Summary

Creator: Harrison, Richard B.

Title: Richard B. Harrison collection

Date: 1930-1935

Size: .8 linear feet

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Access: Advance notice required.

Preferred citation: Richard B. Harrison collection, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library

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Key Terms

Occupations
African American actors

Subjects
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Names
Harrison, Richard B.
Connelly, Marc, 1890-1980
Dunbar, Paul Laurence, 1872-1906
Harrison family