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Biographical Sketch

Betty Royon was a woman ahead of her time, a pioneer for women in industry and an early organizing force in local historical preservation. She rose to prominence as the aide de camp of Cyrus Eaton, the internationally known Cleveland industrialist. Royon eventually became Vice President of Deep Cove Farms, Acadia Farm (Cyrus Eaton's Northfield, Ohio home for shorthorn cattle), staff assistant to the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of both the Portsmouth and Detroit Steel Corporations.

She was born in Cleveland and was a childhood friend and classmate of Cyrus Eaton's daughter. She completed her education with a master's degree in physics from Smith College in 1936. Cyrus Eaton had kept track of the young woman's rising career and hired her to work in his New York branch. She moved back to Cleveland, at Eaton's behest, to work as Eaton's top staff assistant. She moved to Hudson, Ohio in 1958 and lived there for the remainder of her life.

She traveled globally for Cyrus Eaton's Acadia Farms, eventually being elected the first woman director of the American Shorthorn Breeder's Association.

Locally, Betty Royon was known for her preservationist work in Hudson. Along with other notables such as Grace Goulder Izant, she was a tireless promoter of the historical significance of Hudson. She was a lifelong member of both the Hudson Library and Historical Society and the Hudson Heritage Association. She contributed to both organizations in various capacities, serving as the publicity director for the Hudson Heritage Association and president of the board of trustees for the Hudson Library and Historical Society.

Scope and Content Note

The Betty Royon papers cover a span of over fifty years and consist of materials related to her role as Cyrus Eaton's top assistant and her activities with Hudson Library & Historical Society and the Hudson Heritage Association. This collection includes a variety of material: memos, newsletters, correspondence (both personal and professional), newspaper clippings, photos and financial documents. This material is divided into six series.

Series I deals with material directly related to Betty Royon. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other documents are arranged chronologically. Also included in this series are Royon's master thesis from Smith College and all publicity material written by Royon for the Hudson Library and Historical Society and the Hudson Heritage Association. Correspondence is denoted by organization and in chronological order, sorted by decade.

Series two deals chiefly with the village of Hudson and the Hudson Library & Historical Society. Of note is the Archives Project Expansion undertaken by the Society, which covers the years from its inception in 1980 and its completion in 1986. In par with the rest of the collection, chronological order has been maintained.

Series three deals with some of the personal effects of Grace Goulder Izant (1893-1984), who was a noted local historian who wrote for the Cleveland Magazine (published by the Plain Dealer) and author two novels, *Hudson, Our Heritage* and *Rockefeller, the Cleveland Years*, published book reviews and tributes after her passing in 1984.

Series four deals primarily with the Western Reserve Chapel Tower Completion Project, something that was dear to Izant and undertaken by friends and family after her death. Materials included correspondence, fund raising activities, and related documents.

Series five deals with homes of historical significance located in Hudson and designated as such by the Hudson Heritage Association. Materials included are: homes designated by street location, guides to old home research, photos, newspaper clippings, and criteria for HHA marker admission (as designated by the Hudson Heritage Association).

Series six deals exclusively with the activities of the Hudson Heritage Association, founded in 1962 in response to a threat by a local developer to tear down a building that had been built in the early 1800s and served as the local bank. The materials cover events from 1962-1992, but concentrate mainly between the years of 1980-1992. Correspondence, newspaper articles and newsletters are sorted chronologically by decade.

Series Description

Series I- Material directly related to Betty Royon herself. Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other documents are arranged chronologically whenever possible.

Series II - Village of Hudson and the Hudson Library & Historical Society information

Series III - Personal effects of Grace Goulder Izant (1893-1984).

Series IV - Western Reserve Chapel Tower Completion Project, something that was dear to Izant and undertaken by friends and family after her death.

Series V - Homes of historical significance located in Hudson and designated as such by the Hudson Heritage Association.

Series VI - Hudson Heritage Association

Related Materials

Container List

Series I: Correspondence, newspaper clippings, etc.

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6	Betty Royon Notes, 1980-1989
7	Betty Royon Notes, 1980-1989
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- 10 Betty Royon Notes, 1980-1989
- 11 Betty Royon Notes, 1980-1989
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- 13 Betty Royon Notes, 1990- Present (2002?)
- 14 Betty Royon Notes, 1990-Present (2002?)
- 15 Betty Royon Notes, n.d.
- 16 Betty Royon Notes, n.d.
- 17 Betty Royon Notes, n.d.
- 18 Betty Royon Correspondence, n.d.
- 19 Betty Royon Correspondence (personal), 1956-1979
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- 21 Betty Royon Correspondence (personal), 1980-1989
- 22 Betty Royon Correspondence (personal), 1980-1989
- 23 Betty Royon Correspondence (personal), 1980-1989
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- 26 Betty Royon Correspondence (personal), 1990-present
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- 43 Betty Royon-Hudson Library & Historical Society Correspondence, 1970-1979 (1979)
- 44 Betty Royon-Hudson Library & Historical Society Correspondence, 1980-1989 (1986)
- 45 Betty Royon-Hudson Library & Historical Society Correspondence, 1980-1989 (1986)
- 46 Betty Royon-Hudson Library & Historical Society Correspondence, 1980-1989 (1986)
- 47 Betty Royon-Master's Thesis (1936)
- 48 Ohio Shorthorn Breeder's Association, 1960-1976

49	Betty Royon Miscellaneous, 1960-1992
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53	Betty Royon Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1979
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Series II: Village of Hudson and the Hudson Library & Historical Society materials

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1	Village of Hudson Comprehensive Plan (1978)
2	Hudson Library & Historical Society Miscellaneous (1960-1992)
3	Hudson Library & Historical Society Membership Lists, etc. 1980-1989
4	Village of Hudson Miscellaneous, 1960-present (2002?)
5	Ex Libris, 1979-1982
6	Ex Libris, 1982-1985
7	Ex Libris, 1985-1991
8	Hudson Library & Historical Society, Guest Speakers 1980-1989
9	Hudson Library & Historical Society, Annual Reports, 1980-1985
10	Village of Hudson Ordinances, 1980-1989
11	Village of Hudson, Council Minutes, 1970-1979
12	Village of Hudson, Council Minutes, 1980-1989
13	Village of Hudson, Council Minutes, 1990-present (2002?)
14	Hudson Library and Historical Society, Minutes, 1980-1992
15	Hudson Library-Archives, Blueprints, 1986
16	Hudson Library-Archives, Financial Information, 1980-1986
17	Hudson Library-Archives, Correspondence, 1980-1986
18	Hudson Library-Archives Contract Bids, 1980-1986
19	Hudson Library-Archives Volunteer Information
20	Hudson Library-Archives Miscellaneous Information
21	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Correspondence, n.d.
22	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Correspondence, 1950-1959
23	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Correspondence, 1960-1969
24	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Correspondence, 1970-1979
25	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Correspondence, 1980-1989
26	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Correspondence, 1980-1989
27	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Newspaper clippings, 1970-1992
28	Hudson Library & Historical Society; Newspaper clippings, 1970-1992
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Series III: Personal effects of Grace Goulder Izant

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3	Grace Goulder Izant newspaper clippings, 1977-1989
4	Grace Goulder Izant newspaper clippings, 1977-1989
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6	Grace Goulder Izant-In memoriam, 1984
7	Grace Goulder Izant; miscellaneous information, 1919
8	Grace Goulder Izant; miscellaneous information, n.d.
9	Grace Goulder Izant; book transcript I
10	Grace Goulder Izant; book transcript II
11	Grace Goulder Izant; book transcript III
12	Grace Goulder Izant; book transcript IV
13	Grace Goulder Izant; book transcript V
14	Grace Goulder Izant; book transcript VI

Series IV: Western Reserve Chapel Tower Completion Project

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1	Western Reserve Academy; Chapel Tower Background Information
2	Western Reserve Academy; Chapel Tower Financial Data
3	Western Reserve Academy; Photos of Chapel Tower 1870, 1890
4	Western Reserve Academy; Chapel Tower Correspondence, 1937-1987
5	Western Reserve Academy; Chapel Tower Miscellaneous Information
6	Western Reserve Academy; Chapel Tower Press Clippings, 1980-1989

Series V: Homes of historical significance located in Hudson

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Folder	Contents
1	Village of Hudson Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1992
2	Village of Hudson Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1992
3	Village of Hudson Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1992
4	Village of Hudson Newspaper Clippings, 1970-1992
5	Hudson miscellaneous pamphlets
6	Hudson miscellaneous pamphlets
7	Hudson miscellaneous pamphlets
8	Hudson miscellaneous pamphlets
9	Hudson miscellaneous pamphlets
10	Oviatt Street
11	Valleyview Road

12	East Avenue
13	Owen Brown Street
14	Aurora Street
15	Baldwin Street
16	College Street
17	Middleton Road
18	Streetsboro Road
19	Barlow Road
20	Darrow Road
21	Main & Church Street
22	Old House receiving Hudson Heritage Association Markers, 1986-1988
23	Hudson Heritage Association Guide to Old Home Research

Series VI: Hudson Heritage Association

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	1	Hudson Heritage Association Newspaper clippings, 1980-1992
	2	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1962-1992
	3	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	4	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	5	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	6	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	7	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	8	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	9	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	10	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	11	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	12	Hudson Heritage Association, Minutes and Newsletters, 1980-1992
	13	Hudson Heritage Association, Announcements, 1960-1992
	14	Hudson Heritage Association, Announcements, 1980-1992
	15	Hudson Heritage Association Announcements, 1980-1992
	16	Hudson Heritage Association, Route 91 Stance, 1986
	17	Hudson Heritage Association, Legal Material, 1980-1989
	18	Hudson Heritage Association, Membership Lists, 1980-1992
	19	Hudson Heritage Association, Markers 1980-1989
	20	Hudson Heritage Association, Financial Documents, 1980-1992
	21	Hudson Heritage Association, Correspondence, 1962
	22	Hudson Heritage Association, Correspondence, 1980-1989
	23	Hudson Heritage Association, Correspondence, 1980-1989
	24	Hudson Heritage Association, Correspondence, 1990-1992
	25	Hudson Heritage Association, Correspondence, 1990-1992
	26	Hudson Heritage Association, Miscellaneous Information