

Known as **"The First Family of Hollywood"**

- Appeared in over 1000 motion pictures, (silent and sound movies,) as well as television and radio shows, between the years of 1911 and 1999. For over 87 years, the Watsons have been a part of Los Angeles, Hollywood and the motion picture industry.
- Coy Watson Sr., patriarch of the family, began his film career in 1911 as a cowboy in a "Western" with the Selig Studio (the first film studio built on the West Coast) and went on to serve the industry as a prop man, pioneered film special effects, worked as an assistant director for numerous film studios and ultimately became a Casting Director at Fox Studio in the 1920's. He also acted as agent and manager, as well as loving father, to his 3 daughters and 6 sons, who all appeared and/or starred in motion pictures.
- Coy and Golda Watson raised Coy Jr, Vivian, Gloria, Louise, Harry, Billy, Delmar, Garry and Bobs Watson, all upstanding citizens, fine actors and caring individuals. (All born between 1912 and 1930).
- The 9 Watson children, all born and raised in the Edendale area of Los Angeles, began in the movies as early as 9 months old in 1912 when Coy Jr., the oldest son, appeared with Lon Chaney Sr. in his West Coast film debut in "*The Price of Silence.*" Most recently, Bobs Watson, youngest of the family, will appear in the motion picture "*Deadly Delusions*" to be released in 1999.

The Watsons starred and appeared in motion pictures with the major stars of their day including Mary Pickford in "*Dorothy Vernon of Hadden Hall,*" Douglas Fairbanks in "*The Thief of Bagdad*", Fatty Arbuckle in "*Fatty's Gift*", Mae West in "*I'm No Angel*", Spencer Tracy and Mickey Rooney in "*Boys Town*", Katherine Hepburn in "*The Little Minister*", Fred Astaire, Joan Fontaine, George Burns and Gracie Allen in "*Damsel in Distress*", Walter Brennen and Loretta Young in "*Kentucky*", Shirley Temple in "*Heidi*", Lionel Barrymore in "*On Borrowed Time*", James Stewart in "*Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*", Will Rogers in "*Life Begins at Forty*", Don Amechi and Henry Fonda in "*Alexamder Graham Bell*" ..... to mention just a few.

- The loving Watson family spirit was not only shared within the home but with others. From the time the children were young, the family entertained and performed at Los Angeles area hospitals, community gatherings and churches to lift the spirits of others. This spirit lives on today. All the Watson are active in civic, church and community activities to further the cause of human welfare.
- "The Watson Brothers" served their country proudly in the military between 1942 and 1954 in the Coast Guard or Army.
- In 1958 the Watsons were the celebrities of a Ralph Edwards "*This is Your Life*" T.V. show honoring the Watson family for their strong family unity, pioneering spirit and longevity in the Los Angeles film, newspaper and television industries.
- Watsons covered the Hollywood and Los Angeles areas with still photographs, newsreels and television news for local, regional and national news publications and television when they were no longer in front of the camera on movie sets. (Between 1930 and 1980).

More...

- Coy Watson Jr. produced the first weekly, nationally syndicated television newsreel on Hollywood and its stars in 1949 titled ,“*Hollywood Reel*”.
- The Watsons continue to serve the world with their vast photographic history and experience of Hollywood and the L.A. area through “*The Watson Family Archives*”, a collection of photographic history of motion pictures, Hollywood and Los Angeles. This collection began with photographs made by “Grandpa” James Watson of “Buffalo Bill” Cody and his Wild West Show traveling down Broadway in downtown Los Angeles in 1903.



The Coy Watson Family will be honored by  
the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and  
“The Hollywood Walk of Fame” committee on

Thursday, April 22, 1999

at 11:30 am when

the Honorary Mayor of Hollywood, Johnny Grant,  
will unveil

**The Watson Family Star on the Hollywood Walk of  
Fame**

on Hollywood Blvd, near the entrance of the Egyptian Theatre.  
(Hollywood Blvd. near Los Palmas)

Many generations of the Watson Clan, friends and media will be  
on hand to share and celebrate the event.

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