

RUTH GREATHOUSE COLLECTION, ca 1912-1936

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: .5 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive, ca. 1912-1936; Bulk 1934-1936

PROVENANCE: Jean Spears, Indianapolis, IN

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: None

ACCESSION NUMBER: 92.0623X

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Ruth Greathouse was born in indianapolis Indiana ca. 1912. Her parents were Archie and Rose Greathouse. Her family

home was located at 2631 N. Captial Avenue.

Source: Materials in the Collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection (ca. 1912-1936) contains material related to Ruth Greathouse. Her baby record is located in folder 1. The bulk of the collection (folders 3-5) includes correspondence to Greathouse from W. E. Mayo from April 1934 to August 1936. Mayo was in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). Through early August 1934 he was located at Camp Knox in Kentucky, before moving to a CCC camp near Cromwell, Indiana. He wrote Greathouse, generally three to four times a month. His letter details his activities and work assignments, as well as his affection for Greathouse.

Ruth's father, Archie Greathouse owned the Greathouse Emporium located on Indiana Avenue. During the 1920s he was a community activist who filed suit in an unsuccessful effort against the Indianapolis Public Schools establishment of a segregated high school. An Archie Greathouse calendar is located in folder 6. There is a colorful advertisement for Kingan's (later Hygrade's), a meat packing company and large employer in Indianapolis in folder 7.

FOLDER LISTING

- 1: Baby Record
 - 2: (VC) Ruth Greathouse baby photograph
 - 3: Correspondence, 1934
 - 4: Correspondence, 1935
 - 5: Correspondence, 1936, n.d.
 - 6: Archie Greathouse calendar
 - 7: Advertisement (Kingan's Meat Packing Co.)
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CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Greathouse, Ruth, b. ca. 1912

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Greathouse, Ruth, b. ca. 1912

Greathouse, Archie

Mayo, W. E.

Black Women in the Middle West Project

Civilian Conservation Corps (U.S.)

Kingan & Co.

Afro-American women--Indiana--Indianapolis

Advertising--Food--Indiana--Indianapolis

Meat--Packing--Indiana--Indianapolis

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