

Town and Country Public Library
Historical Collection
Clayton Hines aka 'Mardoni' Papers
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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 (Not found)

- 1-1 Correspondence, calling cards 1925 – 1948
- 1-2 American Airplanes – 56 Airplanes Illustrated in full color 1940
- 1-3 Pilot Kit 1942
- 1-4 XC Navigation by Hines (flight instruction manual) 1943
- 1-5 Bank statements 1943 – 1956
- 1-6 Promotional material for 'Mardoni and Louise'
- 1-7 Playing cards, card locator and trick book
- 1-8 Holiday letter, 1975; correspondence 1974
- 1-9 Misc. Mardoni Background Data

Box 2

- 2-1 The Sphinx – Independent Magazine for Magicians, Society of American Magicians – April 1932, Oct 1943, Apr-Aug 1944, Feb 1945
- 2-2 Genii – Pacific Coast Association of Magicians – Dec 1936, Nov 1940, Dec 1943, Feb, Apr-Aug 1944, Jan 1945, Feb-Mar 1946 (includes photocopied inserts in magazines where Mardoni is mentioned in the article)
- 2-3 The Linking Ring – Mar, Sept 1941; Feb 1942; Apr, June, Aug 1944 1946 (includes photocopied inserts in magazines where Mardoni is mentioned in the article)
- 2-4 Tops – The Magazine of Magic, December 1942 (includes photocopied inserts in magazines where Mardoni is mentioned in the article)
- 2-5 Parts Catalog, Model 165, Super-Scarab Engines 1942
- 2-6 Flying Sportsman 1947 (includes photocopied inserts in magazines where Mardoni is mentioned in the article)
- 2-7 Air Trails January 1948;
- 2-8 Quiet Birdmen – June, Aug 1948
- 2-9 The Royal Neighbor – September 1948