GUIDE TO PAPERS RELATED TO BABE RUTH

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Abstract:
This is a collection of correspondence and newspaper clippings relating to the life and career of Babe Ruth.

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History:
George Herman Ruth was born February 6, 1895 in Baltimore, MD and died August 16, 1948, New York, NY. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1936.
Babe Ruth was an American original, baseball's first great slugger and the most celebrated athlete of his time. The southpaw hurler debuted with the Red Sox, winning 89 games in six years while setting the World Series record for consecutive scoreless innings. The Sultan of Swat converted to the outfield full-time after his sale to the Yankees in 1920 and led New York to seven American
League pennants and four World Series titles. He finished with 714 home runs, leading the league 12 times, including a remarkable 60 round-trippers in 1927.

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**Scope and Content**
This collection contains correspondence and newspaper clippings relating to Babe Ruth’s career. The telegrams, correspondence and clippings relate to barnstorming in 1921 and 1922 with the associated fines and suspensions. There is correspondence relating to Ruth’s involvement in forfeited games and ejections, off-field activities and Babe Ruth Day in 1947.

This collection is organized into one series by subject matter and chronologically.

**Controlled Access Terms**
These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

**Corporate Names**
- New York Yankees
- American League
- *New York Evening Telegram*
- *New York Journal*
- *Brooklyn Eagle*
- Yankee Stadium
- Babe Ruth Foundation

**Personal Names**
- Ruth, Babe
- Meusel, Bob
- Piercy, Bill
- Landis, Kenesaw Mountain
- Johnson, Ban
- O’Connor, Leslie M.
- Gehrig, Lou
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