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Guide to the

**Richard B. Harrison collection**

1930-1935

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## Summary

**Creator:** Harrison, Richard B.

**Title:** Richard B. Harrison collection

**Date:** 1930-1935

**Size:** .8 linear feet

**Abstract:** Richard Harrison (1864-1935) was an actor appearing most notably in "Green Pastures." He was also a skilled reader and interpreter of Shakespeare. Material pertaining to Harrison's portrayal of "de Lawd" in the play THE GREEN PASTURES written by Marc Connelly consisting primarily of news clippings referring to Harrison and the play, Harrison's death in 1935, some letters to Harrison from family members and others, including Paul Lawrence Dunbar, as well as a biography of Harrison entitled "Even Playing 'De Lawd': Some Experiences from the Life of Richard Harrison" written by Olive L. Jeter.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

African American actors

### **Subjects**

African American families

African Americans in the performing arts

American drama

### **Names**

Harrison, Richard B.

Connelly, Marc, 1890-1980

Dunbar, Paul Laurence, 1872-1906

Harrison family