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**Introduction**

Approximately 2 cubic feet

The Dolly Darigo Papers include correspondence, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, brochures, flyers, newsletters, and photographs chronicling the interests of Darigo from 1949 to 1994. Throughout her career, Darigo worked as a bacteriologist for the U.S. Army and later for Missouri Baptist Hospital; naturalist for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and collected and identified specimens for the state herbarium in Jefferson City. She was involved in a series of causes, including the United Farm Workers Union, Freedom of Residence, penal reform, and employment for the mentally disabled and to improve race relations. Materials of interest include correspondence Darigo received from Ellen Reasonover, a St. Louis-area woman wrongfully imprisoned for murdering a gas station attendant in Dellwood, Missouri, in 1983. Interspersed in the correspondence are photographs of Reasonover with her family and fellow inmates. Also included in this collection are photographs of members of Action Committee to Improve Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION), including Percy Green.

**Donor Information**

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