

MARGARET DIXON PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size	0.5 linear ft.
Geographic Locations	New Orleans, La.; Baton Rouge, La.
Inclusive Dates	1922-1969
Languages	English
Summary	Papers include letters addressed to Margaret Dixon as managing editor of the Baton Rouge <i>Morning Advocate</i> . Papers also include personal letters and materials relating to the 1956 National Democratic Convention, clippings, photographs, and a tape recording of a speech by Dixon at the 1969 Louisiana AFL-CIO convention. The collection also includes a 1960 resolution passed by the LSU Board of Supervisors expressing appreciation to Margaret Dixon, herself a board member.
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Related Collections	Margaret Dixon Scrapbook, Mss. 3003, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Citation	Margaret Dixon Papers, Mss. 2545, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections; LSU Libraries; Baton Rouge, La.
Stack Location(s)	S:122, OS:D

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Margaret Dixon (1908-1970) was a native of New Orleans and the daughter of Roger W. Richardson and Josephine Pettit, and wife of J. Muncy Dixon (died 1960). She was a nationally-known journalist and dean of the Louisiana Capitol Press Corps.

A 1928 Louisiana State University (LSU) graduate in journalism and editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, *Reveille*, she began her career as a reporter for the (Baton Rouge) *State-Times* and (New Orleans) *Times-Picayune* before becoming assistant managing editor in 1942, and managing editor (1949-1970) of the Baton Rouge *Morning Advocate*.

Dixon was active in various organizations and the recipient of many awards and honors, including the Press Woman of Achievement Award in 1958 by the National Federation of Press Women. She assumed leadership roles, among which were the chair of the Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press Association, President of the Louisiana Press Women in 1962, and member of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Papers consist primarily of letters addressed to Margaret Dixon as managing editor, including some from Angola inmates and political figures. There are also personal letters, research notes and writings, materials relating to the National Democratic Convention in 1956 (including a typed interview discussing her participation there), printed items and certificates, newspaper clippings, photographs, and one tape recording of a speech made by Dixon at a Louisiana AFL-CIO convention in 1969.

Papers also include a resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College expressing appreciation to Dixon, board member (1951-1960) and secretary (1956-1960), for services rendered the University and state of Louisiana. The resolution carries the seal of the University and contains signatures of fourteen board members.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.

American Federation of Labor. Convention.

Baton Rouge (La.)

Baton Rouge (La.)--Newspapers.

Clippings (information artifacts)

Dixon, Margaret, 1908-1970.

Journalism--Editing.

Journalism--Louisiana.

Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Long, Earl Kemp, 1895-1960.

Louisiana State University (Baton Rouge, La.). Board of Supervisors.

Photographic prints.

Politicians--Louisiana.

Prisoners--Louisiana.

Scrapbooks.

Speeches.

Women journalists--United States.

CONTAINER LIST

Stack

<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>	
S:122	1	1	Angola Penitentiary, 1964, 1966-1968	
		2	Certificates, 1910-1928, 1954-1968	
		3-6	Correspondence, 1948-1969, undated	
		7	Democratic conventions, 1956, undated	
		8	Earl K. Long broadside, undated	
		9	Invitations and cards, 1961-1969	
		10	Newspaper clippings, 1928-1969	
		11	Notebooks (2 total), undated	
		2	1a-1b	Photographs, circa 1922-1969
			2	Printed volumes, 1906, 1948, 1966
			3	School papers, 1922-1923, 1928
4	Scrapbook, 1958			
5	Speech (1 reel), 1969			
6	Register, 1960			
7	Writings, 1936-1969			
OS:D	1	1	Printed items, 1924, 1960, 1966	