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Helen B. Keeling Collection
1923 - 1976**DESCRIPTION**

This collection consists of newspaper clippings, photographs, graduation announcement, and certificates associated with the life and educational career of Helen B. Keeling. Three photos depict Helen (Brown) Keeling with one in graduation gown dated 1936. Election materials and certificates are associated with her election to the Cochise Superintendent of Education position in 1920. A diploma is present for her graduation from Arizona State Teachers' College in Flagstaff for 1936. Newspaper clipping summarize her life in Arizona and her professional career in education from 1911 to 1947. Two letters present congratulating her on her recognition as Tucson's Woman of the Year for 1958 are from Barry Goldwater and Governor Ernest W. McFarland.

1 Box, .25 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Helen (Brown) Keeling came to Arizona from Ohio in 1911 to teach elementary school at Douglas, AZ. She later became principal of the school and then served four terms as superintendent of Cochise County schools. In 1930 Mrs. Keeling came to Tucson to teach school at Prince Road Elementary. When she retired from teaching in 1947 she was the Amphitheater District director of elementary education. In 1957 Mrs. Keeling became director for the Beacon Foundation for Mentally Retarded Children and retained this title and work until 1967. She was named Arizona's Retired Teacher of the Year in 1972 and the Tucson Pilot Club named her Tucson's Woman of the Year for the city in 1958. Mrs. Keeling was the first woman president of the Arizona Education Assn. in 1922 and the state founder of the Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' organization. Helen B. Keeling died in 1976 at the age of 89.

ACQUISITION

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PROCESSING - The collection was processed by Dave Tackenberg in September 2006.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1 Clippings and Biographical Materials	1923 – 1976
f.2 Election As County School Superintendent	1920
f.3 Graduation from Arizona State Teachers College	1936
f.4 Work with Beacon Foundation for Mentally Retarded	1957
f.5 Tucson's Woman of the Year	1958/1958
f.6 Photographs	