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**Robert Middendorf and Rodger Tarr  
Collections of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings,  
1939-1999  
Bulk: 1940-1950  
Collection: Mss. 2005:11**

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## Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Robert Middendorf and Rodger Tarr Collection of Marjorie Kinnan

Rawlings, 1939-1999

**Collection Number:** Mss. 2005:11

**Creator:** Robert D. Middendorf, Rodger L. Tarr

**Extent:** 3 boxes and 1 oversize box

## Administrative Information

**Provenance:** Gift, 2005

**Processed by:** Adam L. Crosby

**Access Restrictions:** Open to research

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## Scope and Contents Note

This collection includes the materials of Robert D. Middendorf and Rodger L. Tarr that related to author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings (1896-1953) 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.

The Middendorf portion of the collection focuses on the works of Rawlings, with materials relating to both Rawlings's manuscripts and the films based on her works. This includes set photos and promotional materials from the films.

The Tarr portion of the collection is primarily focused on correspondence to and from Rawlings. Tarr was the editor of a book of correspondence that focused exclusively on the relationship Rawlings had with her editor, Max Perkins. The collection includes an uncorrected form of the book, titled *Max and Marjorie* and published in 1999. The bulk of the collection contains letters Rawlings received from her readers. Of particular note are those letters from members of the U.S. Military serving during World War II, especially those from Caleb Milne, whose letters to his own mother were published as *I Dream of the Day*.

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## Related Materials

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# Contents

Series I: Robert D. Middendorf Materials

Series II: Rodger L. Tarr Materials

Series III: Oversize

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## Container List

### Series I: Robert D. Middendorf Materials

This series is comprised of materials acquired from Robert D. Middendorf. These materials are sorted into subseries by the title of the work. This collection is composed primarily of materials related to the film productions based on the novels by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

#### Box 1

##### Subseries A: General

Note from Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings to Miss Davison, August 12, 1942

*Scribner's Magazine*, December 1936

Thomas Cooper Library exhibition materials, January - April 2006

*Vocal Selections from "The Yearling"* [musical], 1966

**Subseries B: Cross Creek**

Book review of *Cross Creek*, no date

Lobby cards, no date

Movie poster [folded, fragile], 1983

Press information, August 9, 1983

Program for movie premiere, no date

Program for movie premiere (autographed by Norman Baskin), no date

Promotional photographs, 1983

**Subseries C: The Sun Comes Up**

Lobby cards, 1948

Movie posters [folded, fragile], 1948

Set photographs from *The Sun Comes Up*, no date

**Subseries D: The Yearling (1946)**

Children's Matinees movie poster [folded, fragile], no date

Lobby cards, 1946

MGM Art Department location scouting pictures in Florida, 1940

Set photographs from *The Yearling*, no date

**Box 2**

**Subseries E: The Yearling (1994)**

Classroom materials, April 24, 1994

Cover story in *TV Week*, April 24 - 30, 1994

Promotional materials, April 24, 1994

## **Series II: Rodger L. Tarr Materials**

This series is comprised of materials acquired from Rodger L. Tarr. This series is composed principally of correspondence to and from Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Also included is an uncorrected proof copy of *Max and Marjorie*, a book edited by Rodger L. Tarr that collects the letters exchanged between Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and her editor, Max Perkins and published in 1999.

### **Subseries A: General**

Cards and envelopes from Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Historic Site, no date

“Do Soils Wear Out?” article marked by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, September-October 1935

Howe Society Annual Dinner program, 2003

*Max and Marjorie* edited by Rodger L. Tarr uncorrected proof, June 2, 1999

Newspaper clipping about autographs from Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, no date

Program for the Third Annual Meeting of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society,

March 29-31, 1990

Sales figures and copyright information collected by Norton Baskin, no date

### **Box 3**

#### **Subseries B: Correspondence**

This subseries is primarily composed of letters written to Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. The majority of these letters were ones of appreciation from fans of her work. Any letters written to persons other than Rawlings are individually noted. Included in this subseries is a Christmas card and a letter both signed by Rawlings.

Adams, Abigail H., May 19, 1942

Bearse, Betty Barber, May 10, 1942

Benet, Laura to Norton Baskin [Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' 2nd husband], January 30, 1954

Brice, Emma Lou, April 3, 1945

Crawford, J. G., August 2, 1945

Crossman, Edna N., January 18, 1945

Daniel, Frank, March 13, 1946

Dodd, William E., Finley, John H., & Nizer, Louis, November 24, 1938

Eatman, Carey, May 22, 1943

Elam, Belle Patterson, June 10, 1942

Garrison, Glenn H., Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, October 13, 1944

Glasgow, Catharine H., August 26, 1942

Gray, Blanche Houston, no date

Green, Lex, May 5, 1939

Hall, Mary E., April 18, 1943

Hamilton, R. Elise, May 26, 1942

Hartwell, T. H., January 7, 1943

Helm, Katherine W. (2 letters), no date

Hill, Mary Frances, no date

Holden, James C. M., US Army Air Corps, May 19, 1942

Holland, Spessard L., March 11, 1946

Huff, Fred S., December 28, 1942

Jefferies, Elizabeth, May 14, 1942

[Jenkins, Maxwell] Max, April 11, 1941

Locke, Barbara Buck, July 15, 1942

McCasland, Nell C., no date

Milne, Caleb, American Field Service, no date

Milne, Frederica, May 23, 1943

Morritt, Harry, December 30, 1944

Nash, Warren R., Corporal, US Army, June 28, 1944

Nehf, Charles H. with newspaper clipping of a review of *The Yearling*, December 12, 1938

Nellenbogen, Gladys, September 3, 1945

Oser, William, April 13, 1945

[Parker], Idella, September 14, 1942

Pearce, Alice H., July 20, 1945

Plank, George, February 6, 1943

Price, Thos. A., Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, with Christmas card, December 9, 1943

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan Christmas card, no date

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan to Mr. Targ, February 24, 1946

Renell, Lillian Frost, April 3, 1945

Roeger, John, February 17, 1944

Shaw, Harry C., April 13, 1942

Stillman, Marie Sims, May 21, 1942

Swenseid, H. A., no date

Tompkins, J. R. (Uncle Bob), September 17, 1945

Walter, Frederick J., January 18, 1943

Weist, Carl S., April 27, 1945

Empty envelopes, no date

### **Series III: Oversize**

#### **Subseries A: Robert D. Middendorf Oversize Items**

Framed letter from Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings to Mr. Sisk, August 19, 1946

#### **Subseries B: Rodger L. Tarr Oversize Items**

*Nueva Alborada -The Sun Comes Up* lobby card, Spanish, no date

Poster for the Second Annual Meeting of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society,

April 13-15, 1989

Poster for the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society, April

20-22, 1995

Poster for the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society, April

17-19, 1997



Art print of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic Site by Debi Davis, #1163/1500, no  
date