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1976-1983

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English .

Creator

Lyon, Frances (Smokie) Abbott, 1924-2015

Extent

.2 Linear Feet One Half Hollinger box

Repository

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Biographical / Historical

Frances "Smokie" Abbott Lyon was born in Rome, Georgia on March 21, 1924. After growing up in South Carolina, she moved with her husband Jackson Miles Abbott, an Army Captain, to the Waynewood neighborhood of Alexandria, VA. Together they had four children and Mrs. Abbott (Lyon) became involved in the local community and its history. She served as chairman of the George Washington Birthnight Ball, as a member of the George Washington 250th Birthday Celebration Commission for Fairfax County, and on the steering committee that established the Neighborhood Friends of Historic Mount Vernon. Mrs. Abbott was the Librarian and Research Associate at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, contributing local history articles to the Alexandria Gazette. After the death of her first husband, she remarried in 1993 to Archibald (Archie) Lyon. She later moved to Charleston, South Carolina where she became very active in that community and in personal hobbies. Frances "Smokie" Abbott Lyon died on August 11, 2015.

Related Materials

Mount Vernon Citizens' Association Collection George Washington Memorial Parkway History Collection

Arrangement

Alphabetical by folder title

Description of Subordinate Components

George Washington 250th Birthday Celebration Commission

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Unit Date 1981-1982

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George Washington's 16-Sided Barn

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Mount Vernon Citizens' Association and play by Bernice Carter Davis

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Unit Date 1976-1983

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Creator Davis, Bernice Carter

Scope and Contents

Script for play entitled "A Man to Remember" by Bernice Carter Davis, 1976

Photographs

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Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Scope and Contents

One black and white photo taken at the Birthnight Ball. One color print of a parade on the George Washington Memorial Parkway for the 250th birthday of Washington celebrations, 1982.

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