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INTRODUCTION

The papers of Marie Anderson contain material concerning her work at the *Miami Herald*, as well as correspondence, photographs, miscellaneous writings, clippings, and other personal and professional material.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Marie Anderson through Brenda V. Harrison on 2 August 1995 (Accession No. 5551).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Marie W. Anderson was born on April 19, 1916, in Pensacola, Florida, to Robert Hargis Anderson and Marie Willard Anderson. Both of her parents were attorneys, although her mother never practiced law. An only child, Anderson grew up in an upper-middle class family in Jacksonville, Florida, where she attended public school. In 1937, she graduated from Duke University with a bachelor's degree in English.

Anderson moved to New York City and enrolled in the Katharine Gibbs School where she took classes in typing and short hand. She graduated in 1939 and moved to Miami, Florida, where her parents had relocated. During World War II, Anderson volunteered as the chairwoman of hotel hostesses at the Miami Beach Servicemen's Recreation Pier Association, a military canteen organization. After the war was over, she briefly returned to New York City and worked as a secretary for the advertising firm Batten, Barton, Durstine, and Osborne before returning to Miami to work for the *Miami News* as a cub reporter in 1946.

Around 1950, Anderson was hired by a Dorothy Journey, a former colleague at the *Miami News*, to serve as assistant women's editor at the *Miami Herald*. Anderson started her own column, "Monday Musings," that ran for over two decades, sharing her observations and those of her readers. Journey left the *Herald* for the *Detroit Free Press* in 1959, and Anderson was named women's editor. Continuing Journey's work, Anderson transformed coverage in the *Herald's* women's pages, changing the focus from society news to address issues of working women.

The next year Anderson and the *Miami Herald* won their first Penney-Missouri Journalism Award, an award recognizing the nation's top reporters and editors working in women's page journalism. They won again in 1961 and were forced to sit out the 1962 competition for winning twice in a row. Anderson and her staff received a second place award in 1963 and another first place award in 1964. In 1965, the Penney-Missouri Awards honored Anderson and the *Herald* with its Diamond Tri-Ara award for winning three first place awards, and then barred them from competing for five years. Anderson continued, however, to participate in the organization's yearly workshops, helping to guide a new generation of women's editors. In 1969, Anderson and the *Herald* reentered the competition, and won their final first place award.

Anderson left the *Miami Herald* in 1972 to become dean of University Relations and Development at Florida International University. She retired five years later but continued to remain active. She served as editor of the Historical Association of Southern Florida's magazine *Update* from 1979 until 1988. She also wrote the narrative for and edited the book *Julia's Daughters: Women in Dade's History* on behalf of the women's group Herstory of Florida. The volume was published in 1980.

During the last years of her life, Anderson was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She died on July 2, 1996, in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into the following nine series: ***Miami Herald*, Correspondence, Conferences and Organizations, Clippings, Education, Subject Files, Travel, Miscellaneous, and Photographs.**

The ***Miami Herald*** series consists of material from Anderson's work at the newspaper and largely includes articles and correspondence, much of which concerns her "Monday Musings" column. Also included is a 1956 readership survey of the newspaper's women's pages and a proposal for a "Memory Book." The series has been arranged alphabetically.

The **Correspondence** series contains both personal and professional correspondence. Of particular note is the correspondence between Anderson and fellow journalists Dorothy Journey and Marjorie Paxson. The correspondence has been arranged alphabetically by topic, then chronologically. The files of personal correspondence were labeled by Anderson. Any loose correspondence clearly of a personal nature was added to them. Loose correspondence of an undetermined nature was added to the general correspondence.

Arranged alphabetically, the **Conferences and Organizations** series consists of material pertaining to organizations that Anderson was involved with, as well as conferences she attended. The material includes publications she edited for organizations, such as *Update*, the magazine of the Historical Association of Southern Florida, and the final report of the Florida Women's Conference on International Women's Year. The Associated Press Managing Editors (APME) material contains a copy of a 1963 talk Anderson and Maggie Savoy of the *Arizona Republic* gave to the organization concerning women's pages and a survey following up their work in 1969. Also included in the series is the manuscript of *Julia's Daughters: Women in Dade's History*, published by Herstory of Florida, Inc. Anderson wrote the narrative for the publication, as well as and edited it.

The **Clippings** series is arranged alphabetically by subject and largely includes clippings on Anderson's professional life. Included in the series are clippings concerning her parents, Robert H. and Marie Willard Anderson.

The **Education** series consists of essays, notes, and yearbooks, as well as material from Anderson's time at the Katherine Gibbs School. The series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Subject Files** series contain material collected by Anderson concerning writing and journalism. The series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Travel** series is arranged chronologically and contains material concerning Anderson's trips to Europe, Greece, and China. The end of the series contains travel

journals kept by Anderson on trips to Europe, California, Canada, Greece, and China, as well as on a tour of Southern plantations.

The **Miscellaneous** series is comprised of miscellaneous personal and professional material including writings and speeches. Of note is a single issue of a publication entitled "The Skyland Scamp of Skyland Camp." The publication was apparently written by girls at a summer camp and Marie Anderson is listed as the editor-in-chief.

Arranged chronologically, the **Photographs** series largely contains photographs pertaining to Marie Anderson's professional career as a journalist, along with a few personal photographs. Included are photographs taken at the yearly Helen Muir Tea Party from 1978 to 1988.

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