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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Arkansas State Archives
<b>Title</b>	Earnest L. Best manuscripts
<b>Date</b>	Circa 1980s
<b>Extent</b>	0.4 Cubic feet 1 box English
<b>Language</b>	Materials entirely in English.

### Language of Materials

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## **Biographical/Historical Note**

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Earnest Lloyd Best was born at Rosebud, White County, Arkansas, in 1911. He left Arkansas during the Depression, traveled around the country and eventually settled in Michigan, where he found work in the laundry of a state hospital. He spent 40 years in management in the laundry industry. In 1986, after retirement, Best returned to Arkansas, where he lived in Des Arc, Prairie County, Arkansas. He died in his home in Huntsville, Alabama in 2015.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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This collection contains the galley proofs of Best's three books: "The Sharecropper's Son," "The Hobo's Trail," and "It'll All Come Out in the Wash."

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Earnest L. Best, Des Arc, Arkansas, 1992.

## Collection Inventory

1. The Sharecropper's Son (Down in Arkansas)

2. The Hobo's Trail (Through the Depression)

3. It'll All Come Out in the Wash