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Second Mrs. Burton radio scripts

1952-1960

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Summary

Title: Second Mrs. Burton radio scripts

Date: 1952-1960

Size: 18.75 linear feet (45 boxes)

Source: Unknown, Unknown - found in backlog, 2000

Abstract: The radio scripts consist of daily episodes of the radio program THE SECOND MRS. BURTON spanning from June 23, 1952 until September 9, 1960. The scripts, written by Hector Chevigny, seem to be his copies as his name is often written on the front page. There are no scripts in any year for January 1 leading to the conclusion that there were no broadcasts on that day.

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Creator History

The radio program, *The Second Mrs. Burton*, aired from 1946 until November 25, 1960 and was the last radio soap opera. It was on from Monday to Friday at 2 PM and ran each day for 15 minutes. The story line dealt with a family in a small American town, with Terry Burton, the second wife, struggling for a good life amidst her husband's scheming ex-wife and his mother's often crude ways. Writers for the series included Martha Alexander, John M. Young, Hector Chevigny, Priscilla Kent and Johanna Johnston. The cast changed through time with Claire Niesen, Sharon Douglas, Patsy Campbell, Teri Keane and Jan Miner all playing Terry Burton. Others of the cast included Dwight Weist, Evelyn Varden, Ethel Owen, Alice Frost and Larry Robinson.

Custodial History

The collection was found in the unprocessed backlog, provenance is unknown, though it appears to have belonged to the scriptwriter, Hector Chevigny.

Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement: Chronological

Container List

- b. 1 f. 1-12 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* June 23, 1952-September 19, 1952 (1 box (12 folders))
Scripts (episode # 1646-1700) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. Some dates missing.
- b. 2 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* September 22, 1952-November 28, 1952 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 1701-1750) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 3 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* December 1, 1952-February 13, 1953 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 1751-1804) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. There is no script for Jan. 1, 1953.
- b. 4 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* February 16, 1953-May 1, 1953 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 1805-1859) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 5 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* May 4, 1953-July 17, 1953 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 1860-1914) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 6 f. 1-12 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* July 20, 1953-October 9, 1953 (1 box (12 folders))
Scripts (episode # 1915-1974) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 7 f. 1-12 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* October 12, 1953-December 31, 1953 (1 box (12 folders))
Scripts (episode # 1975-2033) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 8 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* January 4, 1954-March 15, 1954 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2034-2088) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 9 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* March 22, 1954-May 28, 1954 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2089-2138) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 10 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* May 31, 1954-July 23, 1954 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2139-2178) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 11 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* July 26, 1954-September 17, 1954 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2179-2218) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 12 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* September 20, 1954-November 26, 1954 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2219-2268) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 13 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* November 29, 1954-January 28, 1955 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2269-2312) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 14 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* January 31, 1955-April 8, 1955 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2313-2362) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 15 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* April 11, 1955-June 17, 1955 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2363-2412) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.

- b. 16 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* June 20, 1955-August 12, 1955 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2413-2452) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 17 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* August 15, 1955-October 7, 1955 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2453-2492) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 18 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* October 10, 1955-December 9, 1955 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2493-2537) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 19 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* December 12, 1955-February 3, 1956 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2538-2576) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. No script for January 2, 1956.
- b. 20 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* February 6, 1956-April 13, 1956 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2577-2626) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. Week of March 19, 1956 is missing.
- b. 21 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* April 16, 1956-June 15, 1956 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2627-2671) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 22 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* June 18, 1956-August 15, 1956 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2672-2714) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 23 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* August 27, 1956-October 26, 1956 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2718-2762) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 24 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* October 29, 1956-December 28, 1956 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2763-2807) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 25 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* December 31, 1956-March 1, 1957 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2808-2851) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. No script for January 1, 1957.
- b. 26 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* March 4, 1957-April 26, 1957 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2852-2891) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 27 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* April 29, 1957-June 28, 1957 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2892-2936) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 28 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* July 1, 1957-August 23, 1957 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2937-2976) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 29 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* August 26, 1957-November 1, 1957 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 2977-3026) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 30 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* November 4, 1957-January 3, 1958 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3027-3070) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. No script for January 1, 1958.

- b. 31 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* January 6, 1958-March 21, 1958 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3071-3125) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 32 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* March 23, 1958-May 30, 1958 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3126-3175) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 33 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* June 2, 1958-August 15, 1958 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3176-3230) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 34 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* August 18, 1958-October 10, 1958 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3231-3269) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 35 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* October 13, 1958-December 12, 1958 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3270-3314) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 36 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* December 15, 1958-February 20, 1959 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3315-3361) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. No script for January 1, 1959.
- b. 37 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* February 23, 1959-May 8, 1959 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3362-3415) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 38 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* May 11, 1959-July 17, 1959 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3416-3465) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 39 f. 1-11 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* July 20, 1959-October 2, 1959 (1 box (11 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3466-3520) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 40 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* October 5, 1959-December 4, 1959 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3521-3565) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 41 f. 1-8 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* December 7, 1959-January 29, 1960 (1 box (8 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3566-3608) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*. No script for January 1, 1960.
- b. 42 f. 1-9 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* February 1, 1960-April 1, 1960 (1 box (9 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3609-3653) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 43 f. 1-7 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* April 4, 1960-May 20, 1960 (1 box (7 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3654-3688) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 44 f. 1-10 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* May 23, 1960-July 29, 1960 (1 box (10 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3689-3738) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.
- b. 45 f. 1-6 *The second Mrs. Burton (Radio scripts) / Hector Chevigny* August 1, 1960-September 9, 1960 (1 box (6 folders))
Scripts (episode # 3739-3768) for the radio program *The Second Mrs. Burton*.