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Abstract

This collection began as a scrapbook of papers related to Harleigh Bridges Schultz, 1883-1958. It contains some of his school records, newspaper clippings about his life and death, newspaper articles that he wrote during his career as a newspaper man, letters, and photographs. Items of note include a two-page biography written by his niece, Evelyn Boschen, and signed photos of Cecil DeMille, Clark Gable, Van Johnson, Jean Harlow, and Walter Pidgeon.

Creator

Schultz Family

Extent

1 Linear Feet

Repository

University of Richmond

Administrative Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Gwynne R. Litchfield, September 2014.

Processing Information

The materials in this collection were removed from a three-ring binder labeled Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission. The papers were arranged and put in acid-free folders. Those that were in a fragile condition were placed in mylar sleeves, and several newspaper clippings were photocopied. Where possible, the copies are kept with the original. Two documents, copies of the Collegian, the Richmond College newspaper, were removed to oversized storage.

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Biographical / Historical

Harleigh Bridges Schultz was born at 515 E. Marshall St, Richmond, Virginia on October 12, 1883. Schultz's paternal grandparents, Augustus Frederick Schultz and Hanna Ernestine von Sauermann, immigrated to Virginia from Prussia with their children when Harleigh Schultz's father, August F. Schultz II, was a small child. A. F. Schultz II married Annie Hoomes Bridges, of Gloucester, Virginia and had five children: Bernard F. Schultz, Harleigh B. Schultz, Mary Maude Schultz (who married Walter McLelland), Annie Louise Schultz (who was called by her middle name), and August Gwynne Schultz.

This collection indicates that Schultz attended Richmond Public Schools and then Richmond College, now the University of Richmond, from which he graduated in 1904. While at the college, he achieved high marks and was an editor on the Collegian student newspaper. After school, Schultz worked as a reporter on the Richmond Evening Journal for one year, according to his niece, Evelyn McLelland Boschen, and then moved to Massachusetts to work as a reporter for the Worcester Telegram. Shortly after, on March 7, 1906, Schultz married Natalie Salandri, whose father also worked at the newspaper. Harleigh and Natalie's children were Francis A. Schultz (who died of an illness in 1925 at the age of 17), Robert H. Schultz, and Eleanor L. Schultz. A 1921 news clipping in the collection indicated that at that time, the family lived in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and Schultz was principal of the West Tisbury School there. A 1926 letter addressed to Natalie shows that Schultz was also an officer for the Redland District Chamber of Commerce in Homestead, Florida for an undetermined period. In addition, Schultz's niece wrote that he worked as a reporter for the Boston American for 15 years, as a sports editor, motion picture critic, and city editor, though the letters in the collection that were written on Boston American letterhead span only from October 1927 to May 1934.

On November 26, 1930, Schultz informed his sister, Louise, that he and Natalie were separated and planning to divorce. A news clipping in the collection announces Schultz's marriage to Alice G. Falvey of Boston on June 30, 1932. Harleigh and Alice Schultz moved to Hollywood in 1934 in the hopes of finding a new job and life there. The first letters they sent from California to the Schultz family indicate that they were happy with the new location and had made friends with film star Mary Pickford. Schultz's first job in California was in the publicity department at R. K. O., but he moved to work for the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation in 1935, where he stayed until his retirement in 1956. During that time, Schultz became the Publicity Chairman and served on MGM's board of governors. Harleigh Schultz died on October 22, 1958, and was buried in North Hollywood. Mary Pickford, his friend of 24 years, handled arrangements for his funeral.

Scope and Contents

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Keywords

University of Richmond -- History

Clippings

Personal correspondence

Photographs
Schultz, Harleigh B. (Harleigh Bridges), 1883-1958
Schultz Family
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer

Arrangement

The materials were arranged in one series, roughly chronologically. Dates for undated items have been estimated based on context.

Description of Subordinate Components

Biography of Harleigh Schultz

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1147

Unit Date August, 1991

Text 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Material Specification Written in 1991 by his niece, Evelyn M. McLelland Boschen.

Scope and Contents

File 1, Biography, contains a two-page biography of Harleigh Schultz that was written by his niece, Evelyn M. McLelland Boschen, in 1991. This document provides an overview of Schultz's family history and career.

Childhood Education

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1148

Unit Date 1891-1901

Text 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

File 2, Childhood Education, begins in 1891, when Harleigh Schultz was in third grade. It includes several certificates of merit from Richmond Public Schools, report cards from Richmond High School, and two copies of the program for the Richmond High School Commencement Ceremony on June 13, 1901, in which Schultz gave an oration entitled "Dignity of Labor." Also included are two maps of Europe that he apparently drew from memory. The series ends with a photocopy of an article about the commencement ceremony in the Richmond Dispatch.

Richmond College

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1149

Unit Date 1902-1904

Unit Date 1937

Text 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

File 3, Richmond College, contains a report card from Richmond College, which was stuck onto a page from the Fifth Annual Studio Club News, which Schultz edited at MGM. The report includes a note: "Note on final Examination paper- Your son has been one of our very best students, and has made an admirable record, signed Prof. F. W. Boatwright." Other reports follow, as well as an empty envelope addressed to Harleigh Schultz's father, on which is noted "Letter of praise from Boatwright [...]". Two documents have been removed to oversized storage: copies of the Collegian, the Richmond College student newspaper, which Schultz edited, with handwritten notes. Photocopies of the first and last pages, those with Schultz's notes, have been made and included with the collection. This is followed by news clippings regarding the 1904 commencement, a newspaper photo of the class of 1903-04, and a 1937 news clipping about the college.

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1150

Unit Date 1903-1934

Text 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Files 4 and 5, Correspondence, contain two folders of correspondence. Most of these letters were written by Harleigh Schultz, his first wife Natalie, or his second wife Alice, to Harleigh's sisters Louise and Maude or other relatives. The letters are mostly type-written on company letterhead from the Boston American or the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Corporation. For the most part, these letters consist of kind words for Schultz's relatives, as well as news about the family.

Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1151

Unit Date 1936-1958

Text 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

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Family

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1152

Unit Date 1876-1958

Graphic Materials 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

File 6, Family, spans the largest time span, though several items are undated. It begins with a photocopy of a photograph of August F. Schultz and Hanna Ernestine von Sauermann, Harleigh's paternal grandparents. Several pages of photocopies of photographs follow, including pictures of Harleigh's parents, Harleigh's sons, and other relatives. Notes to identify the people in the images were written by a relative. This series also includes a photocopy of Harleigh Schultz's Delayed Certificate of Birth, issued in 1942 and witnessed by his sister Maude Schultz McLelland. A marriage notice and obituaries for Harleigh's parents are included, as are notices of Harleigh's marriages and death. A hand-drawn coat of arms labeled with the name Schultz is also included in this series.

Work

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1153

Unit Date 1923-1942

Text 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Scope and Contents

File 7, Work, includes clippings of newspaper articles written by Harleigh Schultz, along with two of his business cards from his time with the Boston American.

Other News

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1154

Unit Date 1923-1942[?]

Text 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Scope and Contents

File 8, Other News, begins with an article from 1926 regarding a hurricane that hit Miami, Florida. A handwritten note in the margins says "Uncle Harleigh there at this time." The second item is a collage of clippings from the Gloucester-Mathews Gazette-Journal from July 1942, regarding local sailors lost at sea. Harleigh Schultz, whose mother's family was from Gloucester, contributed a memorial poem to the journal. The last item in this series is an article called "The Soul Diary of Florence Nightingale Revealed by Author," which discusses Nightingale's reasons for deciding not to marry.

Photographs

Unit ID /repositories/4/archival_objects/1155

Unit Date 1905-1961

Graphic Materials 1 MS-28 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Scope and Contents

File 9, Photographs, includes several photos of Harleigh Schultz at various ages, his second wife, Alice, and himself with his son, Robert. Several photos appear to have been taken at MGM Studios, including one of Harleigh Schultz standing with Mr. Mayer and one of MGM's Board of Governors. Several of the photos are of famous people, particularly movie stars. Included in this series are signed photos of Cecil B. DeMille, Clark Gable, Van Johnson (addressed to Maude McLelland), Jean Harlow (addressed to Louise Schultz), Walter Pidgeon, and an unsigned photo of Esther Williams. The series concludes with a photo of the fountain near Harleigh's grave and a 1961 newspaper clipping with a picture of Mary Pickford after she received an honorary degree from Middlebury College.