

Rutherford Montgomery papers, 1931-1973

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Montgomery, Rutherford George, 1896-
Title	Rutherford Montgomery papers
Dates	1931-1973 (inclusive) 1931 1973
Quantity	25.75 linear feet, (19 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 352
Summary	The collection of Rutherford Montgomery includes manuscripts (book length, short story and anthology), published works, correspondence, miscellaneous items (such as speeches, screenplays and screenplay ideas for television and movies), tearsheets, illustrations, scrapbooks, articles, other writings, third party manuscripts, photographs and several other materials that represent Montgomery's career as an author and his career at Walt Disney Studios.
Repository	University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 spcarref@uoregon.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Collection or parts of collection may be stored offsite. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives in advance of your visit to allow for transportation time.
Additional Reference Guides	See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Rutherford George Montgomery (April 12, 1894-July 3, 1985) was born in Straubville, North Dakota to George Y. and Matilda (Proctor) Montgomery. He married Eunice Opal Kirks on February 14, 1930. They had three children: Earl, Polly Montgomery Hecathorn and Marylin Montgomery Fitch. Montgomery attended school at Colorado Agricultural College, at the Western State College of Colorado and the University of Nebraska. He loved flying and the outdoor life. During his life he was a member of the Society of authors, Western Writers of America and Writers Guild of America West.

During his career, Montgomery was a teacher at Hot Springs Elementary School in Hot Springs, Wyoming from 1915 to 1917. From 1917 to 1919 he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. When he left [Rutherford Montgomery papers, 1931-1973](#)
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the service he went back into education as a teacher and principal at Delta County High Schools in Cedar Ridge, Colorado from 1921 to 1924. He then served as principal at Montrose County Junior High School in Montrose, Colorado from 1924 to 1928. Later, for the state of Colorado Montgomery served as Gunnison county judge from 1931 to 1936 and as budget commissioner from 1932 to 1938. Following this Montgomery spent several years in the literary world, as a freelance writer of children's books from 1939 on. He was a ghost writer for the Dick Tracy series from 1941 to 1946 then became a teacher of creative writing at Los Gatos, California from 1955 to 1957 before going to the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, California as a writer from 1958 to 1962.

Content Description

This collection contains a variety of contents ranging from manuscripts to published works to correspondence and a variety of other items. This collection includes tearsheets, articles, screenplays and screenplay ideas.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

[Guide to the Rutherford Montgomery Papers](#)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Authors, American--20th century
Children's literature, American--Authorship
Screenwriters--United States

Personal Names :

Montgomery, Rutherford George, 1896-

Corporate Names :

Walt Disney Productions

Form or Genre Terms :

Book illustrations
Correspondence
Photographs
Scenarios
Scrapbooks
Screenplays
Tear sheets

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