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MS 0644
Parsons, Emma Follin, 1880-
Papers, 1930-1954

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, membership lists, programs, brochures and newsletters relating to Emma Parsons' involvement with the Republican Party both nationally and in Arizona. The materials primarily consist of membership information, presidential election campaign materials, and correspondence about national politics and political appointments.

2 boxes, 1 outside item, .75 linear ft.

RELATED MATERIAL

The Mildred Parsons Collection, MS 646, relates to the Republican Women's Club.

ACQUISITION

Unknown.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, June 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

Correspondence and personal material, 1930-1955. Republican organizations' materials, 1934-1945.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Republican committeewoman and schoolteacher; Emma Follin was born in 1880 in Missouri. She graduated from Baker University and Kansas State Agricultural College, then married Clifford Parsons in 1912. She worked as a school teacher in Kansas until 1920, then in Tucson, Arizona. In the 1930s, she became Census Supervisor for Southern Arizona. In 1928, she organized and served as the first President of the Pima County Women's Republican Club, then she was a Republican National Committeewoman from 1940 to 1948, and vice-chairman of the Republican State Committee from 1938 to 1940.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Correspondence, membership lists, programs, brochures and newsletters relating to Emma Parsons' involvement with the Republican Party both nationally and in Arizona. The correspondence relates to such topics as affiliating the State Club with the National Federation, Emma's nomination for National Committeewoman, and Arizona women's and Republican support for various presidential candidates and political issues. There is a 10-page letter from Marion Sundt which describes Eisenhower's 1953 inauguration. Invitations are present to White House events, Republican Party events, and an invitation to join the National Women's Country Club consisting of a brochure about the club. Significant correspondents include John H. Curnette, Barry Goldwater, Clarence Buddington Kelland, Marion E. Martin, Robert A. Taft, and Wendell Willkie.

Other materials present include pamphlets, brochures, by-laws, and lists of members of Republican Clubs including the Maricopa County Women's Republican Club, the Arizona Women's Republican Club, the Republican Club of Pima County, and the Young Republican Club of Pima County. There are also two items of anti-war propaganda relating to World War II.

There are also oversize ward and precinct maps from 1948 and 1950 respectively as well a ballots from this period.

BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence and personal material, 1930-1955

f.1	Personal	1946-1954
f.2-9	Correspondence, B-Z (no 'A' present)	1930-1955
f.10	Invitations (including White House invitations)	1931-1941

Series 2: Republican organizations' materials, 1934-1945

f.11	Republican Club membership lists	n.d.
f.12	Republican Women's Clubs – newsletters & brochures	1934-1945
f.13	Republican Women's Clubs – programs	

Box 2

f.14	Republican Club of Pima County	n.d.
f.15	Young Republican Club of Pima County	1947-1948
f.16	Republican State Committee	1940-1945
f.17	Republican National Committee – Reports	1945-1947
f.18	Republican Party and misc. brochures	1940-1955
f.19	Speeches, broadcasts, newsletters	1947-1951
f.20	Robert Taft for President materials	1948-1952
f.21	World War II propaganda	1940-1945

Outside Item – Precinct maps and ballots, 1948-1950