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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:** This report documents the provenance of the personal collection of William C. Mellor, acclaimed cinematographer and two-time Academy Award winner whose career spanned over 35 years during Hollywood's Golden Age. The collection includes photographs, correspondence, awards, and film memorabilia originally compiled into scrapbooks by Mellor's sister Dorothy, as well as sentimental objects collected by Mellor from his career. These items have remained within the family through subsequent generations.

## **COLLECTION OVERVIEW:** THE WILLIAM C. MELLOR ARCHIVE CONTAINS

- AWARDS: ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION CERTIFICATES, INCLUDING HIS WINNING NOMINATIONS FOR "A PLACE IN THE SUN" (1951) AND "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD" (1965, POSTHUMOUS)
- **PHOTOGRAPHS**: OVER 50 ORIGINAL SILVER GELATIN AND PLATINUM PRINTS FROM HOLLYWOOD PRODUCTIONS
- **CORRESPONDENCE**: APPROXIMATELY 30 SIGNED LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS FROM NOTABLE HOLLYWOOD FIGURES
- **MEMORABILIA**: ACADEMY AWARD CEREMONY TICKETS, PROGRAMS, AND FILM PRODUCTION MATERIALS. JEWELRY BOX WITH DOROTHY LAMOUR INSCRIPTION.

**PROVENANCE:** The collection has been maintained within the Mellor family since William C. Mellor's passing in 1963

- ORIGINALLY COMPILED BY DOROTHY MELLOR (SISTER)
- SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED DOWN THROUGH THREE GENERATIONS OF FAMILY MEMBERS
- CURRENTLY MAINTAINED BY A MELLOR FAMILY DESCENDANT.

## **AUTHENTICATION:** THE AUTHENTICITY OF THESE ITEMS IS SUPPORTED BY:

- Family records and documentation
- HISTORICAL RECORDS INCLUDING CENSUS DATA
- PHOTOGRAPHIC VERIFICATION OF ORIGINAL SCRAPBOOKS

## Collection Transfer Process: When transferring ownership of items from this collection

- 1. THE NEW OWNER SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH THE MASTER PROVENANCE REPORT
- 2. GATHER THE PIN FROM THE MASTER COPY AND VISIT HTTPS://WILLIAMCMELLOR.GITHUB.IO/VERIFICATION
- 3. The ownership ledger should be updated with new custodian information

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