ANNABEL HARTMAN PAPERS, 1981–1990

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 document case, 1 photograph, 2 oversize folders.

COLLECTION DATES: 1981-1990
BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL SKETCH

Annabel Spangle Hartman was raised in Illinois. She attended Tennessee Wesleyan College before moving to Washington, D.C., in 1944 to become Dean of Girls at the Junior High School Camp of Hamline Methodist Church. In Washington she met and married Grover Hartman, a conscientious objector and graduate student. The Hartmans raised four children: Lowell, Worth, Elden, and Howard. Dr. Grover Hartman was secretary of the Social Services Department of the Church Federation of Indianapolis in the 1950s.

Annabel Hartman has been active in the Indianapolis Council of Church Women, Church Women United, and the Repertory Theatre of the Christian Theological Seminary. She received her Master’s Degree in Education from Ball State University and taught adult basic education in the Indianapolis Public Schools until 1983. After her retirement from teaching she became an officer in Church Women United and served several terms as Vice President for Ecumenical Development.

Annabel Hartman and Jacquie Reed of Church Women United were Indianapolis coordinators for the Ribbon Project, an effort by peace groups, churches, and other organizations in the United States, Canada, and around the world to recognize the need for world peace. The Ribbon was a series of cloth, quilt, or appliqué pieces made by individuals and groups. Each segment of the Ribbon was made of sturdy fabric such as muslin. Messages sewn or painted on the banners depicted aspects of life that would be lost as a result of nuclear war. These included scenes of the earth, families, supermarkets, animals, and flowers. The individual pieces were tied together to form a single unit, or Ribbon. The Ribbon was then tied around the Pentagon in statement signifying that peace was the only alternative to nuclear war. This event took place on 4 August 1985, the 40th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan.

Justine Merritt of Denver initiated and directed the project. Mary Frances Jaster was the national coordinator.

Sources: Items in the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection includes correspondence, newsletters, clippings, and contact lists associated with the Ribbon Project, an effort by peace groups, churches, and other organizations in the United States, Canada, and around the world to
recognize the need for world peace.

Organized in three series, the material reflects Indiana residents’ participation in the project, the conception and organization of the event by Justine Merritt and others, and the impact of the project after the 4 August event. Material associated with the national event includes newsletters originating in Denver, Colorado, posters, and instructions concerning how to construct a peace ribbon. Also included is the publication *The Ribbon* (Asheville N. C.: Lark Books, 1985) which includes color and black-and-white images of segments of the Ribbon.

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