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Guide to the

**Allan Morrison collection : additions**

1946-1965

Sc MG 632

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## Summary

**Creator:** Morrison, Alfred, 1821-1897

**Title:** Allan Morrison collection : additions

**Date:** 1946-1965

**Size:** 0.01 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Gift, Ruth Attaway, 1976

**Revision History:** Finding aid updated by Allison Hughes.

**Abstract:** Allan Morrison was a combat correspondent during World War II and later a journalist at *Ebony* magazine. The Allan Morrison additions consist of several letters and a few miscellaneous items, including Morrison's naturalization certificate (1946).

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**Language of the Material:** English

### Related Materials:

Allan Morrison Papers (Sc Micro R-3537), Jean Blackwell Hutson Research and Reference Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

## Creator History

Born in Britain, Allan Morrison was a combat correspondent during World War II. He accompanied the liberation forces into Paris towards the end of the war. On becoming a naturalized United States citizen in 1946, Morrison officially changed his name to Allan Malcolm Morrison. In the 1940s, he began a career at *Ebony* magazine which continued for more than 25 years. On two occasions (1961 and 1965), John H. Johnson wrote letters commending Morrison for his service to the Johnson Publishing

Company.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The Allan Morrison additions consist of several letters and a few miscellaneous items, including Morrison's naturalization certificate (1946). Included are a 1946 thank you letter from Walter White, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, making positive comments about the content of an article done by Morrison on the White family; two letters from J.G. Gude, August 18, 1963, one introducing Morrison to Blair Clark, then chief of CBS news operations, the other informing Morrison about the introduction; and two letters from John H. Johnson, 1961 and 1965. There is also a letter from the US Information Agency, 1965, cancelling a contract with Morrison for his failure to produce a manuscript.

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American authors  
African American editors  
African American journalists  
African Americans in the newspaper industry  
Black author  
Newspaper publishing -- United States  
Publishers and publishing -- United States  
Reporters and reporting -- United States

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Letters (correspondence)  
Scrapbooks

### **Names**

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