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Guide to the

**William Hairston Papers**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Hairston, William

**Title:** William Hairston Papers

**Date:** 1950-1996

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**Abstract:** William Hairston is an actor, writer, director, producer and administrator. Born 1928, in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Hairston appeared in several off-Broadway productions, television and films in the 1950s. Works written by him include "Walk In Darkness," "Ira Frederick Aldridge (The London Conflict)," and the books "The World of Carlos," and "Sex and Conflict.". The collection contains biographical information about Hairston; correspondence with literary agents and publishers, and letters to prominent theater and literary talents such as Langston Hughes, Owen Dodson, Joseph Papp, Alvin Ailey, Ossie Davis and Fred O'Neal; manuscripts for books, playscripts, musicals, poetry, comedy writing, television and film; and scrapbooks pertaining to published works, produced plays and his acting career.

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**Arrangement:** Organized into four series: I. Personal; II. Correspondence; III. Writings; IV. Scrapbooks

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American actors  
African American authors  
African American dramatists  
Dramatists, American -- 20th century

### **Names**

Hairston, William  
Aldridge, Ira Frederick, -1867  
Gribble, Harry Wagstaff, b. 1896  
Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967