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Guide to the

**Benjamin Laba papers**

1970-1995

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## Summary

**Creator:** Laba, Benjamin

**Title:** Benjamin Laba papers

**Date:** 1970-1995

**Size:** .42 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Donated by the estate of Benjamin Laba, 1995.

**Abstract:** Benjamin Laba was a scholar of early film history. His papers contain a copy of his unpublished manuscript on the career of comedic actor John Bunny; photocopied research materials on Bunny and director Albert Parker; a script and programs for *Dori* (1985); photocopied scripts and sheet music for *The Fascinating Widow*; and a small amount of correspondence regarding Laba's interest in creating a revival of *The Fascinating Widow*.

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Silent films -- History and criticism

**Names**

Bunny, John, 1863-1915