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**Introduction**

Approximately 0.5 cubic foot.

The collection consists of correspondence between Mariska Pugsley Marker and her childhood tutor, Gladys Finlayson. Additional materials include photographs and miscellaneous items. Of particular interest is correspondence dated between 1945 and 1947 that reference the Weihsien Internment Camp, which was a Japanese operated camp during World War II that held civilians of Allied countries who lived in North China.

Mariska Pugsley was born on August 24, 1918, in San Francisco, California, to Frederic Nelson and Charlotte Elizabeth Johnson Pugsley. Her father was a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy stationed in China and other countries in the Pacific. In 1944, she married David W. Childs, after their divorce in 1960s, she then married Ralph E. Marker. She died on June 11, 2016, in Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.

**Donor Information**

The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Mariska P. Marker on May 28, 2009 (Accession No. KA1717).

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**Related Collections**

*Mariska Pugsley Marker Papers* (K0500)

**Location Note**

The collection is stored onsite.

**Box List**

**Box 1**

- Correspondence, 1926-1959, 1963-1966 (17 folders)
- Miscellaneous
  - Items to purchase
  - Undated letters
  - Envelopes
- Photographs (2 folders)
  - Gladys Finlayson
Garden
Pets
Peking, China
Peitano, China
Mildred Thornhill
Mariska Pugsley