Guide to the

The Kathryn Simmons Johnson Papers

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Collection Number 197

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Biographical Sketch

Kathryn Simmons Johnson was born on October 12, 1913. She was a native of Pike County, Mississippi. She was an English teacher and librarian for Reeves High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Northwestern State University and Master's in Library Science from Louisiana State University. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority and did postgraduate work at four other universities. She was Who's Who of American Women 1977-1978. Her novel, *The Only Tune*, won first place at the Deep South Writer's Conference. She published numerous poems, short stories, and the book, *Patteran*. Her husband, George Herbert Johnson, was a long time principal of Reeves High School. Mrs. Johnson died on September 18, 2000 in Kinder, Louisiana.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of biographical information on Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and information relating to the history of Reeves, Louisiana, Reeves High School 1922-1955, and the Reeves Community Club 1955-1956.

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<td>Miscellaneous clippings concerning Reeves, Louisiana and its citizens, including a copy of the proclamation by Governor J.Y. Sanders incorporating Reeves in 1902; photocopy of scrapbook on the history of Reeves, including newspaper articles, photographs, and text assembled by Kitty Thombley of Reeves; photocopy of scrapbook on the Reeves Community Club of Allen Parish, 1955-1956; photocopy of scrapbook of articles and pictures of people who graduated from Reeves High School 1922-1955 assembled by Kitty Thombley of Reeves</td>
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