

RICHARDSON, ELEANOR L., 1913-2006.

Eleanor L. Richardson papers,1967-1990

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Richardson, Eleanor L., 1913-2006.
Title: Eleanor L. Richardson papers,1967-1990
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 623
Extent: 29 linear feet (29 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box and 1 oversized papers folder (OP)
Abstract: Papers of Georgia legislator Eleanor L. Richardson including correspondence, personal files, legislative files, and records from Richardson's campaigns.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Source

Gift, 1981, with subsequent additions.

Citation

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Eleanor L. Richardson (1913-) was born in Middlesex County, Massachusetts on March 17, 1913. She graduated from Atherton Hall in Boston, married Merlyn E. Richardson with whom she reared one daughter, Meryl Richardson, and spent a lifetime actively engaged in community

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service. She served as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1974-1990, where she was appointed to key legislative committees, including the appropriations committee, the health and ecology committee, and the state planning and community affairs committee. Richardson was also a member of the Georgia League of Women Voters and contributed substantially to the organization's study of contemporary issues. She was appointed to the Georgia Commission on Women when it was created in 1992, serving as the first vice-chair. Her experience proved invaluable to the Commission's efforts to advance the health, education, economic, legal, and social status of women.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of Eleanor L. Richardson from 1967-1990. The bulk of the collection pertains to her service in the Georgia House of Representatives (1974-1990). The papers include correspondence to constituents and to various organizations and officials; personal files, including clippings, awards, invitations, and memorabilia; and political files consisting of Georgia General Assembly press releases, copies of house bills, office records, and records from Richardson's campaigns. The collection also includes subject files consisting of pamphlets and other printed material, reports, lists, notes, and clippings providing background information relating to legislation as well as to her other political and civic interests. The collection documents Richardson's legislative work on such issues as the status of women and the Equal Rights Amendment, teaching creationism, air quality control, child abuse, and nursing home reform.

Arrangement Note

Unprocessed collection.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1		Correspondence, 1967-1978
2		Correspondence, 1978-1979
3		Correspondence, 1979-1982, 1990
4		Personal files (clippings, awards, invitations, memorabilia)
5		Politics: Campaigns - Georgia General Assembly
6		Politics: Georgia General Assembly - press releases
OP2	-	Posters, maps, placemats
OP1	1	Posters, certificates, proclamations
OP1	2	Posters, certificates, proclamations
7		Subject files: Children - Education
8		Subject files: Education - Health
9		Subject files: Health - Misc.
10		Subject files: Misc. - United Methodist Church
11		Subject files: Welfare - Women's Issues
12		Subject files: Women's Issues - World Hunger
13-29		Unprocessed additions
