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Guide to the

**Ruby Sheppard Davis scrapbooks**

1948-1978

Sc MG 517

## Summary

**Creator:** Davis, Ruby Sheppard

**Title:** Ruby Sheppard Davis scrapbooks

**Date:** 1948-1978

**Size:** .4 linear feet

**Source:** Gift, Davis, Ruby S, 1978

**Abstract:** Actress, singer, poet, playwright. Private secretary to actor Leigh Whipper. Davis' scrapbooks include news clippings relating to Davis' career as a performer; and plays, fables, poems, jokes and gags written by Davis. Also, musical compositions consisting of photocopies of music, 1948-1974; and a scrapbook about Leigh Whipper containing news clippings and other printed material, 1978.

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## Key Terms

**Subjects**

African American actors  
African American entertainers  
African Americans in the performing arts

**Occupations**

African American actresses  
African American dramatists  
African American singers  
African American women poets

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Poems  
Scrapbooks

**Names**

Davis, Ruby Sheppard  
Whipper, Leigh R. (Leigh Rollin), 1877-1975