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Guide to the

**Benjamin F. Carruthers papers**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Carruthers, Ben F.

**Title:** Benjamin F. Carruthers papers

**Date:** 1941-1985

**Size:** 6.5 linear feet

**Source:** Gift, Chassagne, Marcel D, 1985

**Abstract:** Personal and professional papers consisting of biographical material, correspondence, writings, printed matter, and a subject file, primarily reflecting his career as a travel editor for several magazines. Also, his Ph.D. dissertation on the life and works of 19th century Cuban poet Gabriel de la Concepcion Valdes (pseudonym Plácido), and his translation into English, with Langston Hughes, of CUBA LIBRE by the Cuban poet Nicolas Guillen. Some material pertains to his teaching career at Howard University and the Society of American Writers.

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## Creator History

Benjamin F. Carruthers (1911-1985) was a travel writer.

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**Arrangement:** Papers organized into six series: I Personal Papers; II Professional Papers; III Writings; IV Printed Matter; V Clippings; and VI Subject Files

## **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

Africa -- Description and travel

Caribbean Area -- Description and travel

### **Subjects**

African American journalists

African Americans -- Travel

Cuban literature

Poets, Cuban

### **Names**

Carruthers, Ben F.

Guille\_n, Nicola\_s, 1902-1989

Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967

Pla\_cido, 1809-1844

Howard University

Society of American Travel Writers