

# The New York Public Library Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Manuscripts, Archives and Rare Books Division

Guide to the

# **Ruby Sheppard Davis scrapbooks**

1948-1978 Sc MG 517

## **Summary**

Creator: Davis, Ruby S. (Ruby Sheppard), 1916-

Title: Ruby Sheppard Davis scrapbooks

Date: 1948-1978

Size: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift of Ruby Sheppard Davis, 1977-1978.

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Lauren Stark.

**Abstract:** Ruby Sheppard Davis was an actress, singer, poet, playwright, and the private secretary to actor Leigh Whipper. These scrapbooks include news clippings related to Ruby Sheppard Davis's career as a performer; they also include plays, fables, poems, jokes, and gags written by Davis. Additionally, there are photocopied musical compositions, 1948-1974, and a scrapbook about Leigh Whipper with news clippings and other printed material, 1978.

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Language of the Material: English

#### **Related Materials:**

Leigh Rollin Whipper papers, Sc Micro R-3807, Jean Blackwell Hutson Research and Reference Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

### **Creator History**

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### **Scope and Content Note**

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## **Key Terms**

#### **Subjects**

African American actors
African American actresses
African American entertainers
African American women dramatists
African American women entertainers
African American women poets
African American women singers
African Americans in the performing arts
Authors, Black

#### **Names**

Davis, Ruby S. (Ruby Sheppard), 1916-Whipper, Leigh R. (Leigh Rollin), 1877-1975