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**Collection Title:** Shirley Gish Papers

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**Date Span:** 1988-1998

**Size of Collection:** 1.5 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 3 letter size document cases.

**Type of Material:** Correspondence, photographs, transcripts, ephemera

**Condition of Material:** Good

**Arrangement:** Accession arranged by item type; Chronological arrangement.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** Shirley Gish was a Professor of Communications at Morehead State University that worked on a detailed oral history project pertaining to the life and legacy of Dr. C. Louise Caudill. The interviews were conducted with Caudill and her family and friends. The interviews discuss the expansion of health care in the region and her accomplishments as a rural physician. These interviews would later become a play titled *Me N' Susie*, which told the narrative of Caudill and her nurse Susie Halbleib while at Morehead, Kentucky from the early 1950s to the early 1990s. The play was first performed at Morehead State University in 1993. Later the narratives would become a book, *Country Doctor*, which encompassed both the interviews and play in a holistic form.

**Scope and Content:** Collection consists of items pertaining to the research and progression of the play *Me N' Susie* and the book *Country Doctor* by Shirley Gish. The items include drafts from both *Me N' Susie* and *Country Doctor*. The scripts include the director's notes, stage directions, photographs of performance and newspaper clippings and magazine articles related to the play. Also contains, biographical information of Louise Caudill and Shirley Gish, oral histories with residents of the Morehead community. Oral histories include Louise Caudill, Susie Halbleib, Bob Bishop, Jane Caudill, Eldon "Tick" Evans, Sister Jean Francis, Lucille Caudill Little, Elie Reser, and James Quinsberry.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Gish, Shirley, 1931-

Caudill, Claire Louise – Interviews.

Women physicians -- Drama.

Women physicians -- Kentucky -- Interviews.

Country life -- Drama.

Kentucky -- Drama.

**Notes:**