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HARRIET C. STOUT COLLECTION, CA. 1942–2008

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box; 1 oversize folder; 1 folder black and white photographs; 1 folder color photographs; artifacts

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1942–2008

PROVENANCE: Ronald Arvin for Harriet Stout, Indianapolis, IN, September, 2012

RESTRICTIONS: None

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harriet Carcraft Stout (b. 1919) was born and raised in Indianapolis and attended Shortridge High School. After graduation she attended Indiana University from 1936–1939 where she met her husband, William. The Stouts worked for L. S. Ayres and Company in Indianapolis from 1940–1942. In 1942 Harriet Stout enlisted in the U. S. Women’s Army Corps attaining the rank of captain and served a recruiter. After the war, she returned home where she was homemaker as well as being active in Republican Party politics serving as chairwoman on many committees, councils and election campaigns. Stout served two terms in Indiana General Assembly House of Representatives, 1955–1959. In 1969 she became public affairs officer for American Fletcher National Bank.

Sources:

Information in collection.

Biographical Directory of the Indiana General Assembly. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1984. Volume 2, pp.402–403

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is mainly comprised of Harriet Stout’s official records and correspondence while serving as a recruiting officer in the Women’s Army Corps (WAC) during World War II, mainly in Hartford, Connecticut. Included in her service record are orders, pay accounts and certificates. Also contained is correspondence between Stout and individuals and businesses regarding her role regarding appearances and publicity in her WAC recruiting efforts as well as a small amount of personal correspondence. Other items include photographs, newspaper clippings, magazine articles and newsletters regarding women in the military during World War II as well as Stout’s uniform.

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Stout’s uniform including 1 skirt, 2 jackets, 1 tie, 3 caps, 1 pair of gloves

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