# AUDRA SNYDER BAILEY PAPERS, 1965–1991 (BULK 1970-1975)

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#### **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	1 manuscript box
COLLECTION DATES:	Inclusive, 1965–91; Bulk, 1970–75
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### **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Audra (Snyder) Lindley Bailey was born in Amboy, Indiana, in 1909. She graduated from Indiana University in 1930, and received a master's degree in administration from Butler University in 1944. Audra Lindley married L. Rush Bailey, a professor of dentistry at Indiana University, Indianapolis. She had one son, Craig Lindley, by a previous marriage.

After graduating from IU, Bailey began her teaching career at Mt. Auburn, Indiana, as a high school math instructor. From 1931 until 1937, she taught in private schools in Maine and Wisconsin, returning to Indiana in 1937 to teach at Waterloo (Indiana) High School. After a seven-year stint (1942–47) at Roosevelt Junior High School, Kokomo, Bailey was employed by Kokomo High School as Dean of Girls and Orientation Teacher (1949–57) and later served as a mathematics instructor and Director of American Field Service Student Exchange Program (1957–64). Bailey ended her teaching career at Arlington High School in Indianapolis (1964–79) where she taught mathematics and directed such programs as "Keep America Beautiful," "Freedom's Foundation," and AFS Program.

Audra Bailey was also involved in many service, church, and political organizations. These include Hoosiers for Equal Rights Amendment, Women's Political Caucus, Women United Against Rape; the Mayor's Task Force on Women, the Metropolitan Office for Women's Programs, and North United Methodist Women.

Sources: *Who's Who in the Midwest*, v.10, 1967–68, p. 53. Information in collection.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection, filling one manuscript box, consists of materials about Audra Bailey's life including correspondence, committee minutes and reports, high school newsletters and programs, articles, and clippings that focus on her involvement on the issues of education and women's rights. Five of the folders pertain to high school activities headed by Bailey while a teacher in Kokomo and Indianapolis. Materials include correspondence and information regarding foreign exchange programs, Beautify America drives, Freedom's Foundation, and school-sponsored events.

The remaining eleven folders deal with Bailey's organizational and church involvement. These include Bailey's work on the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women Task Force, the Hoosiers for Equal Rights Amendment, the Indiana Association of Women Deans and Counselors, the Indiana Women's Political Caucus, and the Metropolitan

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