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Collection Summary

Title: Marshall P. Wilder Papers

Span Dates: 1880-1914

ID No.: MSS45658

Creator: Wilder, Marshall P. (Marshall Pinckney), 1859-1915

Extent: 2,000 items

Extent: 8 containers plus 1 oversize

Extent: 3 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Humorist and entertainer. Correspondence, diaries, humor notes and clippings supplying the raw material for Wilder's performances, notebooks containing lists of theatrical agents and performers, scrapbooks of playbills and theatrical broadsides, and photographs.

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

Beecher, Henry Ward, 1813-1887--Correspondence.

Buffalo Bill, 1846-1917--Correspondence.

Cleveland, Grover, 1837-1908--Correspondence.

Fiske, Minnie Maddern, 1865-1932--Correspondence.

Hubbard, Elbert, 1856-1915--Correspondence.

Irving, Henry, Sir, 1838-1905--Correspondence.

Martinot, Sadie, 1861-1923--Correspondence.

Nye, Bill, 1850-1896--Correspondence.

Potter, Cora Urquhart, 1857-1936--Correspondence.

Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919--Correspondence.

Sherman, William T. (William Tecumseh), 1820-1891--Correspondence.

Terriss, William, -1897--Correspondence.

Tree, Herbert Beerbohm, Sir, 1853-1917--Correspondence.

Wilcox, Ella Wheeler, 1850-1919--Correspondence.

Wilder, Marshall P. (Marshall Pinckney), 1859-1915.

Subjects

American wit and humor.

Theater.

Titles

Marshall Pinckney Wilder papers

Occupations

Entertainers.

Humorists.

Provenance

The papers of Marshall P. Wilder, humorist and entertainer, were purchased in 1943.

Processing History

The papers of Marshall P. Wilder were processed in 2004. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Marshall P. Wilder is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Marshall P. Wilder 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.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Marshall P. Wilder Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Marshall Pinckney Wilder (1859-1915) span the years 1880-1914. The collection consists of correspondence, diaries, humor notes and clippings supplying the raw material for Wilder's performances, notebooks containing lists of theatrical agents and performers, scrapbooks of playbills and theatrical broadsides, and photographs. The collection is organized in [General Correspondence](#), [Alphabetical File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize](#) series.

Correspondents include Henry Ward Beecher, Grover Cleveland, Buffalo Bill, Minnie Maddern Fiske, Elbert Hubbard, Henry Irving, Sadie Martinot, Bill Nye, Cora U. Potter, Theodore Roosevelt, William T. Sherman, William Terriss, Herbert Beerbohm Tree, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in four series:

- [General Correspondence, 1881-1914](#)
- [Alphabetical File, 1886-1912](#)
- [Miscellany, 1880-1913](#)
- [Oversize, 1893-1898](#)

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BOX 3-5	<p><u>Alphabetical File, 1886-1912</u></p> <p>Printed matter and other material relating to subjects and writings. Arranged alphabetically by subject or topic.</p>
BOX 6-8	<p><u>Miscellany, 1880-1913</u></p> <p>Diaries and notebooks, philatelic covers, a photograph album and photographs, and scrapbooks of programs.</p>
BOX OV 1	<p><u>Oversize, 1893-1898</u></p> <p>Scrapbook of programs. Described according to the series and container from which it was removed.</p>

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BOX 1	Barrett, Wilson, undated
BOX 1	Beecher, Henry Ward and Eunice, 1886-1891
BOX 1	Bernhardt, Sarah, 1887
BOX 1	Buffalo Bill, 1889-1913, undated
BOX 1	“B” miscellaneous, 1881-1912 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Caine, Hall, 1898-1905
BOX 1	Carnegie, Andrew, 1912
BOX 1	Cats, Andrian P., 1892, undated
BOX 1	Cleary, Edwin, undated
BOX 1	Cleveland, Grover, 1890-1896, 1905
BOX 1	Coates, Foster, 1891-1896, undated
BOX 1	Crawford, Earl of, 1886
BOX 1	Crocker, Richard, 1905-1911, undated
BOX 1	“C” miscellaneous, 1889-1914
BOX 1	Daniels, George, 1891-1902
BOX 1	Davenport, Homer, 1904-1908
BOX 1	DePew, Chauncey M. 1897-1898, undated
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BOX 1	“D” miscellaneous, 1885-1908
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General Correspondence, 1881-1914

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BOX 2	Ingersoll, Robert, G., 1888, undated
BOX 2	Irving, Henry, 1895-1900, undated
BOX 2	"I-J" miscellaneous, 1894-1905, undated
BOX 2	Keith, B. F., 1896-1903
BOX 2	Kendal, Madge, 1891-1897, undated
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BOX 2	Martinot, Sadie, 1896, undated
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BOX 2	"N-O" miscellaneous, 1897-1913, undated
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BOX 2	Potter, Cora Urquhart, 1886, 1892, undated
BOX 2	"P-Q" miscellaneous, 1883-1913
BOX 3	Roberts, Arthur, 1886-1892, undated
BOX 3	Roosevelt, Theodore, 1904-1905
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BOX 3	Sothorn, E. H., undated
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BOX 3	Terriss, William, 1886-1891, undated
BOX 3	Thomas A. Edison, Inc., 1889, 1911-1913, undated
BOX 3	Tree, Beerbohm, 1908-1911
BOX 3	"T" miscellaneous, 1891-1911
BOX 3	Wilcox, Wheeler Ella, 1893, 1903-1908, undated
BOX 3	Wolfe, Elsie D., undated
BOX 3	Williard, E. S., 1900-1906
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BOX 3-5	Alphabetical File, 1886-1912 Printed matter and other material relating to subjects and writings. Arranged alphabetically by subject or topic.
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BOX 3	America's Humorists, 1911
BOX 3	Automobile, ch-science, undated
BOX 3	Barber shop, 1910-1911, undated (2 folders)

Alphabetical File, 1886-1912

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BOX 3	Box office, 1901-1905, undated
BOX 4	Cable car, elevated rail, undated
BOX 4	Down to the Capitol, Danny Deeuer, Hustler Bill-A Parody
BOX 4	Elbert Hubbard and East Aurora, N.Y., undated
BOX 4	Epigrams, undated
BOX 4	Ever So Far Away, Bill, A Kiss, undated
BOX 4	Felix Isman and Edwin Clearly, 1910, undated
BOX 4	Flat Anp, The servant girl, 1905, undated
BOX 4	Happiness, The Pensioner's Story, undated
BOX 4	Henry Irving and Good Norms of Acting, 1886, undated
BOX 4	Henry Irving and Good Norms of Acting, 1886, undated
BOX 4	Human Nature, 1889, undated
BOX 4	Jokes
BOX 4	Album, undated
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BOX 4	Interviewer, 1894,1904, undated
BOX 4	Intoxication, undated
BOX 4	Married life, 1889, undated
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BOX 4	Opera, undated undated (2 folders)
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BOX 5	Parodies, 1889-1890, undated
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BOX 5	Stories, undated
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BOX 5	Railroad, undated
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BOX 5	Songs, undated
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BOX 5	Storytelling and the method, 1902, undated
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Alphabetical File, 1886-1912

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BOX 5	Vaudeville, 1903, undated
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BOX 6-8	Miscellany, 1880-1913 Diaries and notebooks, philatelic covers, a photograph album and photographs, and scrapbooks of programs.
BOX 6	Diary and notebooks, 1884-1888, undated
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BOX 6	Photograph album, undated (3 folders)
BOX 6	Photographs, undated
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BOX 8	Vol. III, 1893-1898 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX OV 1	Oversize, 1893-1898 Scrapbook of programs. Described according to the series and container from which it was removed.
BOX OV 1	Miscellany
BOX OV 1	Scrapbook of programs
BOX OV 1	Vol. III, 1893-1898 (Container 8)