LEE (LEOLA) ELLEN FORD PAPERS, 1929-1985

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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COLLECTION:

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An attorney, scientist, educator, and writer, Dr. Lee Ellen Ford was born Leola Ellen Ford in 1917 at Auburn (DeKalb County), Indiana. She was engaged in business and auditing for various corporations from 1934 to 1944 before beginning her academic career. She earned her B.S. from Wittenberg University (Ohio) in 1947, her M.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1949, and her PhD. from Iowa State University in 1952, specializing in cytogenetics and botany. She also attended the Ohio State University briefly in the late 1940s. In 1969 Dr. Ford switched careers and entered law school at the University of Notre Dame, from which she received her J.D. degree in 1972.

Dr. Ford began her teaching career as an associate professor of biology at Gustavus Adolphus College from 1950-1951, followed by positions at Anderson (Indiana) College, 1952-1955; visiting professor of biology at the University of Alberta (Canada), 1955-1956; associate professor of biology at Pacific Lutheran University (Washington), 1956-1962; and professor of biology and cytogenetics at Mississippi State College for Women, 1962-1964. She was also on the faculty at Carson College (Nevada), 1965-1968, and Dominican College (New York), 1970. During her teaching career, Dr. Ford also served as the chief cytogeneticist for the Pacific Northwest Research Foundation (Seattle, Washington), 1964-1965, director of the Canine Genetics Consultation Service (Parkland, Washington), 1963-1969, sponsor and one of the principal movers for the Companion Collie for Adult Jr. Blind, 1955-1965, and director of the Genetics Research Laboratory, Auburn, Indiana, 1955-1975. She has published over 1,000 volumes on dog genetics and the breeding of guide dogs for the blind and has contributed articles on cytogenetics to journals in the field and has written articles for the *American Kennel Club Gazette* and other dog and cat magazines. Her areas of research expertise included illnesses in dogs such as hip disorders and epilepsy, chromosome studies in dogs (especially grey collies) and rabbits, and testicular tissue in humans. In later years she was active in the legal rights for animals and their owners.

In addition to her teaching duties at Carson College, Dr. Ford also held the position of economist for the Manpower program in Nevada, 1966-1968. In 1969 she accepted the job of director of the Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation in Staten Island, New York. She left this position a short time later to pursue a legal career.

Ford was admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1972 and accepted a position as executive assistant to Governor Otis Bowen the following year. Bowen became acquainted with Dr. Ford during her law school days when she assisted him while he was Speaker of the House in the Indiana Legislature by writing several position papers. While in the Bowen administration, Ford was responsible for minority rights issues with particular concentration on equal opportunities for women and the handicapped. Upon leaving the state government, Ford returned to DeKalb County, to practice law, specializing in the rights of the handicapped and other minorities.

Among Lee Ellen Ford's other accomplishments are those of owner, editor, and publisher of the *DeKalb Record-Herald*, 1972-1976, and president of Ford Association Publishers, 1972-1987. She has also served as a volunteer on a number of committees and councils including the Butler City Planning Commission, 1976-1977, the board of directors of the President's Advisory Council on Drug Abuse, 1976-1977, the executive board of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod Lutheran Church in America, 1976-1979, the board of directors of the Indiana Council of Churches, the board of directors of the Indiana Interreligious Committee on Human Equality, 1976-1980, the director of the Indiana Commission on the Status of Women, 1973-1979, and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Board, 1983-1987. She also was responsible for the publication of the *Directory of Women Attorneys*, 1970s.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers contain materials relating to the personal, professional, legal, and governmental aspects of Dr. Ford's life. Included are correspondence, diaries, biographical information, financial records, legal cases and law school materials, state government reports and memos, and professional and literary publications.

PERSONAL PAPERS

Items include correspondence with Ford's parents, family, and friends regarding general topics, 1931-1981; her diaries, 1930-1940, 1968; correspondence, publications, and activities regarding her involvement as a Girl Scout leader, 1930s; and family farm journals, 1940-1945 (records of farm occurrences such as problems, finances, and activities). In

addition, the collection contains the records of Dr. Ford's personal finances, 1940s-1970s; her involvement with the Lutheran Church, including the role of women in the church; her board membership on the Indiana Council of Churches, 1970-1981; and her biographical information submitted to numerous "who's who" type of publications, 1950s-1980s.

EDUCATIONAL PAPERS

Papers in this section deal with Dr. Ford's education at Wittenberg, Minnesota, Ohio State, and Iowa State. These materials include her M.S. thesis and PhD. dissertation, class schedules, time budgets, papers about her educational related employment, interests in outside organizations and activities, and her inquiries into veterinary school, 1944-1952.

PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

Professional materials include papers Ford presented at conferences, articles and abstracts in professional journals, as well as proposals for articles and research grants. Primary areas of concentration deal with genetics and illnesses in dogs and rabbits, 1950s-1960s. Also contained are correspondence, faculty materials, class schedules and notes regarding her position as a teaching assistant at the University of Minnesota and as a professor at Mississippi State College for Women, Pacific Lutheran University, and Dominican College, and a survey of former students, 1947-1970.

The collection also includes Ford's publications, correspondence, and operational items regarding her involvement with the Companion Collie program, primarily during the time she was teaching in Washington, Mississippi, and Nevada. Among the materials are newsletters and publications issued by Ford's Shamrock Publishing Company regarding obedience training, judging, studies on chromosomes, breeding, the *Animal Welfare Encyclopedia*, and other topics. Also contained are papers regarding Ford's research on chromosome studies and illnesses in dogs and rabbits, including hip disorders, epilepsy, and grey collie studies. In addition, the collection contains information regarding the program's funding and operation such as correspondence with volunteer breeders and branches in Illinois, Mississippi, and Washington; correspondence regarding assistance from service related organizations such as the Lion's Club and the Girl Scouts; communications with other dog training schools for the blind and collie breeders; and publicity for the program. There also are items from the Ford Association regarding aid for the blind, operation and finances, the marketing of the association's publications, and legal rights and legislation for the blind.

Also contained in Dr. Ford's papers are reports, memos, and correspondence regarding her work with the Manpower program in Nevada, 1968, and as head of the cytogenetics laboratory for the New York State Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation, 1966-1969. The majority of the material related to Dr. Ford's New York position and contains memos and correspondence regarding her relations with other administrators and employees, research and grants, progress reports, staff meeting minutes, general laboratory operation, and autopsy testicular tissue information.

LAW SCHOOL AND LEGAL PAPERS

Lee Ellen Ford's law school and legal career papers contain reports, correspondence, records, and general printed material, 1969-1981. The Notre Dame Law School items include academic records, controversy over grades received, papers and other projects for classes, attempts to obtain financial aid for herself and other women students, and part-time employment to assist in educational costs. Also included are correspondence, meeting notes, and general information concerning Ford's work with the student Legislative Bureau and copies and related materials regarding the publication of the journal *New Dimensions in Legislation*. Materials relating to Dr. Ford's legal career include her efforts to establish and publish a *Directory of Women Attorneys*, and legal cases handled dealing with the educational rights of handicapped children such as *King v. N. E. Indiana Special Education Cooperative* and the Jenifer Alexander case.

PAPERS WHILE AIDE IN BOWEN ADMINISTRATION

Papers in this section of the collection includes reports, memos, correspondence, and other published materials relating to Ford's position as executive aide to Governor Otis Bowen, 1972-1975. Among the subjects covered are her role in the affirmative action program, political jobs for women, the commission for the handicapped, housing assistance for

the needy, staff meetings, conferences, receptions, and the controversy surrounding her leaving.

LOCAL (DEKALB COUNTY) PAPERS

Subjects in this section of the collection deal with Dr. Ford's role in local politics and environmental control in Butler and DeKalb County. Included are reports, correspondence and publicity involving a proposed reorganization of city government, and a legal case involving the pollution of the St. Joseph's River by Strow Chemicals Inc. of Waterloo, 1971-1972. Also material relating to a suit against Dr. Ford by the former owner of the *DeKalb Record-Herald* regarding the recovery of the balance of the purchase price after the paper ceased operation, 1972-1978 (*Powers v. Ford*).

LITERARY PAPERS AND JOB SEARCHES

Other areas of Dr. Ford's career covered in the collection include her attempts at a professional literary career, job searches, and attempts to locate a respiratory for a women's history archives which would house her papers, 1950s-1980s. Literary items include correspondence with publishers and manuscripts regarding efforts at publishing her poetry, fiction, plays, contemporary nonfiction such as works on youth and legal rights for the blind, her efforts to publish her autobiography, "Herstory." The collection also contains correspondence and related materials regarding Ford's job searches for a variety of positions in a number of fields, 1950-1968.

The collection also includes 18 cubic foot boxes of Dr. Ford's family and professional photographs, photo albums, and scrapbooks which have been transferred to Visual Collections.

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