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Robert Guillaume papers, circa 1960-2000

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Anacostia Community Museum Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Guillaume papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	ACMA.06-048
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1960-2000
<b>Extent:</b>	14 Boxes
<b>Creator:</b>	Guillaume, Robert
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Summary:</b>	This collection, which dates from circa 1960-2000, documents the career of actor Robert Guillaume. Materials include scripts from various television shows (including Benson, Soap and Sports Night), postcards, promotional material, VHS and Beta tapes, audiocassettes and compact discs, reel-to-reel recordings, certificates, photographs, correspondence, clippings, magazines, illustrations and posters.

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Gift of Robert Guillaume.

### Preferred Citation

Robert Guillaume papers, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution, gift of Robert Guillaume.

### Restrictions

This collection is located at an off-site storage facility. To access the materials, please contact the archivist at [acmarchives@si.edu](mailto:acmarchives@si.edu).

### Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical Note

Robert Guillaume (b. 1927) is an American television and stage actor best known for his Emmy-winning portrayal of Benson Du Bois on the television series Soap and its spin-off Benson. In 1985 he became the first African American to win an Emmy for Outstanding Lead Comedy Actor. Guillaume has also had a distinguished stage career, with roles in Guys and Dolls, Porgy and Bess and the Phantom of the Opera.

From 1998-2000, Guillaume also appeared in the short-lived but critically acclaimed TV series Sports Night.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- African American actors
- Musical performances
- Television programs

Types of Materials:

- Audiotapes
- Certificates
- Clippings
- Compact discs
- Correspondence
- Illustrations
- Periodicals
- Photographs
- Postcards
- Posters
- Scripts (documents)
- Sound recordings
- Videotapes

Names:

- Guillaume, Robert

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## Container Listing

### Photographs

#### Prints

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