

Fred Allen Radio Scripts
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Collection Summary

Title: Fred Allen Radio Scripts

Span Dates: 1934-1949

ID No.: MSS10462

Creator: Allen, Fred, 1894-1956

Extent: 400 items

Extent: 18 containers

Extent: 7.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Radio comedian and humorist. Copyright deposits of radio scripts of Allen's radio programs.

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

Allen, Fred, 1894-1956.

Bankhead, Tallulah, 1902-1968.

Benny, Jack, 1894-1974.

Crosby, Bing, 1903-1977.

Hope, Bob, 1903-2003.

Morgan, Henry, 1915-1994.

Subjects

American wit and humor.

Radio programs.

Radio scripts.

Titles

Big show (Radio program)

Bing Crosby show (Radio program)

Bob Hope show (Radio program)

Chesterfield supper club (Radio program)

Fred Allen papers

Henry Morgan show (Radio program)

Jack Benny program (Radio program)

Town hall tonight (Radio program)

Occupations

Comedians.

Humorists.

Provenance

The radio scripts of Fred Allen, radio comedian and humorist, were transferred from the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress in 1966.

Processing History

The Allen papers were housed and listed in 1966. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Fred Allen is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions. In addition, many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date	Event
1894, May 31	Born John Florence Sullivan, Cambridge, Mass.
circa 1927-1928	Married Portland Hoffa
1915-1916	Worked in vaudeville as a juggler, touring the United States, Canada, and Australia, sometimes appearing as Fred St. James and Fred James
1939-1949	Wrote, produced, and starred in <i>The Fred Allen Show</i> radio program
1944	Received George Foster Peabody Broadcasting Award
1953-1954	Host, <i>Judge for Yourself</i> (also known as <i>The Fred Allen Show</i>), NBC Television
1954-1956	Panelist, <i>What's My Line?</i> CBS Television
1956, Mar. 17	Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The radio scripts of Fred Allen (1894-1956) span the years 1934-1949 and consist of copyright deposits of radio scripts and broadcasts for *Town Hall Tonight*, *The Chesterfield Supper Club*, the *Jack Benny Show*, *Bing Crosby Show*, *Bob Hope Show*, and *Henry Morgan Show*, and Talullah Bankhead's program, *The Big Show*. The collection is arranged by date of copyright.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Radio scripts
BOX 1	1934, Nov.13-1938, June 9
BOX 2	1938, July 9-1939, 26 Jan.
BOX 3	1939, Jan. 26-July 12
BOX 4	1939, Nov. 7-1940, Apr. 5
BOX 5	1940, Apr. 5-June 8
BOX 6	1940, Oct. 7-1941, Feb. 14
BOX 7	1941, Mar. 8-July 1
BOX 8	1941, Oct. 10-1942, Jan. 8
BOX 9	1942, Jan. 13-Apr. 29
BOX 10	1942, May 7-1943, Jan. 5
BOX 11	1943, Jan. 6-Dec. 27
BOX 12	1943, Dec. 27-1944, July 1
BOX 13	1946, Jan. 4-May 30
BOX 14	1946, June 7-1947, Feb. 2
BOX 15	1947, Feb. 23-1948, Feb. 4
BOX 16	1948, Mar. 3-July 8
BOX 17	1948, Nov. 1-1949, Mar. 9
BOX 18	1949, Mar. 18 July 6