Overview of the Collection

Creator: Walter, Julius, 1903-1971
Title: Julius Walter papers
Dates: 1925-1971 (inclusive)
Quantity: .45 cubic feet (1 document case)
Collection Number: Mss2489
Summary: Scrapbooks, clipping, photographs and memorabilia from a Portland, Oregon, musician who performed on local radio stations, including KOIN.
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Languages: English
Sponsor: Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Julius Walter, a pianist and accordionist, was born in Alameda, California, in 1908 and studied the piano with August Stradal. He came to Portland in 1925 as the director of the music group Rose City Trio, which had performed aboard the steamer Rose City. He settled in Portland and became one of the first paid musicians to perform on radio broadcasts. He played on the "Hoot Owls" program for KGW and joined the staff orchestra of KOIN in 1937, where he remained until his retirement in 1969.

Content Description

The collection documents Walter’s career from the mid-1920s until his death in 1971. It includes scrapbooks, photographs, memorabilia, and clippings. Also included is sheet music from the song Spirit of the NRA (1933) with music by Julius Walter.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in one series.

Acquisition Information


Related Materials

Additional photographs relating to Julius Walter can be found in the photograph collections of the
Oregon Historical Society Research Library.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Musicians--Oregon--Portland--History.
Music--Oregon--Portland--History.
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Personal Names:
Walter, Julius, 1903-1971.
(creator)

Corporate Names:
KGW (Radio station : Portland, Or.)
KOIN (Radio station : Portland, Or.)

Geographical Names:
Portland (Or.)--Social life and customs--20th century.
Portland (Or.)--History--20th century.

Form or Genre Terms:
Clippings.
Photographs.
Scrapbooks.
Sheet music.

Occupations:
Musician.

Titles within the Collection:
The spirit of the NRA.

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