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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
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Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Margaret Busby Papers; Box and Folder (if known); Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical Note

Margaret Busby (Nana Akua Ackon I) was born in Ghana and educated in Britain where she earned a degree in English from London University. Shortly after graduating, Busby, along with Clive Allison, co-founded the publishing house Allison & Busby making Busby the first black female publisher in the United Kingdom.

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Biographical Note

Allison & Busby began as a small publishing house dedicated to producing affordable poetry books, but soon branched out into novels and political writing as well as poetry. Included in their catalog were several books by the Trinidadian scholar, Marxist, social critic, and cricket enthusiast C.L.R. James, including *The Black Jacobins*, *C.L. R. James: His Life and Work* edited by Paul Buhle, *Cricket*, and three volumes of James's selected writings.

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Biographical Note

Busby remained the Editorial Director of Allison & Busby for 20 years, leaving to take the position of Editorial Director with Earthscan in 1987 when she and Allison sold Allison & Busby to a larger house. Busby stayed until 1990, and since then has focused on her career as a journalist, critic, and broadcaster.

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Summary

These papers contain records related to Busby's role as C.L.R. James's publisher. Busby published several books by or about C.L.R. James, and these files include correspondence, photographs, and bibliographies, as well as editorial files related to C.L. R. James: His Life and Work, Cricket, and three volumes of James's selected writings.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 1 series.

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Accruals

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Selected Related Material at Columbia

C.L.R. James Papers

Selected Related Material at Columbia

C.L.R. James Institute Records

Selected Related Material at Columbia

[Anna Grimshaw Papers](#)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Publishers and publishing -- Great Britain
- Cricket
- Busby, Margaret
- James, C. L. R (Cyril Lionel Robert), 1901-1989

Collection Inventory

C.L.R. James Editorial Files, 1978-1989		
Title/Description	Instances	
General		
C.L.R. James Biographical Notes	box 1	folder 1
Correspondence, 1978-1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 1	folder 2 to 3
C.L.R. James Bibliography (4 Files) Scope and Contents (including Introduction to <i>Notes on Dialectics</i> marked and annotated by James)	box 1	folder 4 to 7
<i>C.L.R. James: His Life and Work</i>	box 1	folder 8
C.L.R. James's Selected Writings		
Correspondence	box 1	folder 9
Editorial Files (4 files)	box 1	folder 10 to 13
"Birth of a Nation"	box 1	folder 14
Cricket Writings	box 1	folder 15
Shakespeare Writings	box 1	folder 16
Essays and Articles Considered for Project <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 Folders)	box 1	folder 17 to 18
<i>Cricket</i>		
Scope and Contents (by C.L.R. James, edited by Anna Grimshaw)		
Editorial Files	box 1	folder 19
Manuscript	box 1	folder 20
C.L.R. James related Clippings and Articles (2 files)	box 1	folder 21 to 22
Photographs	box 1	folder 23
Photographs--Oversized	box 2	
Publicity and Marketing Material for Exhibit "C.L.R. James--Man of the People"	box 1	folder 24

Research Notes regarding James

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