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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 546 KENTUCKY Mothers Association

2 boxes. 25 folders. 449 items. 1979-2015. Originals or photocopies

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ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The ideals of American Mothers, Inc. began in the heart and mind of Anna Reeves Jarvis as she sought to heal the damage done to families caught in the conflict of the Civil War. By organizing a day of love and friendship across battle lines, this simple observance grew into the national holiday known as Mother's Day, for which American Mothers is the official sponsor. First organized in 1933 as a decision of J. C. Penny's Golden Rule Foundation, American Mothers embraced all faiths and recognized the important role of the mother in the home, the community, the nation and the world.

Armed with the mission of promoting Mother's Day and recognizing outstanding mothers, the first National Mother of the Year was named by Honorary Chairman, Sarah Delano Roosevelt in 1935 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. Every year since then, American Mothers has selected a remarkable mother from nominees among the 50 states, District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for this important honor. There is a Hall of Fame plaque located in the south lobby of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel (former home of the American Mothers) that lists every National Mother of the Year ® since 1935.

Incorporated under the laws of New York in 1950, American Mothers became an independent, non-profit organization in 1954. However it was under the leadership of American Mothers National President, Dorothy Lewis, and Honorary Chairman, Mamie Eisenhower, that a strong presence at the United Nations was established. American Mothers continues to be recognized as a non-governmental organization at the United Nations and is currently working on relevant issues with the Commission on the Status of Women.

Many outstanding individuals throughout America have served as officers, leaders, members, and supporters of this organization such as Sarah Delano Roosevelt, J. C. Penny, Norman Vincent Peale, Mamie Eisenhower, Phyllis Marriott, Jessie Ball duPont, Lindy Boggs and Hillary Rodham Clinton. It is an inter-faith, non-political, non-profit organization that continues to recognize the invaluable contribution mothers make to the future success and happiness of children and society. Its purpose is exclusively charitable.

In 1942 Ila Earle Fowler of Lexington, Kentucky was announced as Kentucky's first Mother of the Year. The organization continued to annually announce a new Mother of the Year. An all-volunteer organization, the Kentucky Mothers Association was established to help facilitate the annual announcement. Eventually a Young Mother of the Year was also selected.

The organization elected officers and was registered as a 501c3 non-profit entity. It had no physical office, and the records were transferred as new officers were elected.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of the records of the Kentucky Mothers Association chiefly from 1979 to 2015. The records are incomplete, but include things such as board meeting minutes, correspondence, financial information, membership lists, reports, newsletters, publicity material, and information about programming and events. Most of the material related specifically to the Kentucky organization is located in Box 1 through Box 2, Folder 5. The remainder of Box 2 is related to the national sponsoring organization, American Mothers, Inc. It consists chiefly of training material for the state organizations, as well as information about the organization's national initiatives. A list of Kentucky's Mothers of the Year from 1942 to 1980 can be found in Box 1, Folder 1. A few nomination forms for the Kentucky Mother of the Year and Young Mother of the Year can be found in Box 1, Folder 10.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Kentucky Mothers Association	1979-2015	317 items
Folder 1	Inventory and list of Kentucky Mothers of the year 1942-1980		2 items
Folder 2	Agendas	1981-2009	9 items
Folder 3	Minutes	1979-1987	49 items
Folder 4	Correspondence	1986-2015	85 items
Folder 5	Financial Information	1987-2015	48 items
Folder 6	Tax information	1979-2009	20 items
Folder 7	Membership lists	1980-2012	34 items
Folder 8	President's report	1987-2009	14 items
Folder 9	Newsletters	1983-2010	12 items
Folder 10	Nominations for Mother and Young Mother of the Year from Kentucky	1981-2014	12 items
Folder 11	Programs and invitations	1980-2011	32 items

BOX 2	Kentucky Mothers Association	1982-2009	132 items
Folder 1	Press releases and flyers	1982-2004	23 items
Folder 2	News clippings	1983-1996	12 items
Folder 3	Photos	1992	11 items
Folder 4	Ephemera and certificates	1980-1994	24 items
Folder 5	Essay contest for fifth graders	2004-2009	41 items
Folder 6	Leadership resource guide	2009	1 item
Folder 7	Leadership guide	2012	2 items
Folder 8	State president training manual	2014	1 item
Folder 9	Bylaws and Policies & Procedures Manual – National	2002	1 item
Folder 10	Chapter guidebook	1999-2007	2 items
Folder 11	Information about mother mentoring	1998	6 items
Folder 12	Mother of the Year handbooks	2009	1 item
Folder 13	At-risk Babies Crib Quilts	1992	4 items
Folder 14	Strategic plan	2000	3 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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SUBJECT ANALYTICS

American Mothers, Inc.
Certificates B2,F4
Children – Relating to
Cowherd, Elise M. – Correspondence B1,F4
Essays – Children B2,F5
Grobymer, Nancy Jo – Correspondence B1,F4
Hodge, Norma – Correspondence B1,F4
Motherhood
Mothers
Self, Carolyn B1,F4
Quilts and quilting – Relating to B2,F13

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