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**KATHERINE L. SUHRHEINRICH WULFF
COLLECTION, 1901–2008**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 manuscript boxes, 1 bound volume, 4 folders of photographs, 2 folders of Cold Storage color photographs, 1 printed item
COLLECTION DATES:	1901–2008
PROVENANCE:	Gift of Peggy Wulff Blackard, Greenwood, Indiana
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Katherine “Kay” L. Suhrheinrich Wulff (December 20, 1920–September 7, 2008) was a lifelong member, volunteer, and employee of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) at the local, regional, and national levels. She was born in Evansville, Indiana in 1920, graduated from Evansville’s Bosse High School in 1938, and received a B.S. in Secondary Education, Home Economics, and Biological Sciences from Evansville College in 1942. She joined an Evansville Girl Scout troop in 1933 at the age of twelve. In 1938, at the age of 17, she was selected to represent Indiana at the Girl Scouts All American Camp at Camp Cloud Rim in Utah, which was comprised of one exemplary Girl Scout from each state. She later married Dr. Richard E. Wulff, a dentist, and had three children: Janet, Thomas, and Peggy. In 1954, Katherine rekindled her connection with the Girl Scouts by becoming a troop leader for her daughters’ troop in Evansville. She served in various volunteer roles within the organization, culminating in her 1964 appointment as President of the Raintree Council, which served eleven counties in Southern Indiana. In 1976, she began to work professionally as an employee of GSUSA. Katherine served on the National Properties Committee and the National Board of Directors before becoming the Executive Director of the Trailways Girl Scout Council in Joliet, Illinois. In 1980 she transitioned to a management consultant role at the Girl Scouts’ Chicago Field Center until her retirement. Upon retirement, Wulff returned to her hometown of Evansville, where she was active in the Bethel United Church of Christ and was a founding member of United Caring Shelters, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the homeless.

Katherine’s daughter, Peggy Wulff Blackard, also worked for the Girl Scouts as Executive Director of the Tulip Trace Council in Southern Indiana from 1986-98. In this role, Blackard developed a relationship with Columbus, Indiana philanthropist and former director of GSUSA Clementine Miller Tangeman, with whom she worked to fund construction of the Girl Scouts’ Belmont Outdoor Education Center in Brown County, Indiana. The facility, which opened in 1995, provided cabins for camping and a Clementine Tangeman Memorial Bridge House for events until it was sold to the environmental organization Nature Conservancy in 2013.

Sources:

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The first series of this collection covers Katherine Suhrheinrich Wulff's childhood and teenage years in Evansville, Indiana and her career as an employee of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Folders 1-13 in Box 1 contain items related to her early life in Evansville, including her education and her time as a Girl Scout. Items include diaries, report cards, Girl Scout badge cards, and a collection of postcards. Folders 11 and 12 hold correspondence written to and from Katherine during her trip to the Girl Scouts' All-American Camp in Utah in August 1938. Correspondents include her parents, her aunts, Esther Buente and Mayta and Anna Suhrheinrich, and her cousin Bill Suhrheinrich. Katherine also used the wood-cover diary, BV 5478, to record this trip. Newspaper clippings in Folders 14 and 15 cover events both from Katherine's early years in Evansville as a Girl Scout and from her career with the organization, including clippings she collected during the 38th National Girl Scout Convention in Seattle in 1969. Documents from Wulff's professional career with the Girl Scouts in Folder 1 of Box 2 include memos and correspondence as well as performance reviews and resumes. This series also contains six folders of photographs, mostly depicting various Girl Scout events that Wulff attended.

The second series contains material related to Katherine's daughter Peggy Wulff Blackard's career with the Tulip Trace Girl Scout Council in southern Indiana. Folder 5 of Box 2 contains a feasibility study for a capital campaign intended to raise funds for the construction of Belmont Outdoor Education Center in Brown County, Indiana. Folders 6 and 7 are composed of correspondence between Blackard and Clementine Miller Tangeman, a Columbus, Indiana philanthropist and longtime supporter of the Girl Scouts. Folder 8 contains documents related to fundraising and construction of Belmont, including an architectural "Master Plan."

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Girl Scouts Former National Board Member
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Clementine Miller Tangeman Funeral and Memorials,
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