

***Amos 'n' Andy* Radio Program Scripts**  
**A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress**



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## Collection Summary

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

**Span Dates:** 1928-1937

**ID No.:** MSS18267

**Extent:** 420 items

**Extent:** 10 containers

**Extent:** 4 linear feet

**Extent:** 9 microfilm reels

**Language:** Collection material in English

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

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm80018267>

**Summary:** 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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### Subjects

Radio programs.

Radio scripts.

### Titles

*Amos 'n' Andy* (Radio program)

## 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)

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
BOX 1 REEL 1	1928
BOX 1 REEL 1	Mar. 19-Dec. 17
BOX 2 REEL 1-2	Dec. 18-31
BOX 2 REEL 1-2	1929
BOX 2 REEL 1-2	1930
BOX 2 REEL 1-2	Jan. 1-2
BOX 3, REEL 2-3	Jan. 3-Dec. 16
BOX 4 REEL 3-4	Dec. 17-31
BOX 4 REEL 3-4	1931
BOX 4 REEL 3-4	1932
BOX 4 REEL 3-4	Jan. 1-2
BOX 5 REEL 4-5	Jan. 4-Dec. 30
BOX 5 REEL 4-5	1933
BOX 5 REEL 4-5	Jan. 25-Dec. 30
BOX 6 REEL 5-6	Jan. 25-Dec. 29
BOX 6 REEL 5-6	1934
BOX 6 REEL 5-6	Jan. 1-23
BOX 7 REEL 6-7	Jan. 24-Dec. 31
BOX 7 REEL 6-7	1935
BOX 7 REEL 6-7	Jan. 1-Apr. 23
BOX 8 REEL 7-8	Apr. 24-Dec. 31
BOX 8 REEL 7-8	1936
BOX 8 REEL 7-8	Jan. 1-Mar. 24
BOX 9 REEL 8	1936
BOX 9 REEL 8	Mar. 25-Dec. 31
BOX 10 REEL 8-9	1937