

Reference Code MS 25

Repository: Georgia Room, Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System, 823 Telfair St. Augusta, GA 30901

Title: Ruby Radford Papers

Date: 1961-1963

Extent: 4 folders

Scope and Content: Material contains manuscript, correspondence, research notes, biographical information, photographs, and one children's play. The bulk of the material is the draft manuscript and the correspondence.

Name of Creator: Radford, Ruby L. (Ruby Lorraine), 1891-July 19,1971)

Administrative/Biographical History: Materials were the gift of the author, possibly deposited together with the photographs and biographical information on May 22, 1952. The biographical sketch by Vicki Holston was added ca.1964-1965. The copy of her children's play *Magic Gifts*, written with Karin Sundelof Asbrand and published in 1927, was added in 2023. In 2023, the decision was made to unite the manuscripts 025, 026, and the two folders labeled #12 and #17 into one collection, MS 25 Ruby Radford Papers.

Ruby Lorraine Radford was a native and resident of Augusta, Georgia. She authored more than 50 works, often based around Georgia history. Many of her works featured females as lead protagonists. She also wrote under the pen names Marcia Ford and Matilda Bailey. She was an active member of the Augusta community, a member of the Friends of the Library, and several arts groups. Radford is credited with being a co-founder of the Augusta Authors Club, and was honored as Author of the Year by the Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists in 1969.

Conditions governing access:

Related resources:

Collection of Ruby Radford's published works is in the Georgia Room, Augusta-Richmond County Library.

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Folder 1 Radford, Ruby. Secret of the Peach Orchard Plantation (manuscript)

- 127 leaves 28 cm. Typescript with copy editor's marks for the printer. Book was copyrighted in 1963 and published by Abelard-Schuman, New York, New York. (formerly MS .025)

Folder 2 Radford, Ruby. Correspondence between Ruby Radford, author and Frances Schwartz, publisher

- Correspondence between Ruby Radford, author, and Frances Schwartz of Abelard-Schuman, publisher, about Radford's *Secret of Peach Orchard Plantation* – 1961-1963 8 letters (formerly MS .026)

Folder 3 Ruby Radford Research Notes (formerly folder #12)

Folder 4 Biography of Ruby Radford by Vicki Holston and six photographs of Ruby Radford

Folder 5 Radford Ruby Lorraine and Karin Sundelof Asbrand . *Magic Gifts. a Two-Act Play for Children.* Paine Pub 1927.