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**MARJORIE WOODRUFF KLINCK "WOMEN UNLIMITED"  
PROJECT MATERIALS, CA. 1971–1976**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Marjorie Woodruff Klinck was born on April 10, 1922, in Geneseo, New York, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woodruff. The Woodruffs were a poor farming family with three daughters. Marjorie, aka Marge, attended grammar school in a one-room school in Lakeville, NY. In high school, Marge found time for basketball and student government. She was junior class president and editor of the yearbook.

Marge went on to attend Buffalo State University, where she became a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron Society (superior scholarship and qualities of leadership). She was also a member of Alpha Honor Society and many other activities. She worked her way through college by waiting on tables and babysitting in return for lodging. Marge earned a B.S. in Home Economics Education from Buffalo State in 1944.

In 1948, Marge married William J. Klinck. They eventually had three children, Cynthia, Barry, and Sharon. After serving as a Home Ec. teacher at York Central High School in York, NY, and Home Economist for New York State Extension Service at Cornell University, Marge and William moved to Indiana and in 1962 Marge went to work for the Cooperative Extension Service at Purdue University in Seymour, Indiana.

While an Extension Agent in Indiana from 1962–1982, Marge was selected to develop what became known as the "Women Unlimited" program, a series of personal growth seminars for women. From 1988–1994, Marge was director of the Jackson County Leadership Program. She designed a program to develop community leadership skills and by 1994 there had been 165 graduates of the program.

Throughout her professional career Marge was awarded numerous times, including being awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash award in 1993 by the Governor of Indiana and the Marjorie W. Klinck Award instituted by the Indiana State Leadership Association. She was awarded the Leadership award posthumously and it continues to be awarded each year.

Marjorie passed away on February 20, 1994, but not before empowering multitudes of women and touching many lives.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The Marjorie Woodruff Klinck "Women Unlimited" project materials collection is organized in nine series based on the progress of the project.

**Series One** - Consists of one folder of biographical material about Marjorie Woodruff Klinck.

**Series Two** - Consists of one folder of project proposals from 1971–1973.

**Series Three** - Consists of one folder of project correspondence from March 1973–November 1975.

**Series Four** - Consists of one folder of project samples sent to outside groups as promotional material as well as memos and scripts used at promotional meetings.

**Series Five** - Consists of three folders containing "It Takes Us All" group seminar materials, original and revised edition, and one with seminar data and reflections/comments.

**Series Six** - Consists of two folders evaluating the program. Folder 8 is mostly memos from Marjorie Klinck to agents who had utilized the program, and Folder 9 contains evaluations ca. 1974–1975.

**Series Seven** - Consists of one folder containing Marjorie Klinck progress reports sent each month to her supervisors at Purdue and at the Dept. of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

**Series Eight** - Consists of three folders containing early and mid-1974 project guidelines and the Final Project Report by Marjorie W. Klinck from 1976.

**Series Nine** - Consists of one folder containing the official "Women Unlimited" finished project. It also contains the original song "It Takes Us All," written by Marjorie Klinck and two others. There is also a copy of the Extension Service journal containing an article by Marjorie Klinck about the "Women Unlimited" project.

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