

# Crockett, Lucy Herndon, Papers

Lucy Herndon Crockett Papers,  
1940-2015, n.d.



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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

Ms.2011.032

### Unit Date

1940-2015, n.d.

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### Abstract

The Lucy Herndon Crockett Papers consists of type and manuscript versions of some of Crockett's published and unpublished novels, her illustrations and art for her publications, and a small group of personal papers and papers about her. Materials date from about 1940 to 2015.

### Creator

Crockett, Lucy Herndon, 1914-[2002]

**Extent**

2 Cubic Feet 2 boxes; 1 folder

**Repository**

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

**Use Restrictions**

Permission to publish material from Lucy Herndon Crockett Papers must be obtained from Special Collections, Virginia Tech.

**Acquisition Information**

The original collections of materials for the Lucy Herndon Crockett Papers were purchased by Special Collections in two separate accruals in 2011. Additional materials were purchased by Special Collections in 2014 and 2015.

**Processing Information**

The processing, arrangement, and description of the Lucy Herndon Crockett Papers was completed in March 2011. In early 2016, the existing materials were combined with newer purchases and the collection was re-processed and additional description was completed.

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## Biographical Note

Lucy Herndon Crockett (born 4 April 1914 in Honolulu, Hawaii) was a Red Cross worker in the Pacific during World War II. She travelled as a speech writer and secretary for the chairman of the American Red Cross. An author of nine books, illustrator and designer, she wrote the 1954 book *The Magnificent Bastards* about her experiences with the U.S. Marine Corps (the book was later made into a film) and *Popcorn on the Ginza* about her time in occupied Japan. Later in her life, she lived in Seven Mile Ford, Virginia.

Bibliography 1939 *Lucio and His Nuong: A Tale of the Philippine Islands* 1940 *Capitan: The Story of an Army Mule* 1941 *The Mario* 1942 *Uncle Bouqui of Haiti* 1949 *Popcorn on the Ginza: An Informal Portrait of Postwar Japan* 1950 *Teru: A Tale of Yokohama* 1953 *The Magnificent Bastards* (Movie - *The Proud and Profane*) 1960 *The Year Something Almost Happened in Pinoso* 1963 *Pong Choolie You Rascal!*

## Scope and Content Note

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## Keywords

Women -- History

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

## Existence and Location of Copies

Some of this collection has been digitized and is available online.

## Arrangement

The collection is organized into three series.

Series I: Personal Papers includes materials from 1941 to 2015. This series contains book previews, biographical information and photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, non-fiction writing, and land documents relating to Crockett's home at Seven Mile Ford. This series is arranged by type of material.

Within each material type, folders are in chronological order.

Series II: Illustrations and Art consist of ink and pencil drawings and illustrations by Crockett, primarily for her own works. Identified illustrations include art for *Capitan, Popcorn on the Ginza: An Informal Portrait of Postwar Japan* and *Teru: A Tale of Yokohama*. A number of the illustrations are not clearly associated with one project and could be for her works, though she was also know to illustrate for other authors. This series is arranged by size and items relating to a specific known project are house separate from unidentified art.

Series III: Manuscript and Typescript Works conatins various drafts of published and unpublished works, dating from 1940 to 1972. Drafts of published works include: *Capitan, Popcorn on the Ginza: An Informal Portrait of Postwar Japan*, *Teru: A Tale of Yokohama*, *Magnificent Bastards*, and *Kings Without Castles*. The series also has two versions of an unpublished manuscript for "The Devil Chasers" and a partial manuscript for "Bus Station Blues," dated September 1972. This series in arranged in alphabetical order by title.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Personal Papers

**Unit Date** 1941-2015

#### Book reviews

**Unit Date** 1940-1957, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Biographical material

**Unit Date** 1953-2015, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Correspondence

**Unit Date** 1962-1967, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### Correspondence

**Unit Date** 1979-2003, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### Newspaper clippings

**Unit Date** 1941-2005, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### Newspaper clippings

**Unit Date** 1963-1982, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

#### Personal notes

**Unit Date** 1938-1975, n.d.

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 7 (folder)

**Photographs****Unit Date** 1949-1988, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 8 (folder)**The Proud and the Profane****Unit Date** 1956, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Religious writings and publications****Unit Date** 1959-1962, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Seven Mile Ford Land Survey****Unit Date** 1959**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 11 (folder)**Seven Mile Ford Publication****box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 12 (folder)**Series II: Illustrations and Art****Illustrations, Popcorn on the Ginza****Unit Date** 1949, n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 13 (folder)**Illustrations****Unit Date** n.d.**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 14 (folder)**Titles pages, Teru: A Tale of Yokohama****oversize** 1 (folder)**Illustrations and art****oversize** 2 (folder)**Series III: Manuscript and Typescript Works****Unit Date** 1940-1972**Bus Station Blues****Unit Date** 1972**box-folder** 1 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)

**"Capitan: the Story of an Army Mule" typescript draft**

**Unit Date** 1940

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 16 (folder)

**Extent** [2 folders]

**The Devil Chasers, Volume 1 [Version 1]**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 17 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Volume 1 [Version 2], Chapters 1-3**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 18 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Volume 2 [Version 1], Chapters 1-3**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 19 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Volume 2 [Version 2], Chapters 2-3**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 20 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Volume 3 [Various Volumes], Chapter 1**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 21 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Volume 4, Chapter 1**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 22 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 1**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 23 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 2**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 24 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 3**

**Unit Date** 1961

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**Container** 25 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 4**

**Unit Date** 1961

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**Container** 26 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 5**

**Unit Date** 1961

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**Container** 27 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 6**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 28 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 7**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 29 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 8**

**Unit Date** 1961

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**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 9**

**Unit Date** 1961

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**Container** 31 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 10**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 32 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Chapter 11**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 33 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Epilogue**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 34 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Mixed Manuscripts**

**Unit Date** 1961

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 35 (folder)

**The Devil Chasers, Original Box Labels**

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 36 (folder)

**"Kings Without Castles" typescript draft**

**Unit Date** 1957

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 37 (folder)

**Extent** [2 folders]

**"Magnificent Bastards" typescript draft**

**Unit Date** 1954

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Extent** [5 folders]

**"Magnificent Bastards" chapter 1 typescript draft**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**"Popcorn on the Ginza: An Informal Portrait of Post-War Japan" typescript draft**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

**Extent** [2 folders]

**"Teru: A Tale of Yokohama" typescript draft**

**Unit Date** 1950

**box-folder** 2 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

**Extent** [2 folders]