

# **PENDERGRAST, NAN, 1920- Nan Pendergrast papers, 1935-1993**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Pendergrast, Nan, 1920-  
**Title:** Nan Pendergrast papers, 1935-1993  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 730  
**Extent:** .5 linear ft. (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of Atlanta free-lance writer and civic worker Nan Pendergrast including correspondence and scrapbooks.  
**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, 1992, with subsequent additions.

### **Citation**

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### **Processing**

Processed by Barbara J. Mann, Associate Processing Archivist, September, 1993.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Nancy Helen Schwab Pendergrast (Nan) was born June 17, 1920 in Atlanta, Georgia, to Robert Wilfred and Helen Kaiser Schwab. She attended Washington Seminary (1937) and Vassar

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College (1937-1940). Nan Schwab married John Brittain Pendergrast, Jr. (Britt) on March 30, 1940, the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Brittain Pendergrast. Britt Pendergrast graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology [?] and received his masters degree from Emory University (1939). The Pendergrasts have seven children: Jill, John Brittain III, Nan Elkin, Mark, Blair, Scott, and Craig.

Working as a free-lance writer (1946-1970), Nan Pendergrast has had articles published in *The Atlanta Constitution*, *The Atlanta Journal*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Yachting Magazine*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Catholic Digest*, and *Vassar Alumnae Magazine*. She also served as editor of *The Advocate* (1952-1956).

Active as a civic worker, Nan Pendergrast served with Planned Parenthood Atlanta (public relations counsel, 1968-1970; director, 1968-1970); Fellowship of Reconciliation (member of national council, 1967-1970); Georgia Council on Human Relations (member of executive committee, 1962-1970); Help Our Public Education (director of public relations, 1959-1960); American Friends Service Committee (member of collective relations committee, 1968); Atlantans for Peace (chair, 1967); Urban League (executive board member, ?); and Fulton County (Georgia) Republican Executive Committee (member, 1952-1964).

**Biographical Source:** *Who's Who of American Women, 7th Edition* (Chicago: Marquis Who's Who, Inc., 1971)

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection consists of the papers of Nan Pendergrast papers from 1935-1993. The papers include correspondence and scrapbooks. The correspondence consists mainly of letters to Nan Pendergrast. Correspondents include Albert Einstein, Wyche Fowler, John Lewis, Ralph McGill, Jeannette Rankin, and Robert W. Woodruff, and other prominent political figures. These letters date from 1935-1990 and relate primarily to civic and social projects.

The scrapbooks are photocopied from the original scrapbooks retained by Nan Pendergrast. The original order has been maintained, although items not pertaining to Nan Pendergrast were not photocopied. As scrapbooks 2 and 3 were too large to be housed in one folder each, they have been broken down and the folders so notated. Materials in the scrapbooks include clippings about Nan Pendergrast and articles written by her. Also included are clippings about Nan Pendergrast.

### **Arrangement Note**

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Content</b>      |
|------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1          | 1             | Correspondence: A-C |
| 1          | 2             | Correspondence: D-G |
| 1          | 3             | Correspondence: H-L |
| 1          | 4             | Correspondence: M-R |
| 1          | 5             | Correspondence: S-Z |
| 1          | 6             | Scrapbook 1         |
| 1          | 7             | Scrapbook 2:1       |
| 1          | 8             | Scrapbook 2:2       |
| 1          | 9             | Scrapbook 2:3       |
| 1          | 10            | Scrapbook 3:1       |
| 1          | 11            | Scrapbook 3:2       |
| 1          | 12            | Clippings, 1993-    |

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