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Introduction to the Collection

During the mid-1990s, Kathleen Hardee Arsenault conducted research on two notable authors, Francis Robert Goulding and Lois Lenski. A member of the library faculty since 1981, Arsenault has served as collection development librarian, special collections librarian, interim library director (beginning July 1999), and library director. During the 2001-2002 academic year, she became the first Dean of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. A graduate of Wellesley College and Simmons College, she has written articles and scholarly reviews on a variety of Florida topics, including the historical development of children's literature in Florida.

This collection includes research materials, publications, and other documents that examine the contributions of Lenski and Goulding to the literature on living in Florida.

Preservation Note

The materials in this collection occupy one acid-free document box. While preservation measures may slow the physical deterioration of items, these steps cannot prevent damage from occurring. To prevent further damage to the fragile materials in this collection, avoid exposing them to light for an extended period of time. Please report any tears or other damage so that library staff may take appropriate preservation or conservation measures. Although no restrictions limit access to this collection, library staff will evaluate photocopying or digitization requests on an individual basis to ensure the long-term preservation of this unique collection.

Provenance of the Kathleen H. Arsenault Literature Research Collection

The research materials compiled by Kathleen H. Arsenault fall under Literature and Humanities provenance of the Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy one document box (0.42 linear feet). The materials in this collection fall within two distinct series. The first series includes research materials, as well as published and unpublished sources, on Francis Robert Goulding (1810-1881). A Georgia native, Goulding published *The Young Marooners on the Florida Coast* in the mid-1800s. Publishers released numerous editions of this book during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The bulk of material in the Goulding series focuses on Arsenault's research into *The Young Marooners*.

The second series evaluates published and unpublished materials related to the writings of Lois Lenski (1893-1974). A graduate of Ohio State University in 1915, Lenski authored many books, including works that dealt with migrant farm workers that traveled across the nation. Her writings earned numerous awards, including a 1946 Newbery Award for *Strawberry Girl*. She passed away at her home in Tarpon Springs, Florida, in September 1974. The bulk of material in the Lenski series evaluates her writings about farm laborers and migrant workers in Florida.

Additional Sources of Information

The special collections department of the Robert Manning Strozier Library, Florida State University, serves as a repository for a substantial collection of books and materials on Lois Lenski. Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia, Athens, possess manuscripts related to the life and activities of Francis R. Goulding.

Container Listing

BOX 1, FOLDER 1 Finding Aid

Copy of current guide to the collection.

BOX 1, FOLDER 2 F. R. Goulding Research: Biographical Material

Photocopy of entry, *Dictionary of American Biography* (circa 1928).

Photocopy of entry, *Allibone's Critical Dictionary*.

Finding aid and collection information, Goulding Collection, University of Georgia.

Finding aid and collection information, Emory University.

BOX 1, FOLDER 3 F.R. Goulding Research: Article by Kathy Arsenault

Email correspondence, Linda Lou Wiler to Kathy Arsenault, 19 November 1996.

Photocopy of article, *Florida Libraries*, vol 40, no. 1 (January/February 1997).

Photocopy of article draft submitted to *Florida Libraries*.

BOX 1, FOLDER 4 F.R. Goulding Research: Materials by Goulding

Photocopy of *The Woodruff Stories* (1877).

BOX 1, FOLDER 5 F.R. Goulding Research: Research by K. Arsenault

Miscellaneous notes and research materials.

BOX 1, FOLDER 6 F.R. Goulding Research: Published Materials

Miscellaneous photocopied articles from scholarly journals and references.

BOX 1, FOLDER 7 F.R. Goulding Research: Unpublished Materials

Macon, Alethea Jane. "Francis Robert Goulding: Georgia Author." Unpublished M.A. thesis, University of Georgia, 1925. (Photocopy, [35]pp.).

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Lois Lenski Research: Biographical Material

Lovelace, Maud Hart. "Lois Lenski." *The Horn Book Magazine*, July 1946. (Photocopy).
Obituary, *New York Times*, 14 September 1974. (Photocopy).
Obituary of Arthur Covey [husband], *St. Petersburg Times*, 6 February 1960. (Photocopy).
Pyros, John. "The Life of Lois Lenski." Tarpon Springs, FL: Tarpon Springs Historical Society, October 1993. (Photocopy).

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Lois Lenski Research: Correspondence/Research by K. Arsenault

Arsenault to Charles Miller, Director, Strozier Library, FSU, 30 January 1998.
Email message from Charles Miller to Arsenault, 5 February 1998.
Arsenault to Copyright Office, HarperCollins Children's Books, 30 January 1998.
Miscellaneous notes and research materials.

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Lois Lenski Research: Materials by Lenski

Assorted poems: "Little Birdie Bower," "Strawberries Red," "My Strawberry Queen," and "Cracker Girl."
Lenski, Lois. "Creating Books." *Library Journal*, 15 October 1963. (Photocopy).
_____. "The Bean-Pickers." New York: National Council of Churches, 1952. (Photocopy).
_____. "A Change of Heart." New York: National Council of Churches, 1952. (Photocopy).
_____. "Strangers in a Strange Land." New York: National Council of Churches, 1952. (Photocopy).

BOX 1, FOLDER 11

Lois Lenski Research: Published Materials

Miscellaneous photocopied articles from scholarly journals and references.

BOX 1, FOLDERS 12 and 13

Lois Lenski Research: Unpublished Materials

Northcutt, Travis J. "The Social Characteristics of a Group of Migrant Agricultural Workers." Unpublished M.S. thesis, Florida State University, 1955. (Photocopy, 80pp.).
[Located in Folder 12]
Padgett, Herbert Ryals. "Florida's Migratory Worker." Unpublished M.A. thesis, Florida State University, 1951. (Photocopy, 62pp.). **[Located in Folder 13]**

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