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Abstract: The Watts Writers' Workshop was founded in 1965 by Budd Schulberg. This collection contains clippings about the workshop and works by Jimmie Sherman, one of the Workshop's members.
creator: Sherman, Jimmie L., (Jimmie Lee), b. 1944

Historical Note
The Watts Writers' Workshop (also known as the South Central Writers Workshop: Douglass House), was founded in 1965 by novelist Budd Schulberg in the aftermath of the Watts Riots. Funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Workshop was housed in the Douglass House, which served as a meeting space and housing for some of the workshop members. Jimmie Sherman (b. 1941), was a workshop member. The Workshop still meets sporadically, while the Harlem-based Frederick Douglass Center for the Creative Arts, the Workshop's Eastern offshoot, is a vibrant organization.

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Scope and Content
This collection contains clippings and documents concerning the Watts Writers' Workshop. Included in the collection are Jimmie Sherman's works "Reflections of a Nobody," a short story; "Ballad from the Sixties," a play with music; and "The Workin' Machine," a ballad; as well as Sherman's self-published language instruction materials.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Douglass House Foundation. -- Archives
Schulberg, Budd -- Archives
Sherman, Jimmie L., (Jimmie Lee), b. 1944 -- Archives
Watts Writers' Workshop. -- Archives
African American authors--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources
African American educators--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources
Authors, American--20th century--Archival resources
Bylaws (administrative records)
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Correspondence
Los Angeles (Calif.)--History--Archival resources
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