GUIDE TO WAITE HOYT COLLECTION

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Abstract
This is a collection of correspondence, telegrams, programs, broadcasting notes, newsletters and certificates relating to the post-playing career of Waite Hoyt.

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Biography
Hoyt was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1899. He was signed by John McGraw after pitching batting practice for the Giants at age 15. Waite Hoyt went on to become the mainstay of six Yankees pennant winners in the 1920s. Schoolboy pitched three games in the 1921 World Series against the Giants and allowed only two runs, both unearned, over 27 innings, earning two of his six career World Series victories. The highly intelligent and articulate right-hander ended his 21-year career in 1938 and broadcast games in New York and Cincinnati for the next 28 seasons.
Waite Hoyt was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1969. He died of heart failure in 1984.

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Scope and Content
This collection covers Hoyt’s post-playing career. There are broadcast scripts, his 1965 final game scoresheets and a 1972 scoresheet. Hoyt managed the USO Pacific Tour in December 1970 and this collection has correspondence, itineraries and press releases. A folder with correspondence and ephemera relating to his 1969 induction, as well as items from the 1970 to 1972 and 1973 to 1975 inductions. Also included is correspondence ranging from 1934 to 1976.

Separated to Special Collections
June 12, 1948 Yankee Stadium Silver Anniversary Dinner invitation, 19 signatures on the inside of players and executives. BL-48.2013

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Corporate Names
Cincinnati Reds
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National Baseball Hall of Fame Veterans’ Committee
New York Yankees

Personal Names
Hoyt, Waite, 1899-1984
Irvin, Monte, 1919-
Reichler, Joe, 1915-1988
Nixon, Richard, 1913-1994

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