Guide to the

**Geneva L. Cotten Papers**

1976-2004

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Collection Number 211

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Biographical Sketch

Geneva Lisotta Cotten was a member of the Lake Charles City Council from July 1981 to June 1985. She is a graduate of Lake Charles High School. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from McNeese State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Special Education. She was a member of several civic groups, including the Lake Charles League of Women Voters, the Junior League of Lake Charles, and Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternity. Cotten's interests include many social issues, including advocacy for women’s rights.

Scope and Content Note

The papers, primarily from the 1970s, consist of conference materials and printed materials regarding women’s rights issues. The conferences Cotten attended include the Governor’s Conference on Women, June, 1976, and the Mayor’s Commission on Women.

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| 1      | **Materials from women’s conferences**, including:  
  ● U.S. Department of Labor newsletters and pamphlets – mainly regarding the employment and pay of women (ca. early 1970s);  
  ● Brochure for a bicentennial project by the Bureau on the Status of Women (ca. 1974);  
  ● Brochure for Women’s Programs Funded by the Louisiana Committee for the Humanities, 1975-1976;  
  ● Conference folder from “Louisiana’s first Governor’s Conference on Women June 4th and 5th, 1976;”  
  ● Mayor’s Commission on Women – papers regarding the purpose of the committee, selection of committee members, and goals; information about the Commission’s Clearinghouse and Data Bank (ca. 1977);  
  ● Summary of The Lake Charles Parents’ Public Forum on the major concerns of parents in Region V – February 2, 1977;  
  ● Women in Management Conference Program – June 8-10, 1978;  
  ● Women in Management Conference program, list of speakers and brief biographies – June 14-16, 1979; Women in Management Members List – 1979;  
  ● National Women’s Education Fund – list of information resources and brochure entitled “Campaign Workbook;”  
  ● Louisiana Women’s Political Caucus newsletter – May 1979; |
| 2      | **Clippings and articles on women’s issues** (ca. 1975-2004) |
| 3      | “Priorities Recommended for Louisiana in the 1980s - Proposals Made by Task Forces in the Louisiana: Priorities for the Future Lake Charles Region” booklet. |
| 4      | "Lake Charles Town Meeting" booklet - September 11, 1976. |