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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents

Collection documents the private lives and professional careers of Tom and Dick Smothers, with emphasis on their television variety show, *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*. The largest portion of the collection contains photographic materials. Publicity materials including press releases, programs, newspaper clippings, and magazine articles; correspondence containing fan mail (some from famous persons such as Lucille Ball, Jack Paar, and others), letters from viewers both complimentary and critical of shows, and letters from members of Congress; business records including contracts, tour itineraries, talent agency materials, scripts, and scrapbooks; and legal documents relating to the lawsuit against Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) are also found in the collection. Collection is arranged into three series: Series 1, Photographs, 1961-2007, undated; Series 2, Business Records, 1959-2002, undated; and Series 3, Personal Papers, 1966-2008, undated.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into three series:

Series 1: Photographic Materials, 1961-2007, undated

Subseries 1.1: Television Shows, 1966-1989, undated

Subseries 1.2: Specials, Tours, and Public Appearances, 1964-1988, undated

Subseries 1.3: Motion Picture Films and Theatre, 1969-1982

Subseries 1.4: General, 1961-2007, undated

Subseries 1.5: Promotional, 1961-2003, undated

Series 2: Business Records, 1959-2002, undated

Subseries 2.1: Press, 1960-2002, undated

Subseries 2.2: Employee Files, 1959-1999, undated

Subseries 2.3: *Smothers Brothers v. Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS)*, 1966-1972, undated

Subseries 2.4: Correspondence, 1960-1996

Subseries 2.5: Performance Materials, 1962-1993, undated

Subseries 2.6: Fan Club, 1990-1992, undated

Series 3: Personal Papers, 1966-2008, undated

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Comedy
- Folk singers
- Television
- Television personalities
- Variety shows (Television programs) -- Production and direction

Types of Materials:

- Biography files
- Clippings -- 20th century
- Color prints (photographs) -- 20th century
- Color slides -- 20th century
- Contact sheets
- Contracts
- Itineraries
- Legal records
- Letters (correspondence) -- 20th century.
- Photograph albums
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Photographs -- 20th century -- Color prints
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- 20th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white negatives -- Acetate film
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 20th century
- Press releases
- Programs
- Scrapbooks
- Scripts (documents)

Names:

- Paulsen, Pat
- Seeger, Pete, 1919-2014

Container Listing

Series 1: Photographic Materials, 1961-2007, undated

Includes a substantial number of photographs, slides, contact prints, and negatives documenting the personal and professional lives of the Smothers brothers. Photographic materials include publicity, candid, and behind-the-scenes images. Series is arranged into five subseries: Subseries 1.1, Television Shows, 1966-1989, undated; Subseries 1.2, Specials, Tours, and Public Appearances, 1964-1988, undated; Subseries 1.3, Motion Picture Films and Theatre, 1969-1982; Subseries 1.4, General, 1961-2007, undated; and Subseries 1.5, Promotional, 1961-2003, undated.

Subseries 1.1: Television Shows, 1966-1989, undated

Include black and white and color photographic prints, contact sheets, and slides documenting scenes from various television shows broadcasted by Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) and National Broadcasting Company (NBC). The earliest show represented is My Brother the Angel, originally titled the Smothers Brothers Show, a black and white half hour comedy series starring the Smothers brothers in 1966. The show lasted for one season and predates the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, which was also broadcasted by Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) from 1967-1969. Materials from the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, a comedy and variety series, include images of the Smothers brothers, regular cast members, and well-known musical artists and actors as guests. Conflicts with CBS network executives over program content resulting in the cancellation of their show meant that the Smothers could pursue programming with National Broadcasting Company (NBC). Images documenting the National Broadcasting Company's (NBC) the Smothers Brothers Show dating from 1974-1975 and the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival are also found among these materials. In addition, there are materials relating to the Glen Campbell Summer Show, a replacement for the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, dating from 1968. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

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- Box 1, Folder 8 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 4, Bette Davis, Bob Crane, Buffalo Springfield, and Pat Paulsen, 1967-02-26
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- Box 2, Folder 2 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 6, Baja Marimba Band ("Brazilia") and Carol Burnett, 1967-03-12
- Box 2, Folder 3 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 7, Jimmy Durante and the Turtles, 1967-03-19
[Image\(s\): The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, Season 1, Show #7, Durante, Stevens, Turtles](#)
- Box 2, Folder 4 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 8, Tony Randall, Jack Jones, Pat Paulsen, and the Kroff Puppets, 1967-03-26
- Box 2, Folder 5 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 9, Elaine May, Blue Magoos, and Ester Ofarim, 1967-04-09
- Box 2, Folder 6 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 10, Prunes and Lana Turner, 1967-04-16
- Box 2, Folder 7 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 11, Carl Reiner, Smith, Happenings, 1967-04-23
- Box 2, Folder 8 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 12, Frank Sinatra Jr. and Dom DeLuise, 1967-04-30
- Box 2, Folder 9 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 13, Jonathan Winters, the Jefferson Airplane, and Nancy Wilson, 1967-05-07
- Box 2, Folder 10 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 14, Simon & Garfunkel and Janet Leigh, 1967-05-14
- Box 2, Folder 11 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 15, Sonny and Cher, Martin Landau, Barbara Bain, and Pat Paulsen, 1967-05-21
- Box 2, Folder 12 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 16, Margaret O'Brien, Jim Backus, and the Association, 1967-05-28

- Box 3, Folder 1 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 17, Steve Allen, Vikki Carr, and Neely Five, 1967-06-04
- Box 3, Folder 2 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 18, Shirley Jones and Noel Harrison, 1967-06-11
- Box 25, Folder 5 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 18, Shirley Jones, Leigh French, and Noel Harrison, 1967-06-11
- Box 3, Folder 3 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 1, episode 19, Tammy Grimes and the Buckingham, 1967-06-18
- Box 3, Folder 4 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 1, Janet Leigh, Pete Seeger, and Bobbie Gentry, 1967-09-10
[Image\(s\): The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, Season 2, Show #1, Seeger, Gentry, Leigh](#)
- Box 3, Folder 5 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 2, The Who, Bette Davis and Mickey Rooney, 1967-09-17
- Box 3, Folder 6 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 3, George Burns and Herman's Hermits, 1967-09-24
- Box 3, Folder 7 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 4, Noel Harrison, Jane Powell, and the Cake, 1967-10-01
- Box 3, Folder 8 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 5, The Association and Greer Garson, 1967-10-08
- Box 3, Folder 9 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 6, Kate Smith and Simon & Garfunkel, 1967-10-15
- Box 3, Folder 10 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 7, Moms Mabley, the Byrds and Eddie Albert, 1967-10-22
- Box 25, Folder 6 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 7, Moms Mabley, the Byrds, and Eddie Albert, 1967-10-22
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- Box 3, Folder 13 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 10, Barbara Feldon, Jimmie Rodgers, James Mason, and Frye, 1967-11-12
- Box 3, Folder 14 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 11, Nancy Wilson, Paul Revere and the Raiders, and George Segal, 1967-11-19
- Box 4, Folder 1 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 12, Janis Ian, Jimmy Durante, and Nancy Ames, 1967-11-26
- Box 4, Folder 2 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 13, Agnes Moorehead and Norm Crosby the Hollies, 1967-12-10
- Box 4, Folder 3 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 14, The Temptations, Tallulah Bankhead and Pat Paulsen, 1967-12-17
- Box 4, Folder 4 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 15, Jack Benny and Nanette Fabray, Christmas Special, 1967-12-24
- Box 4, Folder 5 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 16, Eddie Albert and Judy Collins, New Year Special, 1967-12-31
- Box 25, Folder 7 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 16, Eddie Albert, Judy Collins and Rovers, New Year Special, 1967-12-31
- Box 4, Folder 6 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 17, Bergen, Judy Carne, and the First Edition, 1968-01-07
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- Box 4, Folder 8 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 19, Glen Campbell and Sid Caesar, 1968-01-21
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- Box 4, Folder 11 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 23, Nancy Sinatra, 1968-02-18
- Box 4, Folder 12 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, season 2, episode 24, Pete Seeger and Pat Paulsen, 1968-02-25

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- Box 5, Folder 9 Smothers Brothers Show, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 1974-1975
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- Box 25, Folder 16 Smothers Brothers Show, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), slides, 1975
- Box 6, Folder 3 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival, production number 0103, 1988-04-13

- Box 6, Folder 4 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival, production number 0104, photograph contacts, 1988-04-21
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- Box 6, Folder 11 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival, production number 0203, contact sheets, 1988-10-07
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- Box 6, Folder 13 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival, production number 0106, contacts, 1988
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- Box 6, Folder 15 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival, production number 302, Shelley Long, guest, Jasper Dailey, photographer, 1989-02-24
- Box 6, Folder 16 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival, production number 303, Paul Rodriguez, Jasper Dailey, photographer, 1989-03-03
- Box 6, Folder 17 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1988-1989 revival, production number 304, Julia McGinnis, star, Jasper Dailey, photographer, 1989-03-10
- Box 5, Folder 2 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, Leigh French, undated
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Box 5, Folder 4 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, Mason Williams, undated

Subseries 1.2: Specials, Tours, and Public Appearances, 1964-1988, undated

Consist primarily of images relating to the television movie Return of the Smothers Brothers produced by Knave Productions, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) in 1970. Images are of original show cast members and guests including comedian and satirist Pat (Patrick Layton) Paulsen (July 6, 1927-April 25, 1997); actor and writer Bob (Stewart Robert) Einstein (November 20, 1942-January 2, 2019), and comedian David Steinberg (August 9, 1942-). Special programs include Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) television network's Marineland Carnival (1964), the Tom and Dick Smothers Brothers Specials I and II (1980), and the twentieth anniversary celebration of the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour (1988). In addition, there are images relating to a 1973 tour, the album Aesop's Fables: The Smothers Brothers Way (1965), and the Rose Parade (1967). Of interest are the photographs of Tom Smothers lying in a bed with John Lennon, Yoko Ono, and others as part of the bed-in for peace social movement. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

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Box 25, Folder 1 Marineland Carnival, slides, 1964-04

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Box 7, Folder 5 Return of the Smothers Brothers, National Broadcasting Company (NBC), 1970

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- Box 8, Folder 3 Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, twentieth reunion show, 1988
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Subseries 1.3: Motion Picture Films and Theatre, 1969-1982

Images document the Smothers brothers' creative work for film and theater. The images document motion picture films including Get to Know Your Rabbit starring Tom Smothers (1972), Another Nice Mess produced by Tom Smothers (1973), There Goes the Birdie starring Tom Smothers (1979), and Pandemonium also starring Tom Smothers (1982). Theater productions include Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical produced by Tommy Smothers and performed at the Aquarius Theatre in Los Angeles, California (1969) and I Love My Wife a musical starring the Smothers brothers at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre in New York (1978). Materials are arranged in chronological order.

- Box 8, Folder 8 Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical, Aquarius Theatre, 1969
- Box 8, Folder 9 Get to Know Your Rabbit, motion picture film, 1970-1971
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- Box 8, Folder 10 Another Nice Mess, motion picture film, 1973
- Box 8, Folder 11 I Love My Wife, Ethel Barrymore Theatre, 1978-1979
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Subseries 1.4: General, 1961-2007, undated

Consist of materials organized and maintained by the Smothers Brothers in groups. The groups are identified by either the date or a subject. Subjects include early career, Mercury Records album cover shots, performances, and social events with cast members. In addition, there are materials relating to Dick Smothers' interest and participation in automobile racing and some caricatures of well-known individuals. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

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Series 2: Business Records, 1959-2002, undated

Subseries 2.2: Employee Files, 1959-1999, undated

Provides documentation relating to the creative staff who supported the work of the Smothers brothers for a forty-year period. Materials include contracts for costume designer, writer, performer, artist/art director, choral director, production assistant, co-producer, associate producer, performer, conductor and composer, musical consultant, and comedy stager. Other materials include route sheets, cast lists, contract lists, program practices, television ratings, travel schedules, and staff lists. Materials are arranged first in in alphabetical order and then in chronological order.

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Box 17, Folder 4	Writers contracts, general, The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, 1965-1968
Box 17, Folder 9	Program practices, 1967-1969
Box 17, Folder 6	Cast lists, 1967-1989
Box 17, Folder 8	Contract lists, 1967-1993
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Box 18, Folder 2	Route sheets, 1990-1999

Subseries 2.1: Press, 1960-2002, undated

Provides information primarily relating to the professional lives of the Smothers brothers. Most of the materials are loose newspaper clippings and magazine articles. There are two scrapbooks of material and press kits containing show advertisements. Subjects include censorship and controversies, cancellation of the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour show, album promotions, special show

announcements, performance reviews, and publicity suggestions. Materials relating to John Lennon heckling the Smothers Brothers in the Troubadour rock club in West Hollywood, California (1974) are also found among the materials. In addition, there is a folder of obituaries dating from 1985-1995 and a caricature of the brothers with Ed Sullivan. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

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Box 13, Folder 4	General, 1961-1962
Box 13, Folder 5	General, 1962
Box 13, Folder 6	General, 1962-02-1962-07
Box 13, Folder 7	General and cancellation, 1963, undated
Box 28, Folder 1	Cancellation, 1963
Box 13, Folder 8	General, 1964
Box 22, Folder 7	General, 1964-01-1964-02
Box 22, Folder 8	General, 1964
Box 28, Folder 6	Promotional, 1964-1966
Box 28, Folder 2	Mercury Records, 1964-1967
Box 13, Folder 9	General, 1965
Box 13, Folder 10	The Realist, 1965-06
Box 22, Folder 9	General, 1965
Box 13, Folder 11	General, 1966
Box 13, Folder 12	All Hawaii, 1966

Box 22, Folder 10	General, 1966
Box 13, Folder 13	Boats and Motorcycles, Dick Smother's racing file, 1966-1967
Box 13, Folder 14	General, 1967
Box 13, Folder 15	Variety and the Hollywood Reporter, reviews , 1967
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Box 22, Folder 11	General, 1967
Box 13, Folder 18	Mercury Records, albums, charts and publicity, 1967, undated
Box 22, Folder 12	General, 1967
Box 22, Folder 13	Saturday Evening Post, 1967
Box 22, Folder 21	Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour, caricature with Ed Sullivan, 1967-02
Box 28, Folder 3	KRLA Beat, 1967-09-09
Box 28, Folder 4	Reviews and promotional, 1967
Box 13, Folder 19	General, 1968
Box 13, Folder 20	Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, 1968
Box 13, Folder 21	Glen Campbell Summer Show, 1968
Box 13, Folder 22	Variety and the Hollywood Reporter, reviews, 1968
Box 22, Folder 14	Look Magazine, 1968
Box 22, Folder 15	General, 1968
Box 14, Folder 1	General, 1969
Box 14, Folder 2	Censorship and controversies, 1969

Box 14, Folder 3	General, 1969
Box 14, Folder 4	General, 1969
Box 14, Folder 5	Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) cancellation press statements relating to the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour show, 1969
Box 14, Folder 6	TV Guide, 1969-04-19
Box 14, Folder 7	Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) television show cancellation and press release on filing suit, 1969
Box 22, Folder 16	Billboard Spotlight, 1969-06
Box 22, Folder 17	Censorship and controversies, 1969
Box 22, Folder 18	General, 1969
Box 22, Folder 19	General, 1969
Box 14, Folder 8	Magazine articles, 1969-1975, undated
Box 14, Folder 9	General, 1970
Box 14, Folder 10	Return of the Smothers Brothers, National Broadcasting Company (NBC) television special, 1970-01-1970-02
Box 14, Folder 11	Radio and television, 1970
Box 14, Folder 12	General, 1971
Box 14, Folder 13	General, 1971
Box 14, Folder 14	Tom Smothers Organic Prime-Time Space Ride cancellation, 1971
Box 22, Folder 20	Tom Smothers Organic Prime-Time Space Ride cancellation, 1971
Box 14, Folder 15	General, 1972
Box 14, Folder 16	Another Nice Mess, 1972
Box 14, Folder 17	Get to Know Your Rabbit, 1972-1973

Box 14, Folder 18	General, 1973
Box 14, Folder 19	Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) trial and settlement, 1973-02-1973-04
Box 14, Folder 20	General, 1973
Box 14, Folder 21	The Cellar Door, 1973
Box 14, Folder 22	General, 1973-03-25-1973-03-31
Box 15, Folder 1	General, 1974-09-1974-12
Box 15, Folder 2	General, 1974
Box 15, Folder 3	Tour, 1974-07-1974-08
Box 15, Folder 4	John Lennon incident at the Troubadour nightclub, 1974-03-12
Box 15, Folder 5	General, 1974
Box 15, Folder 6	General, 1974
Box 15, Folder 7	General, 1974-08-1975-01
Box 27, Folder 1	National Broadcasting Company (NBC) television show, 1974-10-1975-01, undated
Box 23, Folder 1	National Broadcasting Company (NBC) television show, first six months, 1975, undated
Box 15, Folder 8	Obituaries, 1985-1995
Box 15, Folder 9	Press kits, 1988
Box 15, Folder 10	General, 1992
Box 28, Folder 5	Friars Club Epistle honorees, 2002
Box 15, Folder 11	Publicity suggestions, undated
Box 15, Folder 12	Press book, undated

Box 15, Folder 13 Show advertisements, undated

Box 15, Folder 14 Press books, undated

Box 28, Folder 7 Promotional, undated

Subseries 2.3: Smothers Brothers v. Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS), 1966-1972, undated

Consist of legal documents relating to the case involving Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) and Comedic Productions, Incorporated. Comedic Productions, Incorporated owned and operated by the Smothers Brothers as producers of their shows, entered into an agreement with Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) to provide twenty-six programs for the 1966-67 television season for five seasons. Increasing conflicts with the Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) network executives over content led to the show being abruptly cancelled in April 1969 in violation of the Smothers Brothers' contract. Materials include supporting documentation, correspondence including a letter from President Johnson, and memorandums. Press about the case and correspondence can also be found in other parts of the collection. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 18, Folder 3 Supporting documentation, 1966-1972

Box 18, Folder 4 Supporting documentation, 1967-1968, undated

Box 18, Folder 5 Supporting documentation, 1967-1968

Box 18, Folder 6 President Johnson correspondence, 1968

Box 18, Folder 7 Government, 1968-1969

Box 18, Folder 8 Supporting documentation, 1968-1969

Box 18, Folder 9 Case complaint for damages, 1969-09-24
[Image\(s\): Smothers v. CBS, Lawsuit, Case Complaint for Damages](#)

Box 18, Folder 10 Interrogatories propounded to Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS), 1969-11-17
[Image\(s\): Smothers v. CBS, Lawsuit, Interrogatories Propounded to CBS](#)

Box 18, Folder 11 Bill to Amend the Communication Act of 1934, 1969

Box 18, Folder 12 Constitutional rights action, 1969

Box 18, Folder 13 Constitutional rights action, answer of defendant, Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS), 1969

- Box 18, Folder 14 Supporting documentation, 1969
[Image\(s\): Smothers v. CBS, Lawsuit, Supporting Documentation](#)
- Box 19, Folder 1 First interrogatories propounded to plaintiffs by defendant Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS), 1969-1970
- Box 19, Folder 2 Answers to interrogatories, 1970-01-28
- Box 19, Folder 3 Answers to interrogatories propounded to plaintiffs, 1970-02
- Box 19, Folder 4 Slaff, Mosk, and Rudman correspondence, 1970-1971
- Box 19, Folder 5 Defendant's memorandum of points and authorities in opposition to plaintiff's motion, 1970-09
- Box 19, Folder 6 Case complaint for damages, undated

Subseries 2.4: Correspondence, 1960-1996

Contains incoming and outgoing communications primarily relating to the professional activities of the Smothers brothers. Subjects include censorship, program skits, and the Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS) lawsuit. In addition, there is correspondence with Pete Seeger. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

- Box 19, Folder 7 General, 1960
- Box 19, Folder 8 Pete Seeger, 1967-08-1967-10
[Image\(s\): Pete Seeger Correspondence](#)
- Box 19, Folder 9 Peter Seeger, 1967-08-1967-10
- Box 20, Folder 1 Gun Skit, 1967-12
- Box 20, Folder 2 Gun Skit, 1967-12-1968-01
- Box 20, Folder 3 Special letters, 1967-1996
- Box 20, Folder 4 Perry Lafferty, Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS), comedy hour show, number 1 , 1968-09-1968-10
- Box 20, Folder 5 Censorship, 1968-1969
[Image\(s\): Correspondence, Censorship](#)
- Box 20, Folder 6 Steinburg, 1968-1969

- Box 20, Folder 7 Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS), memoranda, 1968-1969
[Image\(s\): Columbia Broadcasting Company \(CBS\) Memoranda](#)
- Box 20, Folder 8 Jencks, Columbia Broadcasting System, Incorporated (CBS), 1969
- Box 20, Folder 9 Lawsuit, 1969

Subseries 2.5: Performance Materials, 1962-1993, undated

Consists of folk singing kit, programs, scripts, program announcements, and other types of ephemera. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

- Box 20, Folder 10 Folk singing kit, 1962
- Box 20, Folder 11 Programs, 1963-1968
- Box 21, Folder 1 Program, Canadian National exhibition, 1966
- Box 21, Folder 4 Script, The Return of the Smothers Brothers , 1970-02-16
- Box 21, Folder 5 Script cover, The Return of the Smothers Brothers , 1970-02-16
- Box 21, Folder 2 Programs, 1989, undated
- Box 21, Folder 3 Programs, 1993
- Box 21, Folder 6 Ephemera, undated
- Box 21, Folder 7 Program announcements, undated

Subseries 2.6: Fan Club, 1990-1992, undated

Include materials dating from a two-year period created by the organization that supported fans of the Smothers brothers. Materials consist of membership lists, photographs to mail to fans, and other types of ephemera. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

- Box 21, Folder 8 Member lists, 1990-1992
- Box 21, Folder 9 Just Say Bros! Fanzine, 1990-1992
- Box 21, Folder 10 Photographs for fans, undated
- Box 21, Folder 11 Ephemera, undated

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Series 3: Personal Papers, 1966-2008, undated

Contains biographical information and early family photographs. In addition, there is artwork, postcards, and a photograph of the 1965 birth announcement of Tom Smothers IV. Materials are arranged in chronological order.

Box 21, Folder 12	Biographical information, 1966-2008
Box 21, Folder 13	Racing team, 1968
Box 21, Folder 14	Artwork, undated
Box 21, Folder 15	Early family photographs, undated
Box 21, Folder 16	Postcards, undated

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