Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Collection, 1942-1994
Collection: Mss. 2005:11

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Collection, 1942-1994

Collection Number: Mss. 2005:11

Creator: Robert D. Middendorf and Rodger Tarr

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Administrative Information

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Scope and Contents Note

This collection is comprised of mostly ephemeral materials related to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Rawlings was an American author of young adult novels. A Florida native, she often used her rural surroundings and upbringing to lend reality to her fiction. Rawlings was a prolific writer, her body of work including novels, short stories, and poetry, along with consultation on films inspired by her work.
A large portion of this collection was part of an exhibit put on by The Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections in 2006. Most of the material focuses on the 1947 MGM motion picture production of Rawlings’ esteemed work, *The Yearling* (1938). A vintage title lobby card from the film is included in the collection, along with lobby cards from a film entitled *Cross Creek*, adapted from her autobiography by the same name.

Also included are full sized posters connecting her books to their film adaptations, along with correspondence indicating her sincerity and good will to those involved in her life and career.

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**Related Materials**

The published materials in this collection have been cataloged individually within the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections catalog.

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**Contents**

**Series I: Photographs**

**Series II: “Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings 1896-1953: An Exhibition Introducing the Robert D. Middendorf Collection”**

**Series III: Oversize**

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**Container List**

**Series I: Photographs**

Movie Stills, *The Yearling* (6)

Movie Still, *Sun Comes Up* (1)

Photo Album, *The Yearling*

**Series II: “Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings 1896-1953: An Exhibition Introducing the Robert D. Middendorf Collection”**

MKR to Miss Davidson, 1942

Title lobby card, *The Yearling*, 1946
Lobby cards, *Cross Creek* (5)

Book review, *Cross Creek*

Exhibit poster, 2006

Exhibit labels, 2006

**Series III: Oversize**

Framed correspondence to Mr. Sisk, 1946

Film poster, *The Sun Comes Up* 1948

Film poster, *The Yearling* 1971