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**Parsons, Mildred F., 1885-1974
Papers, 1918-1923, 1956-1973**

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, photographs, biographical material and printed materials relating to Parson's service with the Quartermaster Corps, American Expeditionary Force, in World War I and to her later involvement in Pima County Republican politics.

2 boxes, .75 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

The collection was donated by Parson's nephew, William R. Parsons, in 1974 and 1991.

TRANSFERS

Artifacts were transferred to the Museum Department.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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RELATED MATERIALS

Related to Women's Overseas Service League Collection (MS 933)

PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Kim Frontz, 1997.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Mildred Parsons was born in Ohio in 1885; she trained at the Library School of the Western Reserve Library in Cleveland, Ohio. During World War I, she worked as an Index and Catalogue Clerk for the American Expeditionary Forces Quartermaster Department in Tours, France. She moved to Tucson, Ariz. in 1941 and became active in the Pima County Women's Republican Club. Throughout the years, she served as Pima County Precinct Committee Woman, Precinct Captain, Legislative District Captain, and Ward Committee

Woman. In 1963 she was awarded the Wales Memorial Citizenship Award for contributions to the party. She died in 1974 at the age of 88.

Note: Mildred Parson's obituary erroneously credits her with founding the Pima County Women's Republican Club. The Club was founded by Emma Parsons, wife of Clifford Parsons, in 1928.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection provides a glimpse into Pima County Republican politics between 1956 and 1973. Highlights of the collection include correspondence concerning the 'Women's Brigade for Barry Goldwater for President' in 1964, rosters of Republican committee members, and campaign literature. There are seven photographs of Mildred Parsons and Republican gatherings. Also present are materials from her service with the A.E.F. including letters from Parsons to family and friends in the United States, correspondence concerning the status of civilian women working overseas, and printed material from World War I. A scrapbook details her experiences in wartime France including employment documents, photographs, invitations, post cards, newspaper clippings and ephemeral material.

BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

Box 1

f.1 Biographical materials, 1919-1920, 1958-1974

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f.2 Correspondence, 1918

f.3 Correspondence, 1919, 1923

f.4 Status of A.E.F. women employees, 1919-1920, 1931

f.5 Printed materials, 1918-1919

POLITICAL MATERIALS

f.6 Congratulatory letters to Mildred Parsons, 1956-1973

f.7 Women's Brigade for Barry Goldwater correspondence, 1964

f.8 Pima County Republican Committee rosters, 1956-1973

f.9 Election statistics, 1968-1971

f.10 Printed materials, 1967-1972

f.11 Photographs, 1955-1963

Box 2

Scrapbook, 1918-1919