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**MS 1087
Truman, Alice, 1922-
Papers, ca. 1950-1993**

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, records and photographs relating to the career of Alice Truman. The papers of Alice Truman cover limited areas of her professional life. The collection includes resumes, professional qualifications, judicial evaluations, correspondence, campaign materials and seven photographs.

1 box, .25 linear feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Alice Truman was the first woman Superior Court judge in Pima County. She served as judge from 1962 until her retirement in 1992. Born Alice Williamson in Waggoner, Illinois on December 24, 1922, she earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana in 1943 and a J.D. from the University of Illinois in 1944. Immediately after graduation, she worked as an attorney in Chicago. She married Robert C. Nihan in 1944 and they had two children, Susan and Robert. The Nihans lived in Colorado, where Alice served as a Justice of the Peace. After divorcing Nihan, she moved to Tucson in 1953. She married Edgar E. Truman, owner of Mission Hardware. In 1958, she was elected Justice of the Peace in Tucson and in 1962, won an election to Superior Court Judge in Pima County. She was the first woman Justice of the Peace in Tucson as well as the first woman Superior Court Judge in Pima County (although she was the second woman superior court judge in Arizona). Truman was active in community and professional organizations such as the Soroptimist International of Tucson and the Arizona State Judges Association. Truman retired October 29, 1992.

RELATED MATERIAL

Oral history interview conducted March 5, 1994, AV0412-52.

ACQUISITION

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