

Redd Foxx scripts

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CALL NUMBER: JWJ MSS 242

CREATOR: Foxx, Redd, 1922-1991

TITLE: Redd Foxx scripts

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.71 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The collection include scripts used by Redd Foxx on the television show Sanford and Son from all six seasons of the show. Some of the scripts include Redd Foxx's annotations. Also included are sheet music, some of which were used for Sanford and Son and other Redd Foxx performances. The dates listed for the scripts are the dates in which the scripts were created.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

Redd Foxx, television actor, was born John Elroy Sanford on December 9, 1922 in St. Louis, Missouri. He grew up on Chicago's South Side. He began his career performing on radio shows and performing standup comedy. From 1972 to 1977, he starred in Sanford and Son. The show was based on a BBC television show Steptoe and Son and adapted by Norman Lear and Bud Yorkin. In 1977, Foxx left the show to star in a variety show, which was canceled in 1977. Foxx returned to television as Sanford in 1980 in the spinoff Sanford, which lasted two seasons. He starred in the Redd Foxx Show in 1986 and in the show The Royal Family in 1991. While in rehearsals for The Royal Family, Foxx had a heart attack and died at the age of 68.

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Arrangement

The scripts are arranged in alphabetical order.

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b. 1, f. 1-2	"The Big Party"	1972 December 2
b. 1, f. 3-4	"The Blind Mellow Jelly Collection"	1973 September 19
b. 1, f. 5-6	"Brother Can You Spare an Act"	1975 August 21
b. 1, f. 7	"By the Numbers"	1972 August 1
b. 1, f. 8	"Camping Trip"	1975 January 15
b. 1, f. 9-10	"Della, Della, Della, Della"	1975 October 1
b. 1, f. 11-12	"The Director"	1976 January 30
b. 1, f. 13-14	"Divorce Sanford Style"	1975 May 5
b. 2, f. 15-16	"The Engagement Man Always Rings Twice"	1975 December 11
b. 2, f. 17-18	"Fred and Carol and Fred and Donna"	1972 November 12, undated
b. 2, f. 19-21	"Fred's Extra Job"	1976 March 11
b. 2, f. 22	"Fred Meets Redd"	1976 November 5
b. 2, f. 23-24	"Fred Sanford Has a Baby"	1975 November 6
b. 2, f. 25	"Fred, the Reluctant Fingerman"	undated
b. 2, f. 26	"Fred's Trip" This episode was retitled as "Superflyer".	undated
b. 2, f. 27	"Fuentes, Fuentes, Sanford and Chico"	1973 September 4
b. 2, f. 28	"Going Out of Business"	1974 July 11
b. 2, f. 29	"Grady and His Lady"	1974 January 25
b. 2, f. 30	"Grady, the Star Boarder"	1974 October 23
b. 3, f. 31-32	"The Greatest Show in Watts"	1975 September 18
b. 3, f. 33	"Have Gun, Will Sell"	1972 August 18
b. 3, f. 34	"A House is Not a Poolroom"	1973 September 18
b. 3, f. 35	"I Dream of Jeannie Rabinowitz"	1976 March 19

b. 3, f. 36	"The Infernal Triangle"	1973 January
b. 3, f. 37-40	"The Kid"	1973 February 10, undated
b. 3, f. 41	"Lamont Goes African"	1973 January 19
b. 3, f. 42	"Lamont in Love"	1975 November 26
b. 3, f. 43	"Lamont, is that You?"	1973 July 17
b. 3, f. 44	"Libra Rising All Over Lamont"	1973 August 3
b. 3, f. 45	"The Light Housekeeper"	1972 July 19
b. 4, f. 46-47	"Mama's Baby, Paper's Maybe"	1973 October 22
b. 4, f. 48-49	"The Members of the Wedding"	1973 October 12
b. 4, f. 50	"My Brother-in-Law Keeper"	1975 February 14
b. 4, f. 51	"My Fair Esther"	1975 September 19
b. 4, f. 52-53	"My Kingdom for a Horse"	1974 September 4
b. 4, f. 54-56	"The Oddfather"	1975 February 14
b. 4, f. 57	"The Older Woman"	1975 January 22
b. 4, f. 58	"The Olympics"	1975 March 28
b. 4, f. 59-60	"The Over-the-Hill Gag"	1974 December 19-1975 January 22
b. 5, f. 61	"A Pain in the Neck"	1976 January 7
b. 5, f. 62	"The Piano Movers"	1972 March 16
b. 5, f. 63-64	"Pops 'N Pals"	1972 December 9-1973 February 15
b. 5, f. 65	"Pot Luck"	1973 January 31
b. 5, f. 66-67	"The Puerto Ricans are Coming, the Puerto Ricans are Coming"	1972 October 9
b. 5, f. 68	"Rated X"	1973 February 14
b. 5, f. 69	"Sanford and Niece"	1974 September 27
b. 5, f. 70-71	"Sanford and Rising Son"	1975 October 16
b. 5, f. 72-74	"Sanford and Son and Sister Makes Three"	1972 October 13

b. 5, f. 75	"Say Yes or Get off the Pot"	1975 March 26
b. 5, f. 76	"Scrooge This"	1975 November 12
b. 6, f. 77	"Shootout"	1972 September 30
b. 6, f. 78-79	"The Stand-Ins"	1974 December 6, undated
b. 6, f. 80	"Steptoe and Son"	undated
b. 6, f. 81-82	"Strange Bedfellows"	1974 September 24
b. 6, f. 83-84	"This Land is Whose Land"	1973 December 14, undated
b. 6, f. 85-86	"Tooth or Consequences"	1972 September 23, undated
b. 6, f. 87	"Tower Power"	1974 November 8
b. 6, f. 88	"The Troubador"	undated
b. 6, f. 89	"A Visit from Lena Horne"	undated
b. 6, f. 90	"Watts Side Story"	undated
b. 6, f. 91	"Whiplash"	1972 August 19
b. 6, f. 92	"Wine, Women and Aunt Esther"	1973 November 16
b. 6, f. 93	"Jack Benny's Second Farewell Special"	1973 December 14
b. 7, f. 94-95	Sheet Music Includes the following sheet music: "Soul on Broadway", "I Lost My Heart", "Redd Foxx Theme", "Pretty Eyed Baby" and "Stormy Weather".	circa 1953

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Geographic Names

United States -- Race relations -- Drama
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