

Rags to Riches

US : 1922 : dir. Wallace Worsley : Warner Bros
 prod: Harry Rapf : scr: Walter De Leon & William Nigh : dir.ph.:
[Wesley Barry...](#)
 Niles Welch; Russell Simpson; Minna Redman

Silent : ? min

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The Warner Bros Story comment:

"Freckle-faced Wesley Barry's first film for Warner Bros. was Rags to Riches, produced by Harry Rapf, directed by Wallace Worsley from a script by Walter De Leon and William Nigh, based on a story by Grace Miller White. Barry played Marmaduke Clarke, a rich kid who goes through all manner of hardships (including a kidnap attempt) before he proves his worth to the gang he has joined. Artistically, the film was of little consequence, but it did launch young Barry, who was to become one of the studio's biggest attractions after Rin-Tin-Tin, and, more importantly, its urban environment presaged the crime films and social dramas the studio was to produce in abundance throughout the next decade. Also cast were Niles Welch, Russell Simpson, and Minna Redman."

[no listing in "Classics of the Silent Screen", "Hollywood in the Twenties", "A Pictorial History of the Silent Screen", "Silent Movies: A Picture Quiz Book", "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 1996", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Sunday Times Guide to Movies on Television", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]



Rehearsing his pickpocket technique? Wesley Barry
 Source: The Warner Bros Story

No further information currently available. A film of the same name was released in 1941 with Mickey Kuhn, but since there is *even less* material available on that production, one cannot say for certain it was a remake. There was also a TV movie and subsequent series concerning a millionaire adopting six girls - and that's only the titles we know about.

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