

Amos 'n' Andy Radio Program Scripts

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Collection Summary

Title: *Amos 'n' Andy* Radio Program Scripts

Span Dates: 1928-1937

ID No.: MSS18267

Creator: *Amos 'n' Andy* (Radio Program)

Extent: 420 items; 10 containers; 4 linear feet; 9 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Radio program. Scripts of the *Amos 'n' Andy* radio program.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Radio programs.

Radio scripts.

Titles

Amos 'n' Andy (Radio program)

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The scripts of the *Amos 'n' Andy* radio program were transferred from the Library of Congress Copyright Office in 1968. A microfilm edition of the material was transferred in 1969.

Processing History:

The collection was processed circa 1969. The finding aid was revised in 2008.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the *Amos 'n' Andy* Radio Program Scripts is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

The *Amos 'n' Andy* Radio Program Scripts are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Microfilm:

A microfilm edition of these papers is available on nine reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, The *Amos 'n' Andy* Radio Program Scripts, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The scripts of the *Amos 'n' Andy* radio program consist of scripts submitted to the Library of Congress Copyright Office between 1928 and 1937 and organized and filmed chronologically by date of broadcast.

The first radio program to be distributed by syndication in the United States, *Amos 'n' Andy* originated from station WMAQ in Chicago in 1928. It was written and voiced by white actors Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll performing minstrel-style as African-American characters located first in Chicago and later in Harlem. The program ran on the NBC Blue Network as a nightly serial beginning in 1929 and was soon distributed nationally to a large and expanding audience around the country.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Container List

Available on microfilm shelf no. 16,579 (negative no. 14,469)

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	1928
REEL 1	
BOX 1	Mar. 19-Dec. 17
REEL 1	
BOX 2	Dec. 18-31
REEL 1-2	
BOX 2	1929
REEL 1-2	
BOX 2	1930
REEL 1-2	
BOX 2	Jan. 1-2
REEL 1-2	
BOX 3,	Jan. 3-Dec. 16
REEL 2-3	
BOX 4	Dec. 17-31
REEL 3-4	
BOX 4	1931
REEL 3-4	
BOX 4	1932
REEL 3-4	
BOX 4	Jan. 1-2
REEL 3-4	
BOX 5	Jan. 4-Dec. 30
REEL 4-5	
BOX 5	1933
REEL 4-5	
BOX 5	Jan. 25-Dec. 30
REEL 4-5	
BOX 6	Jan. 25-Dec. 29
REEL 5-6	
BOX 6	1934
REEL 5-6	
BOX 6	Jan. 1-23
REEL 5-6	
BOX 7	Jan. 24-Dec. 31
REEL 6-7	
BOX 7	1935
REEL 6-7	
BOX 7	Jan. 1-Apr. 23
REEL 6-7	
BOX 8	Apr. 24-Dec. 31
REEL 7-8	
BOX 8	1936
REEL 7-8	

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BOX 8	Jan. 1-Mar. 24
REEL 7-8	
BOX 9	1936
REEL 8	
BOX 9	Mar. 25-Dec. 31
REEL 8	
BOX 10	1937
REEL 8-9	