

# ADAMS, SHARON, 1941- Sharon Adams papers, 1970-2010

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## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Adams, Sharon, 1941-  
**Title:** Sharon Adams papers, 1970-2010  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1186  
**Extent:** 9.5 linear feet (10 boxes) and AV Masters: .5 linear feet (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Atlanta activist and businesswoman Sharon Adams, relating to the elections of Georgia Governor Zell Miller, Atlanta Mayors Maynard Jackson and Shirley Jackson, and Betty Talmadge's run for Congress. Also includes material relating to the Atlanta women's movement in the 1970s when Adams was president of the NOW Atlanta Chapter.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Citation

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### Processing

Additions arranged and described at the box level by Laura Starratt, June 28, 2017.

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## Collection Description

### Biographical Note

Sharon Adams, Atlanta resident and businesswoman, was born in Tampa, Florida in 1941. Adams received her Bachelor of Science from Huntington College in Montgomery, Alabama in 1967 and her Master's Degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology in 1969. As an independent consultant, Adams has assisted with the election campaigns of several Atlanta and Georgia politicians, including Georgia Governor Zell Miller, Atlanta mayors Maynard Jackson and Shirley Franklin. She also worked on Betty Talmadge's campaign for U.S. Congress in 1978. Adams has also been active in the women's movement, serving as the President of the Atlanta National Organization of Women (NOW) Chapter in the late 1970s. Throughout her career, Adams has served on numerous city committees and commissions, including the Olympic Advisory Committee and the Georgia Commission of the Status of Women. She is currently president of her own consulting firm, The Adams Group.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Sharon Adams from 1970-2010. The papers include subject files, correspondence, and printed material relating to the elections of Georgia Governor Zell Miller, Atlanta Mayors Maynard Jackson and Shirley Franklin, Lsa Boarders, and Betty Talmadge's run for Congress. Also includes material relating to the Atlanta women's movement in the 1970s when Adams was president of the NOW Atlanta Chapter. Also included are two boxes of material relating to a trip Adams took to Cuba as a business consultant, and material relating to the investigation of wrongdoings at the Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, Georgia in the late 1960s. Adams worked at the home and served as a witness in the investigation.

### Arrangement Note

Unprocessed collection.

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## Container List

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>  |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 1          | -             | Atlanta NOW (National Organization for Women)   |
| 2          | -             | Cuba  |
| 3          | -             | Cuba  |
| 4          | -             | Shirley Franklin and Betty Talmadge campaigns; Methodist Children' Home<br>(Decatur, Georgia) investigation |
| 5          | -             | Zell Miller campaign  |
| 6          | -             | Zell Miller campaign  |
| 7          | -             | Shirley Franklin  |
| 8          | -             | Shirley Franklin  |
| 9          | -             | Printed material, photographs   |
| 10         | -             | Leslie Border, Atlanta mayoral campaign materials, 2001   |
| AV1        | -             | Leslie Border, Atlanta mayoral campaign materials, 2001   |
| OPI        |               | Campaign posters  |

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