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Guide to the

"Your History" column collection

1958-1961

Sc MG 717

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Summary

Creator: Rogers, J. A. (Joel Augustus), 1880-1966

Title: "Your History" column collection

Date: 1958-1961

Size: 0.21 linear feet (1 box)

Source: Transfer from George Westerman papers, Sc MG 505, Manuscripts Archives and Rare Books Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, January 2003.

Abstract: The J.A. Rogers "Your History" column collection consists of approximately 120 weekly columns he wrote for the Pittsburgh Courier. The column included both thematic subjects and biographical sketches of Blacks worldwide from ancient to contemporary times. The illustrations, which formed an integral part of the column, were done by A. Samuel Milai. The collection dates are 1958-1961, however, not all of the columns are included in this collection.

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Related Materials:

Your history [microform] : from the beginning of time to the present / by J.A. Rogers, 1940, Sc Micro R-3639, no. 22, General Research and Reference Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Your history [microform] : from the beginning of time to the present / by J.A. Rogers, 1940, Sc Micro R-3653, no. 12, General Research and Reference Division, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

Creator History

J. A. Rogers, born Joel Augustus Rogers in Jamaica, was a journalist and author of fiction and non-fiction works. He immigrated to the United States in 1906. A self-educated man, Rogers authored numerous books and articles on race subjects. Among his non-fiction works are *World's Greatest Men and Women of African Descent* (1935), *100 Amazing Facts about the Negro* (1934), *The Real Facts about Ethiopia* (1936), and *World's Great Men of Color* (1947). He is probably best known for *Sex and Race* (1941) and *The Five Negro Presidents* (1965). In addition, he wrote columns, including "Impressions of Europe" and "Jazz at Home", for several black newspapers and for the *Pittsburgh Courier*, an illustrated feature entitled "Your History." He also wrote two novels *From "Superman" to Man* and *She Walks in Beauty*.

The columns were apparently gathered and pasted onto 8.5 x 14 sheets by George Westerman, editor of the *Panama Tribune*.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American journalists -- United States
African Americans -- Biography
African Americans in mass media
American fiction -- African American authors
American newspapers -- Sections, columns, etc -- Front pages
Journalism -- United States -- 20th century

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Clippings (information artifacts)
Journalist

Names

Milai, A. Samuel
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