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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1191

**TITLE:** Collection of Film Material Relating to John Steinbeck

**DATES:** 1933–1993

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.29 linear feet (3 boxes + 9 broadsides)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection of photographs and printed materials relating chiefly to film and television productions of work by John Steinbeck.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Royal Book on various funds, 2015-2016.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## John Steinbeck (1902-1968)

John Steinbeck, born 27 February 1902 in Salinas, California, was an American author and novelist, best known for his novel, *The Grapes of Wrath* (1939), which was awarded a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award in 1940. Steinbeck received the Nobel Prize for Literature for 1962. He died 20 December 1968 in New York.

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## Scope and Contents

Collection of photographs and printed materials relating chiefly to film and television productions of work by John Steinbeck.

Steinbeck wrote the scripts for the film versions of his stories *The Pearl* (1948) and *The Red Pony* (1949), and he wrote the script directly for *Viva Zapata!* (1952).

Photographs include studio publicity and reference prints for productions of *East of Eden*, *A medal for Benny*, *Of mice and men*, *The pearl*, *The red pony*, *Tortilla flat*, *Viva Zapata!*, and *The wayward bus*, as well as Rogers and Hammerstein's stage production of *Pipe dream* (adapted from *Sweet Thursday*). Photographs include Marlon Brando, Lon Chaney, Jr., Joan Collins, James Dean, Dorothy Lamour, Myrna Loy, Jayne Mansfield, Burgess Meredith, Robert Mitchum, and Spencer Tracy.

Printed materials include film posters, lobby cards, and pressbooks. Titles include: *Burning bright*, *Cannery row*, *East of Eden*, *A medal for Benny*, *The moon is down*, *Of mice and men*, *The pearl*, *The red pony*, *Tortilla flat*, *Viva Zapata!*, and *The wayward bus*. With shooting script for *Tortilla flat*.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Photographs, 1939-1982. II. Printed and Other Material, 1938-1993.

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## Collection Contents

### Photographs, 1939–1982

0.42 linear feet (1 box)

Photographs in the collection include studio publicity and reference prints for productions of *East of Eden*, *A medal for Benny*, *Of mice and men*, *The pearl*, *The red pony*, *Tortilla flat*, *Viva Zapata!*, and *The wayward bus*, as well as Rogers and Hammerstein's stage production of *Pipe dream* (adapted from *Sweet Thursday*).

Photographs include actors Marlon Brando, Lon Chaney, Jr., Joan Collins, James Dean, Dorothy Lamour, Myrna Loy, Jayne Mansfield, Burgess Meredith, Robert Mitchum, and Spencer Tracy.

Arranged alphabetically by title.

b.1	<i>East of Eden</i>	circa 1955
b.1	<i>A medal for Benny</i>	circa 1945
b.1	<i>Of mice and men</i>	circa 1939
b.1	<i>The pearl</i>	circa 1948
b.1	<i>The red pony</i>	circa 1949
b.1	<i>Sweet Thursday</i> , adapted as "Pipe dreams"	1955
b.1	<i>Tortilla flat</i>	1942, undated
b.1	<i>Viva Zapata!</i> "	circa 1951
b.3	<i>Viva Zapata!</i>	circa 1951
b.1	<i>The wayward bus</i>	circa 1957
b.1	Unidentified	[1982?]

**Printed and Other Material, 1938–1993***1.88 linear feet (2 boxes) + 9 broadsides*

Printed materials in the collection include film posters, lobby cards, and pressbooks. Titles include the following titles: *Burning bright*, *Cannery row*, *East of Eden*, *A medal for Benny*, *The moon is down*, *Of mice and men*, *The pearl*, *The red pony*, *Tortilla flat*, *Viva Zapata!*, and *The wayward bus*.

With shooting script for *Tortilla flat*.

Arranged alphabetically by title.

b. 2	<i>Burning bright</i>	1989, 1993
b. 3	<i>Cannery row</i>	circa 1982
b. 4 (Broadside)	<i>Cannery row</i>	circa 1982
b. 2	<i>East of Eden</i>	1967-1968, undated
b. 3	<i>East of Eden</i>	circa 1955
b. 5 (Broadside)	<i>East of Eden</i>	circa 1955
b. 2	<i>Flight</i>	[1961?]
b. 2	<i>The grapes of wrath</i>	1989
b. 3	<i>A medal for Benny</i>	circa 1945
b. 6 (Broadside)	<i>A medal for Benny</i>	circa 1945
b. 7 (Broadside)	<i>The moon is down</i>	circa 1943
b. 2	<i>Of mice and men</i>	1938-1975, undated
b. 3	<i>Of mice and men</i>	circa 1939, circa 1992
b. 8 (Broadside)	<i>Of mice and men</i>	circa 1939, circa 1992
b. 3	<i>The pearl</i>	circa 1945
b. 9 (Broadside)	<i>The pearl</i>	circa 1945
b. 3	<i>The red pony</i>	circa 1949, circa 1973
b. 10 (Broadside)	<i>The red pony</i>	circa 1949, circa 1973
b. 2	<i>Sweet Thursday</i>	1955
b. 2	<i>Tortilla flat</i> , shooting script, typescript mimeograph, annotated	1941 July 16
b. 3	<i>Tortilla flat</i>	circa 1942

b. 11 (Broadside)	<i>Tortilla flat</i>	circa 1942
b. 2	<i>Viva Zapata!</i>	circa 1952
b. 3	<i>Viva Zapata!</i>	circa 1952
b. 3	<i>The wayward bus</i>	circa 1957
b. 12 (Broadside)	<i>The wayward bus</i>	circa 1957

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

American literature -- 20th Century  
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives  
Motion pictures -- United States  
Screenwriters -- United States -- 20th Century  
-- Archives

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographic prints

### **Occupations**

Authors -- United States -- 20th Century  
Screenwriters -- United States -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Brando, Marlon, 1924-2004  
Chaney, Lon, Jr., 1906-1973  
Collins, Joan, 1933-  
Dean, James, 1931-1955  
Hammerstein, Oscar, II, 1895-1960  
Lamour, Dorothy, 1914-1996  
Loy, Myrna, 1905-1993  
Mansfield, Jayne, 1933-1967  
Meredith, Burgess, 1907-1997  
Mitchum, Robert  
Rodgers, Richard, 1902-1979  
Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968  
Tracy, Spencer, 1900-1967