

Charles Withers Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Charles Withers Papers

Span Dates: 1917-1942

ID No.: MSS60095

Creator: Withers, Charles, 1889?-1947

Extent: 150 items

Extent: 1 container plus 3 oversize

Extent: 1.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

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Summary: Vaudevillian and humorist. Scripts, theatrical programs, scrapbooks, clippings, handbills, broadsides, and other memorabilia relating to Withers's career in vaudeville.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Withers, Charles, 1889?-1947.

Subjects

Revue--United States.

Theater--United States.

Vaudeville--United States.

Occupations

Actors.

Humorists.

Provenance

The papers of Charles Withers, vaudevillian and humorist, were purchased by the Library of Congress in 1981.

Processing History

The papers of Charles Withers were arranged and described in 1995. The register was revised in 2008.

Transfers

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the Charles Withers Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Charles Withers is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Charles Withers Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Charles Withers (1889?-1947) span the years 1917-1942 and consist of scripts, theatrical programs, scrapbooks, clippings, handbills, broadsides, and other memorabilia relating to Withers's career in vaudeville and the theater. Included in the collection are materials which relate to Withers's comedy act called "Wither's Op'ry," which he performed for thirty years, and items on revues in which he appeared, such as *The Whirligig* and *Hellzapoppin*.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1	Programs, circa 1919, 1925, 1937-1940, undated
BOX 1	Promotional material, 1922-1928, undated
BOX 1	Scrapbooks, 1917-1938 <i>See Oversize</i>
BOX 1	Scripts, 1937-1940, undated (8 folders)
BOX 1	Various material, 1919-1931, 1938-1942, undated <i>See also Oversize</i>
BOX OV 1-OV 2	Scrapbooks, 1917-1928
BOX OV 3	Various material, 1940, undated