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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 101 MORNINGSTAR, Robert Evans, 1866-1944**

½ box. 4 folders. 42 items. 1915-1944. Photographs.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Robert Evans Morningstar (1866-1944) was born in Louisville, Kentucky to Samuel and Martha (Evans) Morningstar. Moving to Bowling Green, Kentucky from Paducah, Kentucky, in 1887, he opened a roller-skating rink. Morningstar was a medal-winner skater. He assumed the position of editor with the *Bowling Green News Democrat* about 1896, following employment with the *Warren County Courier* and the *Park City Times*.

In the early twentieth century, Morningstar became co-owner of the Interstate Lecture Bureau in Ohio. He worked with many notables, among whom were William Howard Taft, John McCormack, and Amelita Galli-Curci. He developed the largest business of booking lectures in the lyceum and Chautauqua realms during that time period. Later in life he developed several presentations based on the photographs he had collected of famous individuals of his era. Morningstar lived in Chicago the last forty years of his life, but because of poor health, he was moved to Bowling Green. A granddaughter, Cora Jane (Morningstar) Spiller of Bowling Green, survived him.

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES**

The Collection.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

The collection is composed of photographs of individuals for whom Robert E. Morningstar acted as booking agent. The photos were removed from acidic pages that were in an album. An additional folder of images is included for which the photographs were not donated; the Special Collections Library at WKU scanned those images but does not own copyright to them.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>SHOOTING THE BIG SHOTS - A photographic collection of celebrities</b>	<b>1915-1924 1944; n.d.</b>	<b>42 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and biographical data	1944; n.d.	4 items
Folder 2	Photographs: A-H	1915; 1920	17 items
	2a - Amos and Andy Amos - Gosden, Freeman G. Andy - Correll, Charles J.		1 item
	2b - Bryan, William Jennings		1 item
	2c - Bunny, John and Hubbard, Elbert - Kansas City, Missouri	Feb. 1915	1 item
	2d - Caruso, Enrico, Chicago	1920	1 item
	2e - Chaplin, Charles "Charlie" Spencer		2 items
	2f - Clemenceau, George Eugene Benjamin		1 item
	2g - Coogan, Jackie		1 item
	2h - Coolidge, Calvin		2 items
	2i - Dempsey, Jack		1 item
	2j - Einstein, Albert		1 item
	2k - Fairbanks, Douglas and Pickford Mary		1 item; 3 copies
	2l - Foch, Ferdinand		1 item
	2m - Calli-Curci, Amelita		1 item; 3 copies

	2n - Harding, Warren Gameliel - St. Louis, Missouri		1 item; 2 copies
	2o - Hoover, Herbert Clark		1 item
Folder 3	Photographs: L-Z	1924	20 items
	3a - Landis, Kenesaw Mountain		1 item
	3b - Land, Andres	Jan. 27, 1924	1 item
	3c - Lindberg, Charles Augustus		1 item
	3d - Lloyd George, David		1 item; 2 copies
	3e - McAdoo?, William Gibbs		1 item
	3f - McCormack, John William		1 item; 3 copies
	3g - Morningstar, Robert Evans		1 item; 2 copies
	3h - Pershing, John Joseph		1 item; 2 copies
	3i - Rogers, Will		1 item
	3j - Roosevelt, Franklin Delano		1 item
	3k - Roosevelt, Theodore		1 item; 3 copies
	3l - Ruth, George Herman "Babe"		2 items
	3m - Schumann-Heink, Ernestine		1 item; 2 copies
	3n - Smith, Sidney		1 item; 2 copies
	3o - Taft, William Howard		1 item; 2 copies

	3p - Wilson, Woodrow	1 item; 2 copies
	3q - Windsor, Edward, Duke of	1 item; 3 copies
	3r - Unidentified man	1 item
	3s - Unidentified woman	1 item
Folder 4	Photo album cover; includes likeness of Morningstar	1 item
Folder 5	Colored photocopies of scans made by the Special Collections Library, WKU of slides loaned by the donor. These are not part of the collection, so the number is not included in the item count. These images <u>were not</u> donated to the Special Collections Library.	

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

MSS 101 MORNINGSTAR, Robert Evans, 1866-1944 1915-1944

Photographs of celebrities that Robert Evans Morningstar, formerly of Bowling Green, Kentucky, used for promotional purposes. Morningstar was a booking agent for many notables who performed on the Lyceum and Chautauqua circuits in the early twentieth century.

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Bryan, William Jennings, 1860-1925 – Photos B1,2b  
 Bunny, John, 1873-1921 – Photos B1,2c  
 Caruso, Enrico, 1873-1921 – Photos B1,2d  
 Chaplin, Charles “Charlie” Spencer, 1889-1977 – Photos B1,2e  
 Chautauquas  
 Clemenceau, Georges Eugene Benjamin, 1841-1929 – Photos B1,2f  
 Coogan, Jackie, 1914-1984 – Photos B1,2g

Coolidge, Calvin, 1872-1933 – Photos B1,2h  
 Correll, Charles J., 1890-1972 – Photos B1,2a  
 Dempsey, Jack, 1895-1983 – Photos B1,2i  
 Einstein, Albert, 1879-1955 – Photos B1,2j  
 Fairbanks, Douglas, 1883-1939 – Photos B1,2k  
 Foch, Ferdinand, 1851-1929 – Photos B1,2l  
 Galli-Curci, Amelita, 1889-1963 – Photos B1,2m  
 Gosden, Freeman Fisher, 1899-1982 – Photos B1,2a  
 Harding, Warren Gamaliel, 1865-1923 – Photos B1,2n  
 Hoover, Herbert Clark, 1874-1964 – Photos B1,2o  
 Hubbard, Elbert G., 1856-1915 – Photos B1,2c  
 Landis, Kenesaw Mountain, 1866-1944 – Photos B1,3a  
 Lang, Andres – Photos B1,3b  
 Lindbergh, Charles Augustus, 1902-1974 – Photos B1,3c  
 Lloyd George, David, 1863-1945 – Photos B1,3d  
 McAdoo, William Gibbs, 1963-1941 – Photos B1,3e  
 McCormack, John, 1894-1945 – Photos B1,3f  
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 Pershing, John Joseph, 1860-1948 – Photos B1,3h  
 Pickford, Mary, 1893-1979 – Photos B1,2k  
 Rogers, Will, 1879-1935 – Photos B1,3i  
 Roosevelt, Franklin Delano, 1882-1945 – Photos B1,3j  
 Roosevelt, Theodore, 1858-1919 – Photos B1,3k  
 Ruth, George Herman "Babe," 1894-1948 – Photos B1,3l  
 Schumann-Heink, Ernestine, 1861-1936 – Photos B1,3m  
 Smith, Sidney, 1877-1935 – Photos B1,3n  
 Taft, William Howard, 1857-1930 – Photos B1,3o  
 Wilson, Thomas Woodrow, 1856-1924 – Photos B1,3p  
 Windsor, Edward, Duke of, 1894-1972 – Photos B1,3q

### ***SEE and SEE ALSO***

Amos (of Amos & Andy)

See:

Gosden, Freeman G., 1899-1982

Andy (of Amos & Andy)

See:

Correll, Charles J., 1890-1972