Catherine Ann (Bill) McQueeny Memoirs (K0420)

Collection Number: K0420

Collection Title: Catherine Ann (Bill) McQueeny Memoirs

Dates: no date

Creator: McQueeny, Catherine Ann (Bill)

Abstract: The Catherine Ann (Bill) McQueeny Memoirs is a single memoir titled “Good Memories of Bad Times – Growing up in Jackson County during the Depression”. Written by Catherine Ann (Bill) McQueeny, this account describes the author’s childhood and the Kansas City area during the Great Depression.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Catherine Ann (Bill) McQueeny was born on January 21, 1927, to Harold Stanlelgh and Cecilia (Celia) Walsh Bradley. She was the great granddaughter of Frank P. Walsh who was a distinguished lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1900 to 1939. In addition, McQueeny was the granddaughter of Jermone Walsh, son of Frank Walsh, who was also a renowned attorney and a friend of the Roosevelts. From an affluent Irish family, McQueeny grew up on the Walsh Farm in Jackson County. She graduated from Webster College in 1948.

McQueeny was a teacher at St. Catherine’s Catholic School in Kansas City from 1951 to 1954. She married Leo Augustine McQueeny and had two sons and three daughters. Additionally, she was an original board member of the St. Thomas More Center at Rockhurst College and a member of the board of The Loretto. McQueeny was also a member of St. Francis Xavier’s Catholic Church as well as Amnesty International. On October 28, 1991, McQueeny passed away in her home in Kansas City, Missouri.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in a single folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection is a single memoir written by Catherine Ann (Bill) McQueeny. Titled “Good Memories of Bad Times (Growing up in Jackson County during the Depression),” this account depicts the 1930s in Kansas City, Missouri, from the perspective of McQueeny. Of particular interest is McQueeny’s awareness of racism against people of color, including Irish Americans, in her text. Additionally, this memoir provides numerous stories about the Great Depression, the treatment of the needy, locations in Kansas City, and McQueeny’s childhood.

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