

**Town and Country Public Library**  
**Historical Collection**  
**Clayton Hines aka 'Mardoni' Papers**  
**#2010-09**

**Scope and Content Note:** Clayton Hines, aka Mardoni was a resident of Elburn who became a professional magician. His dates of birth and death are unknown; he was married to Louise Anderson after 1925. They traveled the country performing at a multitude of amateur and professional venues, where they performed as magicians. Mr. Hines was also an avid pilot, and the author of several technical books on flight. He resided in southern California at the end of his life. This collection contains personal correspondence, scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, promotional material, flight instructions and magazines from 1895 to 1948 collected by Clayton Hines, known professionally as "Mardoni the Magician". This collection is complete and arranged chronologically.

**Quantity:** 2 Letter Sized Boxes, 5 x 12 ¼ x 10 ¼  
10 Linear Inches .83 Linear Feet

**Box 1**

Scrapbook of clippings 1895 – 1916  
Correspondence, calling cards 1925 – 1948  
American Airplanes – 56 Airplanes Illustrated in full color 1940  
Pilot Kit 1942  
Bank statements 1943 – 1956  
Promotional material for 'Mardoni and Louise'  
XC Navigation by Hines (flight instruction manual) 1943  
Playing cards, card locator and trick book

**Box 2**

The Sphinx – Independent Magazine for Magicians, Society of American Magicians – April 1932, Oct 1943, Apr-Aug 1944, Feb 1945  
Genii – Pacific Coast Association of Magicians – Dec 1936, Nov 1940, Dec 1943, Feb, Apr-Aug 1944, Jan 1945, Feb-Mar 1946  
The Linking Ring – Mar, Sept 1941; Feb 1942; Apr, June, Aug 1944  
Tops – The Magazine of Magic, December 1942  
Parts Catalog, Model 165, Super-Scarab Engines 1942  
Air Trails January 1948  
Quiet Birdmen – June, Aug 1948  
The Royal Neighbor – September 1948