Judy Langford Carter Papers: A Guide to Her Papers at the Jimmy Carter Library

Collection Summary

Creator: Carter, Judy Langford, 1950-

Title: Judy Langford Carter Papers

Dates: 1972-1992

Quantity: 23 linear feet, 2 linear inches; 53 containers

Identification:
Accession Number: 99.01
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Scope and Content:
This collection consists of newspaper clippings, magazines, publications, conference proceedings, memorabilia, correspondence, letters, research materials, speeches, literary works, published articles, reports and summaries. The material in this collection relates to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, Judy Langford Carter’s time as editor and writer for Redbook Magazine, the creation of the President Advisory Committee for Women, and material related to President Carter’s 1976 and 1980 presidential campaigns. 

Creator Information: Judy Langford Carter
Judy Langford Carter was born on March 3, 1950 in Calhoun, Georgia. She attended Agnes Scott College and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia in 1970. Ms. Carter received a master’s degree in Early Childhood Development from Georgia State University in 1972. Ms. Carter married Jack Carter in 1971. They divorced in 1989. For two years, Ms. Carter taught first and second year students at Oglethorpe Avenue Elementary School in Athens, Georgia. During her tenure there, she did further evaluation on comprehensive environmental educational curriculums. Ms. Carter began working as an editor for Redbook Magazine in 1977. Her column “Making it Happen”, co-authored by Frances Ruffin, won a Clarion Award in 1978. In 1976, Ms. Carter began her involvement, with the President Carter’s administration in the area of women’s issues, particularly the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment. She also served as Honorary Chair of the President’s Advisory Committee for Women.
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Related materials in this repository: Records of the Office of the Assistant to the President for Women’s Affairs (Sarah Weddington); Records of Martha (Bunny) Mitchell, Special Assistant to the President; Records of the First Lady’s Office; Records of the Office of the Staff Secretary; Mary Finch Hoyt Papers; Records of the Office of the Assistant for Public Liaison; Plains Files

Index Terms:
Limited to major topics under each category

Persons: Judy Langford Carter, Sarah Weddington, Lynda Johnson Robb, Ruth J. Hinesfield, Sey Chassler, Frances Ruffin, Maureen Reagan, Rosalynn Carter


Subjects: Equal Rights Amendment, Women’s Rights

Places: Georgia, Washington, DC, New York, Denmark, Texas, Australia

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**President’s Advisory Committee on Women Files**
Scope and Content: Containers 14-25. This series was opened in 2018. The series contains correspondence, background research notes, and publications of issues dealt with by the President’s Advisory Committee on Women and partnering organizations. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Redbook Magazine Editorial Files**
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**1976 Presidential Campaign Files**
Scope and Content: Containers 31-39. This series was opened in 2018. The series contains correspondence from the public, newspaper clippings, programs schedules, and publications of Ms. Carter’s work and involvement with the 1976 Presidential Campaign. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

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Scope and Content: Containers 40-53. This series was opened in 2018. The series contains correspondence from the public, personal letters, newspaper clippings, programs schedules, and publications of Judy and Jack Carter’s work and involvement with the 1980 presidential campaign. In addition, the series contains related historical documents of Ms. Carter’s work with the United Nations Association of San Francisco to create a memorial for the founding of the United Nations; the National Forum for Women; and the Carter Center’s Celebration of
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