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**MARGOT ECCLES
ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW, 28 JULY 2011**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Margot Lacy (Mrs. Robert S.) Eccles (1935–2012) was born in Indianapolis. She attended Tufts University and studied at the American Theater Wing of NYC and the University of Paris. She returned to Indianapolis in the 1950s and worked for her father, Howard John Lacy II, as a secretary at the U.S. Corrugated–Fiber Box Company, which was founded by her grandfather, Howard Lacy, and diversified into LDI Ltd. While she was working in Indianapolis, she met her husband, Robert S. Eccles (1936–1997), who was an independent school teacher working as assistant headmaster at Park School (now Park Tudor.) He later worked at schools in Arizona, North Carolina, Connecticut and New York. When Robert retired in 1983, the Eccles returned to Indianapolis. Mrs. Eccles was Vice President of Communication and Shareholder Relations and board member at LDI

Ms. Eccles was widely known for her community involvement. She served as the Chair of the Lacy foundation, has acted as the director for the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee, sat on Franklin College’s board of trustees, and was a member of the Indiana Symphony Society, the Junior Achievement of Central Indiana and United Way of Central Indiana. Ms. Eccles also served on the Heartland Film Festival board of governors and was a member of the Indiana Black Expo Cultural Pavilion Gala Committee and the Race Relations Leadership Network Committee. In 2007, she won the 400 Bricklayer Award from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Sources:

Materials in Collection

Starlight Musicals Collection Guide (M 0955)

WTHR web site <http://www.wthr.com/story/18878223/indianapolis-philanthropist-eccles-dies-at-76> accessed 23 January 2013.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The interview was conducted with Mrs. Eccles on 28 July 2011 by Steve Haller, Senior Director of Collections and is approximately two hours in length. Topics discussed include growing up in a country home in the Trader’s Point area of northwestern Marion County during the 1930s and 1940s, studying musical theater in New York City and receiving a degree from the Professional Training School, and working for U. S. Corrugated–Fiber Box Company as her father’s secretary. She also discusses her father’s relationship with the Indianapolis 500 and the 500 Festival Committee, the Lacy Leadership Foundation, the Eiteljorg Museum, and performance related programs including Young Playwrights in Process, Heartland Film Festival, and Starlight Musicals. The interview concludes with a discussion of her role in the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee.

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