

**BERGMARK, JEAN B.**  
**Jean B. Bergmark papers, 1982-2005**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Bergmark, Jean B.  
**Title:** Jean B. Bergmark papers, 1982-2005  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1047  
**Extent:** 2.25 linear ft. (5 boxes)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Jean B. Bergmark, who co-authored *Grace Towns Hamilton and the Politics of Social Change* with Lorraine Nelson Spritzer, including material related to the publication of the biography, such as correspondence, publicity material, reviews and photographs. Also includes material relating to the "Women and the Constitution: A Becentennial Perspective," symposium held on February 10-12, 1988 in Atlanta, Georgia.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Administrative Information**

#### **Restrictions on Access**

Unrestricted access.

#### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

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#### **Source**

Gift of Jean Bergmark, 1997. Additions were donated by Bergmark in 2006 and 2008.

#### **Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], Jean B. Bergmark papers, Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

#### **Appraisal Note**

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**Processing**

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

Jean B. Bergmark, journalist and freelance writer, co-authored *Grace Towns Hamilton and the Politics of Social Change* with Lorraine Nelson Spritzer. Grace Towns Hamilton (1907-1992) was the first African American woman elected to the Georgia General Assembly. Bergmark graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in journalism in 1945. She served as a reporter for several publications including the *Austin American-Statesman* and *The New Republic Magazine*. As a freelance writer, Bergmark has co-authored three other books, including *Notable Men and Women of the Civil War*, and *How to Cook a Pig*, with Betty Talmadge and Carolyn Carter. In the late 1980s, Bergmark served on Local Arrangements Committee for "Women and the Constitution: A Bicentennial Perspective," a symposium which examined women and their role in the constitutional history of the United States. The symposium was sponsored by the Carter Center of Emory University and held at the Atlanta Hilton on February 10-12, 1988.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of Jean B. Bergmark from 1982-2005. The papers include material related to the research, writing, and publication of *Grace Towns Hamilton and the Politics of Social Change*, such as correspondence, publicity material, reviews and photographs. The correspondence is primarily between Bergmark and her co-author, Lorraine Nelson Spritzer, but also includes other correspondence related to the research and publication of the book. The biography was published by the University of Georgia Press in 1997 and commended in a resolution of the Georgia General Assembly in 1998. The photographs depict the authors at several book tour and signing events during these years. The collection also includes material from the "Women and the Constitution: A Bicentennial Perspective" symposium, which Bergmark helped to plan, including correspondence, program material, printed material, and the transcript of a speech by United States Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged by document type.

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## Container List

### *Grace Towns Hamilton and the Politics of Social Change*

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Awards and nominations
1	2	Correspondence, October 1982-March 1986
1	3	Correspondence, March 1986-March 1990
1	4	Correspondence, March 1990-December 1992
1	5	Correspondence, January 1993-November 1994
1	6	Correspondence, December 1994-December 1995
2	1	Correspondence, January-September 1996
2	2	Correspondence, October 1996-April 1997
2	3	Correspondence, May 1997-October 1997
2	4	Correspondence, November 1997-March 1998
2	5	Correspondence, April 1998-January 2005
2	6	Drafts, Uncorrected draft, chapters 1-5
3	1	Drafts, Uncorrected draft, chapters 6-11
3	2	Drafts, Uncorrected draft, chapters 12- epilogue
3	3	Drafts, Uncorrected draft, chapters 1-5
3	4	Drafts, Uncorrected draft, chapters 6-11
3	5	Drafts, Uncorrected draft, chapters 12-epilogue
3	6	Drafts, Corrected draft, chapters 1-5
4	1	Drafts, Corrected draft, chapters 6-11
4	2	Drafts, Corrected draft, chapters 12-epilogue
4	3	Drafts, Uncorrected galley proofs, chapters 1-8
4	4	Drafts, Uncorrected galley proofs, chapters 9-epilogue
4	5	Photographs, Book tour with authors, circa 1997-1998 [1 of 2]
4	6	Photographs, Book tour with authors, circa 1997-1998 [1 of 2]
4	7	Photographs, Eleanor Hamilton Payne, 1993
4	8	Photographs, Grace Towns Hamilton, no date
5	1	Printed material
5	2	Publicity, 1997-1998
5	3	Reviews, 1997-1999

### **"Women and the Constitution, a Bicentennial Perspective," February 10-12, 1988**

5	4	Clippings, 1988
5	5	Correspondence, May 11, 1987-February 28, 1988
5	6	Correspondence, undated
5	7	Planning materials, 1987-1988

- 5 8 Printed material
  - 5 9 Programs and invitations, 1988
  - 5 10 Speech, United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Conner, February 11,  
1988
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