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Guide to the

**Isabel Washington Powell collection**

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## Summary

**Creator:** Powell, Isabel Washington, 1908-

**Title:** Isabel Washington Powell collection

**Date:** 1929-1981

**Size:** 1 folder

**Source:** Powell, Isabel Washington, 1982

**Abstract:** Actress, teacher. First wife of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. News clippings related to Powell's appearance in the plays "Bamboola," 1929, "Harlem," 1929, and "Singin' the Blues." Additional clippings refer to her engagement and marriage to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., 1930s. Several letters deal with her work as a public school teacher, speaker, and Jimmy Carter supporter.

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## Key Terms

**Subjects**

African American actresses  
African American women -- Political activity  
African American women teachers  
African Americans -- Social life and customs  
African Americans in the performing arts

**Geographic Names**

United States -- Politics and government -- 1977-1981

**Names**

Powell, Isabel Washington, 1908-  
Carter, Jimmy, 1924-  
Powell, Adam Clayton, Jr., 1908-1972