Guide to the Breck Wall Photograph Collection

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Summary Information

Creator: Wall, Breck
Title: Breck Wall Photograph Collection
ID: PH-00344
Date [inclusive]: approximately 1960 to 1980
Physical Description: 0.08 Cubic Feet (1 hanging folder)
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Breck Wall Photograph Collection, approximately 1960 to 1980, consists of black-and-white photographic prints depicting comedian and entertainer, Breck Wall, and other cast members of the comedy revue, "Bottom's Up!" in Las Vegas, Nevada. Images include scenes from sketches performed on the show, group shots of the cast members off-set, and portraits of Wall.

Preferred Citation


Biographical Note

Breck Wall was born Billy Ray Wilson on November 21, 1934 in Jacksonville, Florida. After beginning a career in entertainment, he adopted the stage name Breck Wall and helped launch the comedy revue show "Bottom's Up!" in 1958 at the Aldolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas. In 1964, Wall and other cast members moved the show to Las Vegas, Nevada and throughout the next four decades, Wall continued writing, producing, and performing on the show at various hotels including the Aladdin, Hacienda Resort Hotel and Casino, the Mint, the Flamingo Hotel & Casino, the Sands Hotel, and Caesar's Palace. Wall died in Las Vegas on November 15, 2010.

Source:

Scope and Contents Note

The Breck Wall Photograph Collection, approximately 1960 to 1980, consists of black-and-white photographic prints of comedian and entertainer, Breck Wall, and other cast members of the comedy revue, "Bottom's Up!" in Las Vegas, Nevada. Photographs include scenes from sketches performed on the show. Also included are portraits of Wall and photographs of "Bottom's Up" cast members off-set at a pool and a beach.

Arrangement

Materials remain as they were received.

Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

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**Processing Note**
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**Related Materials**

**Related Collection**
The following resource may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:
Breck Wall oral history interview, 2003 July 03. OH-01903. Oral History Research Center, Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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**Names and Subjects**

- Photographs
- Comedy -- Las Vegas
- Entertainers
- Theatrical producers and directors -- Nevada

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**Collection Inventory**

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