



Earlene Coburn Papers (S0564)

Collection Number: S0564

Collection Title: Earlene Coburn Papers

Dates: 1897-1994

Creator: Coburn, Earlene E., 1938-2020

Abstract: The Earlene Coburn Papers contain photographs, newspaper clippings, and correspondence documenting Coburn's childhood and early adulthood in St. Louis County. Materials of interest include images of Coburn participating in Job's Daughters International events, a masonic fraternal order for girls and young women.

Collection Size: 0.4 cubic feet
(10 folders, 351 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Biographical Note:

Earlene E. Coburn was born on December 11, 1938, in Normandy, Missouri, to Earl (1906-1959) and Dorothy McIntosh Coburn (1911-2007). Throughout her youth, Earlene attended Harrison

School and Normandy Junior High. Earlene also belonged to Jobs Daughters International, Missouri Bethel #4, a masonic fraternal order for girls and young women to develop morals and spirituality. Her mother, Dorothy McIntosh Coburn, was a past Queen of Job's Daughters Bethel #4 and later served as a council member and musical director of the group.

Earlene's father, Earl Coburn, owned and operated Lyndhurst Parts off the northeast corner of St. Charles Rock and North Hanley Roads in Midland Township, Missouri. Earl Coburn was also a prominent bowler in the St. Louis area and participated in tournaments across St. Louis and the United States such as the Petersen Classic and American Bowling Congress-sponsored tournaments. Earlene was also an avid bowler like her father, through her participation in tournaments around St. Louis and the Petersen Classic.

After graduating from Normandy High School in 1956, Coburn worked at the McDonnell-Douglas Corporation St. Louis office until her retirement in 1994. After retiring, Coburn subsequently lived in Florissant, Missouri, and Bridgeton, Missouri. Earlene Coburn died in 2020.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged alphabetically by subject into 10 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of photographs, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, and correspondence primarily chronicling Earlene Coburn's childhood and young adulthood in St. Louis County. Photographs make up the bulk of the collection including images of Coburn family members and Coburn's participation in bowling tournaments such as the Petersen Classic and the McDonnell-Douglas bowling team. Other materials of interest include correspondence chronicling Coburn's paternal grandmother, Maggie Griffith Coburn's, involvement in providing meals for a recruiting party at an armed forces recruiting office in St. Louis in 1897. The materials have been arranged alphabetically by subject and contain materials from 1897 to 1994.

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