matter and are also prevalent in the scrapbooks.

The Additions series, 1960-1962, consists of a handwritten letter from Rickey to Wheelock Whitney, a Minnesota businessman, conveying advice about the expansion of major league baseball to Minnesota, and photographs of Rickey and others, including professional portraits and press images.

Arrangement of the Collection

This collection is arranged in eight series:
- Family Papers, 1890-1969
- Correspondence, 1900-1965
- Baseball File, 1906-1971
- Subject File, 1905-1965
- Speeches and Writings File, 1922-1965
- Miscellany, 1901-1967
- Material Removed from Scrapbooks after Microfilming, 1926-1967
- Additions, 1960-1962
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<td>Correspondence, 1900-1965</td>
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<td>Baseball File, 1906-1971</td>
<td>Correspondence, memoranda, scouting reports, financial papers, minutes of meetings, notes, reports, baseball cards, rosters and lists, press guides, yearbooks, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization, topic, or type of material.</td>
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<td>BOX 54-69</td>
<td>Subject File, 1905-1965</td>
<td>Correspondence, memoranda, minutes of meetings, interviews, reports, notes, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization, topic, or type of material.</td>
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<td>Speeches and Writings File, 1922-1965</td>
<td>Correspondence, speeches, articles, book reviews, book drafts, notes, background and research material, and printed matter. Filed in two categories: speech file and writings file. The speech file is arranged alphabetically by type of material and therein chronologically. The writings file is arranged alphabetically by type of material.</td>
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<td>Miscellany, 1901-1967</td>
<td>Correspondence, memoranda, financial and legal papers, biographical material, military and medical papers, scrapbooks, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, topic, or type of material and therein chronologically. The scrapbooks in this series were microfilmed for preservation reasons. Some volumes no longer exist in the original and are available only on microfilm. Shelf no. 22,326.</td>
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<td>BOX 87</td>
<td>Material Removed from Scrapbooks after Microfilming, 1926-1967</td>
<td>Correspondence, certificates, photographs, and selected printed matter retained after microfilming for preservation. Arranged and described according to the scrapbooks and containers from which the items were removed.</td>
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<td>A letter, from Rickey to Wheelock Whitney, and photographs, including portraits and press images. Arranged chronologically by processing date.</td>
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Arrangement is alphabetical by type of material and therein alphabetical by name of family member. |
| BOX 1    | Correspondence  
Adams, Sue Rickey (daughter) and Steve (son-in-law), 1938-1964, undated  
(2 folders)  
Eckler, Mary Rickey (daughter) and John (son-in-law), 1937-1965, undated  
(4 folders)  
Jakle, Alice Rickey (daughter) and Edward (son-in-law), 1937-1964, undated  
(2 folders)  
Jones, Jane Rickey (daughter) and Robert T. (son-in-law), 1938-1965, undated  
(2 folders)  
Moulton, Mabel (sister-in-law), 1937-1949  
Rickey, Branch, Jr. (son), and Mary (daughter-in-law), 1937-1956, undated  
Rickey, Frank W. (brother) and Nona (sister-in-law), 1921, 1940-1958, undated |
| BOX 2    | Rickey, J. Frank (father) and Emily (mother), 1906-1910, 1936-1938, undated  
Rickey, Jane Moulton (wife), 1904, 1918, 1937-1951, 1964, undated  
Rickey, Orla E. (brother) and Winnie (sister-in-law), 1936-1950, undated  
Wolfe, Elizabeth ("Betty") Rickey (daughter) and Lindsey (son-in-law), 1938-1965, undated  
Other relatives, 1921, 1937-1965, undated  
(4 folders)  
Other papers  
Adams, Sue Rickey (daughter), 1938-1954  
Eckler, Mary Rickey (daughter) and John (son-in-law), 1936-1962, undated  
Jakle, Alice Rickey (daughter) and Edward (son-in-law), 1936-1948  
Jones, Jane Rickey (daughter) and Robert T. (son-in-law), 1932-1965, undated  
Miscellaneous, 1890, 1917, 1941-1954, undated  
Rickey, Branch, Jr. (son), death of, 1961  
(2 folders)  
Rickey, Frank W. (brother)  
Death, letters of condolence, 1953  
(2 folders) |
| BOX 3    | General, 1937-1947, 1953, undated  
Rickey, Frank J. (father), 1937-1938  
Rickey, Jane Moulton (wife)  
Condolence books re Rickey's death, 1965  
(2 folders)  
General, 1910, 1937-1969 |
Letters of condolence re Rickey's death, 1965-1966
Rickey, Orla E. (brother) and Winnie (sister-in-law), 1939-1946, undated

BOX 3-32  Correspondence, 1900-1965
Correspondence and memoranda, including attachments and enclosures, between Rickey and friends, colleagues and staff, acquaintances, and the public.
Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic and therein chronologically.

BOX 3  "A" miscellaneous
1915, 1936-1950
(5 folders)

BOX 4  1951-1965, undated
(6 folders)
Barnewall, George A., 1942-1950
Bartelme, Phil G., 1938-1959
Brown, Joe L., 1941, 1954-1964
"B" miscellaneous
1901, 1915, 1921-1923, 1936-1943
(5 folders)

BOX 5  1944-1952
(9 folders)

BOX 6  1953-1965, undated
(9 folders)

BOX 7  Carey, Archibald J., 1958-1965
Carroll, Louis, 1941-1964
"C" miscellaneous
1915, 1921-1923, 1936-1951
(8 folders)

BOX 8  1951-1965, undated
(9 folders)

BOX 9  "D" miscellaneous
1904, 1910-1915, 1923, 1930, 1939-1957
(12 folders)

BOX 10  1958-1965, undated
(2 folders)
(5 folders)
Finch, Robert L., 1934, 1942-1950, undated
French, Oliver, 1940-1953
"F" miscellaneous
1901, 1919, 1934-1945
(2 folders)

BOX 11  1946-1965, undated
(9 folders)
"G" miscellaneous
1935-1949
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            Harper, Blake, 1933-1950  
            (3 folders)  
            Hedges, R. L., 1915-1916 |
| BOX 13    | "H" miscellaneous  
            1900-1901, 1915-1923, 1934-1951  
            (12 folders) |
| BOX 14    | 1952-1965, undated  
            (9 folders)  
            "I" miscellaneous, 1940-1965  
            Johnson, J. W., 1939-1947 |
| BOX 15    | Johnston, Gale F., 1942-1964  
            Jones, Thomas Melville ("Mel"), 1942-1963  
            "J" miscellaneous, 1921, 1936-1965  
            (8 folders) |
| BOX 16    | Kelchner, Charles S. ("Pop"), 1915, 1942-1954, undated  
            (2 folders)  
            Kelly, John A., 1944-1948  
            Kenagy, H. S., 1942-1950  
            Kieselholtz, Wallace, 1938  
            "K" miscellaneous  
            1921-1923, 1937-1955  
            (7 folders) |
| BOX 17    | 1956-1965, undated  
            (3 folders)  
            Lang, Al F., 1938-1955  
            Lieb, Frederick G., 1942-1944, 1954-1955  
            "L" miscellaneous  
            1915, 1937-1953  
            (7 folders) |
| BOX 18    | 1954-1965  
            (4 folders)  
            Mann, Arthur, 1942-1963, undated  
            See also Container 39, same heading, Containers 58-59, same heading and Container 24, Robinson, Jackie  
            (5 folders) |
| BOX 19    | "M" miscellaneous  
            1921, 1936-1950  
            (14 folders) |
| BOX 20    | 1951-1954  
            (10 folders) |
| BOX 21    | 1955-1965, undated  
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            "N" miscellaneous  
            1923, 1936-1949  
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(4 folders)  
"Old Ball Game" (film), 1964-1965, undated  
"O" miscellaneous, 1941-1965, undated  
(14 folders) |
| BOX 23    | Persons, C. E., 1946-1965, undated  
(2 folders)  
"P" miscellaneous  
1921, 1936-1952  
(12 folders) |
| BOX 24    | 1953-1965, undated  
(9 folders)  
"Q" miscellaneous, 1943-1962, undated  
Recommendations, 1942-1944  
Robinson, Jackie, 1945-1965 For additional material see also Container 18, Mann, Arthur  
(4 folders) |
| BOX 25    | "R" miscellaneous  
1921, 1936-1954  
(14 folders) |
| BOX 26    | 1955-1965, undated  
(8 folders)  
Summers, Robert F., 1943-1950  
"S" miscellaneous  
1901, 1918-1921, 1936-1943  
(5 folders) |
| BOX 27    | 1944-1951  
(11 folders)  
1952  
Jan.-May |
| BOX 28    | June-Dec.  
1953-1962  
(9 folders) |
| BOX 29    | 1963-1965, undated  
(4 folders)  
"T" miscellaneous  
1918-1921, 1936-1953  
(11 folders) |
| BOX 30    | 1954-1965, undated  
(7 folders)  
"U" miscellaneous, 1921-1923, 1936-1965, undated  
(3 folders)  
"V" miscellaneous, 1921, 1937-1964  
(3 folders)  
"W" miscellaneous  
1901, 1918-1923, 1930, 1936-1942  
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| BOX 31    | 1943-1954  
(13 folders) |
### Correspondence, 1900-1965

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|           | "Y" miscellaneous, 1936-1962, undated  
|           | (3 folders)  
|           | "Z" miscellaneous, 1921, 1941-1964, undated  
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|           | Unidentified and fragments, 1921, 1940-1960, undated |

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| BOX 32    | Addresses, undated  
|           | American Baseball Cap, Inc.  
|           | 1952-1961  
|           | (2 folders)  

| BOX 33    | 1962-1965, undated  
|           | (3 folders)  
|           | Barber, Red, 1951-1957  
|           | Brooklyn Dodgers  
|           | Board of directors, minutes of meetings, 1945-1950  
|           | (2 folders)  
|           | Congratulatory letters  
|           | Re becoming president and general manager, 1942  
|           | (2 folders)  
|           | Re winning National League championships, 1947  
|           | Contracts with Rickey, 1942, 1948  
|           | Directory, 1950  
|           | Ebbets-McKeever Exhibition Co., minutes of board of directors and stockholders meetings, 1945-1950, undated  
|           | Expenses, 1942-1946  
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