In November 1969, Bertha Adkins executed an instrument of gift for these papers. A subsequent deed of gift was executed by the executor of Adkins’ estate in March 1985.

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Literary rights in these papers have been transferred to the people of the United States.

By agreement with the donor the following classes of documents will be withheld from research use:

1. Papers relating to family and private business affairs.
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Bertha Sheppard Adkins was born in Salisbury, Maryland on August 24, 1906. She was an educator, political activist, public servant, and a community leader.

Adkins graduated (at age 15) from Wicomico High School in Salisbury, Maryland. Her parents decided that she was not yet ready for college, so she attended preparatory school at the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. After graduation she attended Wellesley College where she graduated with an AB degree in 1924. She later received Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. Adkins also received honorary degrees from Hood, Salisbury State, Western Maryland, Wheaton and Wilson Colleges.

Her first job after college was as a teacher at Miss Harold’s School, a private elementary school in Salisbury. She held this position from 1928-1932. She felt unchallenged by the position and left. After a brief trip to Europe she began working as a secretary in the family business, E. S. Adkins Lumber Company.

In 1934 Western Maryland College in Westminster, Maryland offered her the position of Dean of Women. She accepted and stayed until 1942 when she became the Dean of Residence at Bradford Junior College in Bradford, Massachusetts.

After the death of her mother in 1946, Adkins returned to Salisbury to run her father’s household. At that time she was active in community affairs and also began her political career by volunteering her services to the local Republican Party. In recognition of her organizational abilities and skill in working with the public, she was appointed as Republican National Committeewoman for Maryland in 1948. Some women who had long been active in the Maryland Federation of Republican Women protested this appointment, resentful that the relative new-comer was appointed over other candidates and fearing that this was a case of the men of the party imposing their will on the women’s activities. Adkins’ down-to-earth strength in organizing and motivating workers at the precinct level soon won over all but her most bitter rivals.

Two years later, she was appointed Executive Director of the Women's Division of the Republican National Committee (RNC). In 1953, she became Assistant to the Chairman of the RNC. During this time, she instituted a series of "Breakfasts with the President" and set an example for a series of annual national conferences of Republican women. In her work for the RNC Adkins traveled extensively across the country speaking to Republican women’s groups, at Lincoln Day dinners, and at a wide range of party events. Frequently in her speeches she encouraged women to take an active role in party politics and to consider running for elected office.

She maintained close relationships with Democratic women leaders throughout her political career, maintaining that strong participation by women in both parties was needed to ensure a strong two-party system. She continued to be active in the Republican Party throughout her life.
In 1968 she helped organize the unsuccessful Presidential campaign bid of Nelson Rockefeller.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed Bertha Adkins the Under Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) in 1958. She was the first woman to hold this position. One of her chief responsibilities was the oversight of aging programs. In this capacity she directed the organization of the first White House Conference on Aging in 1961. She also played a role in the White House Conference on Children and Youth held in 1960.

As Under Secretary she also served on the Advisory Board for Economic Growth and Stability, the Committee for Rural Development, the Committee to Coordinate Federal Urban Area Assistance Programs, and served as chairman of the Department Board on Employee Awards. She continued her extensive speaking schedule with a new agenda; now she promoted HEW programs, in particular, the White House Conference on Aging. As Under Secretary she attended the United Nations Seminar on the Participation of Women in Public Life in Bogota, Colombia, May 18-29, 1959 and the UNESCO General Conference in Paris in November-December, 1960. She also traveled to Finland, Norway, Sweden, Soviet Union, and Poland in 1959.

In 1957 President Eisenhower appointed Adkins to the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. She served as chair of the Executive Committee. The Commission organized publications, promotions and educational programs to commemorate Abraham Lincoln. The activities culminated on Lincoln’s 150th birthday in 1959.

After leaving Federal service in 1961 Adkins returned to education. She accepted the position as Head of Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Virginia. She worked to strengthen the academic program at the school. In 1967 she retired to her home in Oxford, Maryland.

Instead of a quiet retirement, Adkins once again entered Federal service, returning to her role as an advocate for the elderly and aging programs. In 1969 President Nixon appointed her to the Task Force on the Problems of the Aging. In 1970 she served on the President’s Advisory Committee on Social Security. She served as vice-chairman of the 1971 White House Conference on Aging. In 1972 she served on the Advisory Committee on Older Americans. In 1974 she was appointed to the Advisory Committee on Social Security. Finally, on March 27, 1974, President Nixon appointed her as chairman of his new Federal Council on Aging. As chairman, she organized public hearings on national policy concerns for older women. Her work in this area set the tone for the work of the Council. She served as chairman until 1977 and retired completely from the committee in 1978.

The personal papers and records in this collection were transferred to the Eisenhower Library in six separate accessions. All the materials were prepared for transfer by Adkins’ long-time friend and associate, Dr. Winifred G. Helmes. At the time of the initial transfer, Helmes retained a number of files to assist her in writing a biography of Adkins. Later transfers consisted of records created in Adkins’ activities in Federal aging programs, personal papers that had previously not been ready for transfer, as well as, items withheld for researching the biography.
Materials from all accessions have been coordinated into one collection. The arrangement scheme of the initial two accessions has been retained as much as possible and the collection is now grouped into nine series. Most series are arranged by subject, thereunder chronologically. These series are: Personal Files; Republican Party Activities; Health, Education, and Welfare; Appointment Calendars and Invitations; Speaking Engagements; Abraham Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission; Aging and the Elderly; Newspaper Clippings; and Photograph Albums and Scrapbooks. See the series descriptions that follow for more detailed information.

A total of 786 photographs, 37 sound recordings and 5 films were transferred to the Eisenhower Library audiovisual department and 63 books and other printed items were added to the book collection. Additionally, 49 items were transferred to the Eisenhower Museum.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Aug 24, 1906  Born at Salisbury, Maryland
1922   Graduated (at age 15) from Wicomico High School, Salisbury, Maryland
1924   Graduated from The Baldwin School, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
1928   B.A. from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts
1928-32   Taught at Mrs. Herold’s School, Salisbury, Maryland
1932-34   Secretary in office of E.S. Adkins, Salisbury, Maryland
1934-42   Dean of Women, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland
1943   M.A., Columbia University
1942-46   Dean of Residence, Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Massachusetts
1948-58   National Republican Committeewoman from Maryland
1950-53   Executive Director, Women’s Division, Republican National Committee
1953-58   Assistant Chairman, Republican National Committee
1957-1961   Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission
1958-60   Under Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare
1961-67   Headmistress, Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Virginia
1969   Presidential Task Force on Problems of the Aging
1970   Special Assistant on President Nixon’s Advisory Committee on Social Security
1970-   Resident of Oxford, Maryland
1971   Vice Chairman, 1971 White House Conference on Aging
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Speeches, 1958-1959 (1) (2)

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[“Women in Politics” & “Two-Party System,” Virginia, Sep. 16-21, 1957]

Dedication, Pre-Clinical Medical Science Building, Howard University, September 15, 1958

Salvation Army Ladies Auxiliary, Washington, D.C., Sept. 18, 1958, 10:00 p.m.

Society for Personnel Administrators, Naval Gun Factory, Sept. 23, 1958, 7:00 p.m.

National Women’s Defense Advisory Committee for Civil Defense, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m., Mayflower Hotel, D.C.


Catholic Teachers of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Sept. 27, 2:00 p.m.

National Federation of Business & Professional Women, Oct. 5, Statler Hotel, D.C.

[Kentucky Development Tour, October 13-14, 1958]
American Federation of Republican Women, Oct. 15, Luncheon, Baltimore, Maryland

Republican Women’s Meeting, October 16, Luncheon, Wabash, Indiana

American National Red Cross, Oct. 17, Luncheon, Charlottesville, Virginia

Pilot Project on Home Preparedness by CDM, October 19, Wicomico County

YWCA Annual Meeting, New York, New York (Waldorf Astoria), Luncheon, October 29

Maryland-D.C. Hospital Association, Nov. 3, Luncheon – Shoreham Hotel, D.C.


Region III, Girl Scouts of the USA, Nov. 10, 2:30 p.m., Sheraton Park Hotel, D.C.

League of Republican Women, 11/13/58, 10:30 a.m.

Children’s Aid and Adoption Society Convocation, Orange, NJ, 11/13/58

American Medical Women’s Association Board, Opening Session, Wash., D.C. 11/14/58

American University, Washington Semester Program, 11/15/58

Associated Public School Systems Regional Conference, Frederick, MD, 11/17/58

Columbia University, Conference of Guidance and Student Personnel Administration, New York, 12/4/58

National Association of Manufacturers, Annual Conv., Waldorf-Astoria, New York, 12/5/58

The National Committee on Aging, Annual Meeting, Biltmore Hotel, New York, 12/11/58

Republican State Central Committee of Georgia, Dec. 13, 1958, Dinner Meeting

National Committee of the White House Conference on Children and Youth, Opening Address, 12/15/58, 9:30 a.m.

PHS Officers Wives Club, 1/7/59. 12:00 p.m., Bethesda
School of Nursing Education Dedication Ceremony, U. of MD, Baltimore, 1/20/59
Annual Jobs and Futures Workshop, Goucher College, (Luncheon), 1/21/59
National Foundation, March of Dimes, 1/25/59

American Legion Auxiliary, Women’s Forum on National Security, Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C., 1/30/59
Soroptimist Club Luncheon, Willard Hotel, Wash., D.C., 2/4/59
First Annual Institute on Aging, University of Arizona (Tucson), 2/14/59
Council of Social Agencies, Dallas, Texas, February 16, 1959
Mid-East Conference of United Community Funds & Councils of America, 2/18/59, 12:15 p.m., Wash., D.C. (1) (2)
Washington Wellesley Club, February 19, 1959, 8:00 p.m.
Young Republicans’ Club, 2/26/59, 8:30 p.m., Georgetown University [cancelled]
Joint Meeting Elementary PTA’s (Brookmont, Bannockburn, Woodacres), Western Junior High School, 3/3/59, 8:00 p.m.
Women’s Club, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Luncheon, 3/10/59
American Immigration Conference, Hotel Astor, New York, March 12, 1959
New York State Federation of Business & Professional Women’s Clubs, Manhattan Hotel, 4/4/59, 12:30
Phi Delta Gamma, Kenwood Club, Bethesda, 4/6/59, 6:45 p.m.
Region III, National Rehabilitation Association, Baltimore, 4/8/59

Annual Convention of the National Religious Publicity Council, DHEW Building, 10:30 a.m., 4/10/59
Republican Women’s Conference, 9:20, Statler Hotel, 4/13/59
Girls Clubs of American, Hotel Biltmore, New York, 4/14/59, 12:45 p.m.

Regional Conference, National Committee on the Aging, 4/15/59, 8:00 p.m., St. Louis, MO

Delta Kappa Gamma State Convention, Salisbury, MD, 4/18/59

Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, GA, April 21-22, 1959 (1) (2)

American Association of University Women, Delaware Division State Spring Conference, 4/28/59

Presentation Ceremonies, Governor’s Island, April 29, 1959

Taft Engineering Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1, 1959

Little Cabinet Wives, Ft. McNair, May 5, 1959

NIH Awards, Clinical Center Auditorium, Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., May 6, 1959

YWCA Seminar in Public Affairs, HEW Auditorium, 9:15 a.m., May 7, 1959

Salisbury Methodist Church, 5/16/59 [marked ‘cancelled’]


Wilson College Commencement, Chambersburg, Penn., 6/8/59

Commencement Address, Bryn Mawr School for Girls, Baltimore, 6/9/59

Howard County Senior High School, Ellicott City, Md., June 11, 1959

Commencement Address, Washington Hospital Center School of Nursing, June 12, 1959

Class of ’28 Dinner, Wellesley College, June 13, 1959

Institute on Library Service to an Aging Population, American Library Association, Wash., D.C., 6/22/59, 8:00 (1) (2)

National Leadership Training Institute, White House Conference on Aging, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 6/24-25/59
Federal Credit Union, 25th Anniversary, Washington, D.C., June 26, 1959

Pocomoke Foundry & Machine Works, 6:15 p.m., June 29, 2959 [marked ‘cancelled’]

Federation of Republican Women’s Clubs, Sacaroon Manor, Schroon, NY, July 7, 1959

Chautauqua Women’s Club, Chautauqua Lake, NY, July 10, 1959, 3:15 p.m. (1) (2)

The Finnish-American Society, Pori, Finland, August 22-23, 1959

West Virginia Commission to Study Problems on Aging, Governor’s Conference, September 25, 1959

Kiwanis Club, Mayflower Hotel, October 1, 1959 (Luncheon)

American Nursing Home Association Annual Convention, Chicago, October 6, 1959

Quota Club, Salisbury, MD, October 10, 1959

National Foundation, March of Dimes, 10/13/59

Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, National Press Club, Oct. 14, 1959, 12:30 p.m.

Altrusa Club of Washington, Brookings Institution, October 14, 1959, 6:15 p.m.

Symposium, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Boston, October 16, 1959

Dedication of Seaford Central Elementary School, Seaford, Delaware, 10/18/59 [cancelled]

Columbia University Club of Washington, Mayflower Hotel, October 21, 1959, 7:00 p.m.

Physical Education Association, Hershey, Pennsylvania, 10/23/59

The Sunday Evening Forum, University of Arizona Auditorium, Tucson, November 1, 1959

Eighth Annual Mental Health Institute, November 2-4, 1959, Tucson, Arizona (1) (2)
National Biennial Round Table Conference, Am. Public Welfare Assn., Statler Hotel, 12/2/59

American Association of University Women, Washington Branch, December 7, 1959

Governor’s Conference on Aging, Richmond, Virginia, December 15, 1959 (1) (2)

ABEGS Meeting, December 16, 1959

Talbot County Republican Rally, Easton, Maryland, 8:00 p.m., 1/8/60

Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association of Washington and Suburban Maryland, January 11, 1960

Annual Meeting, Public Health Service Credit Union, HEW Auditorium, 1/14/60

American Association of Retired Persons Forum for the White House Conference on Aging, St. Petersburg, Florida, 1/18-19/60 (1) (2)

Fund Raising Dinners, January 27, 1960

Chamber of Commerce, Defiance, Ohio, Saturday, 1/30/60

Cosmos Club, 6:30 p.m. Monday, February 15, 1960

Zonta Club, YMCA, 17th & K Streets, February 17, 1960

Cambridge, Maryland, 2/20/60 [Lincoln Day Dinner]

Budget Statement by the Under Secretary, 2/23/60 [Testimony before Congress]

YMCA 107th Anniversary Dinner, Press Club, 2/23/60

American Association of University Women – Mount Vernon Branch, February 26, 1960

Phi Delta Gamma, American University, to introduce the Secretary, 2/29/60

Training Officers Conference Lunch, New Lotus Restaurant, Washington, D.C., 3/8/60

Bradford Club, Treadway Inn, 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, 3/9/60

Big Brother Association, Philadelphia, Pa., 3/9/60
Founders Day, Longwood College, Farmville, Va., 3/12/60

Regional Executive Officers’ Conference, Illinois, March 14-18, 1960

Women’s Council for Human Relations, South Bend, Indiana, 3/15/60

American University Alumni Association, American University, Washington, D.C.; March 24, 1960, Thursday, 8:00

Teachers’ Association of Baltimore County, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland; Friday, 7:00 p.m., 3/25/60

Eighth Annual Republican Women’s Conference, Sheraton Park Hotel, April 3, 1960

Federalsburg Parent-Teacher Association, Federalsburg, Md., Tuesday, 4/5/60

Consumer Consultants Luncheon, Congressional Hotel, Wash., D.C., April 11, 1960

Federalsburg Parent-Teacher Association, Federalsburg, Md., Tuesday, 4/5/60

Council on Aging – Seven Golden Age Clubs, Quincy, Massachusetts, 4/19/60

Governor’s Conference on Aging, Concord, New Hampshire, 4/20/60

Bradford Club of Rhode Island, Providence, R.I., Thursday, 4/21/60

Division on Aging, Providence, Rhode Island (Friday) 4/22/60

10th Annual B’nai B’rith Award, Temple Emmanuel, Haverhill, Mass., 6:00 p.m., 4/23/60

Visiting Nurse Association, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C.; 12:30 p.m., Monday, 4/25/60

Conference on Aging, Cleveland, Ohio; 4/27/60

The Needlework Guild of America 75th Annual Convention, Philadelphia, April 28, 1960 (1) (2)

Doylestown Hospital. Doylestown, Pa., 2:30 p.m., 5/1/60

Methodist Social Union, Southern Hotel, Baltimore, 6:30 p.m., Friday, 5/6/60

Somerset County Republican Women’s Club, 5/7/60
Luncheon, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, Monday, May 9, 1960

Rescue Mission Alliance of Syracuse 73rd Anniversary Dinner, Main Ballroom, Hotel Syracuse, 5/9/60

Monroe County Federation of Women’s Republican Clubs, Rochester, NY, 5/10/60

Junior Chamber of Commerce Award Dinner, Biltmore Hotel, New York, 5/11/60


Michigan Federation of BPW, Grand Rapids, 5/21/60

Baltimore Young Women’s Christian Association, Park Plaza Hotel, 6:30 p.m., 5/23/60

Psychiatric Aide Achievement Awards Program, Saint Elizabeth’s Hospital, 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, 5/25/60

Delaware Federation of Women’s Clubs, Wilmington, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, 5/25/60

Council for Spartanburg County, Spartanburg, S.C., Cleveland Hotel Ballroom, 5/26/60

Sixth District Conference, GOP Women, Hagerstown, Md., Wednesday, 6/1/60

WAC Officer Advanced Course, Fort McClellan, Alabama, June 2-3, 1960 (1) (2)

Sibley Memorial Hospital, Washington, D.C., Lucy Webb Hayes School of Nursing, 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 6, 1960

Commencement, Salisbury State Teachers College, Monday, 6/6/60, 10:30 a.m.

National Association of Retired Civil Employees, Willard Hotel, June 7, 1960

Alabama Conference on Aging, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, 6/9/60, a.m.

Federation of Republican Women of Maryland, 4th and 7th District of Baltimore, Luncheon, 1:00 p.m., 6/10/60

General Federation of Women’s Clubs, Sheraton Park, 7:30 p.m., Monday, 6/13/60

Delaware Governor’s Conference on Aging, State Welfare Home and Hospital for the
Chronically Ill, Smyrna, 2:00 p.m., 6/14/60

Community Achievement Contest Awards Program, Sheraton Park Ballroom, 8:00 p.m., 6/16/60

Rural Development, Kentucky, 6/20/60

Governor’s Conference on Aging, Little Rock, Arkansas, 6/23/60

Governor’s Conference, 6/26-6/29/60, Glacier National Park, Montana

Girls’ Nation, American University, Washington, D.C., 7/18/60

Republican National Convention, Chicago, Illinois, July, 1960 (1) (2)

Hadassah, Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C., 8/3/60

Biennial Conference of the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs, Park Sheraton, NY, 8/4/60

Carroll County Picnic, Taney Inn, Taney, Md., August 11, 1960, 5:30 p.m.

Miller Rally, Caroline County, Nagle’s Pond, Maryland, August 13, 1960, 7:30 p.m.

Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois, August 21, 1960

Convention of American Association of Workers for the Blind, Miami Beach, 8/29/60 (1) (2)

Pinellas County Republican Meeting, St. Petersburg, Florida, Tuesday, August 30, 1960

Utah State Conference on Aging, 9/16/60

Republican Clinic & Fund Raising Dinner, Denver, 9/17/60

Louisiana Commission on the Aging, Baton Rouge, 9/21/60

National Organizations Meeting, White House Conference on Aging, 9/29/60, Luncheon Speech

Republican Women’s Club of Lancaster County, Pa., Hotel Brunswick, 10/6/60

Women’s Auxiliary, D.C. Dental Society, Columbia Country Club, 10/11/60
National Health Agencies, Mayflower Hotel, Luncheon, 10/13/60

Wheaton College 125th Anniversary, Norton, Massachusetts, 10/15/60

Philadelphia, Pa. [Orientation in Geriatric Management] Symposium, Sheraton Hotel, Sunday, 10/16/60

Air Force Educational Requirements Board Symposium, Washington, D.C., Monday, 1:45 p.m., 10/17/60 (1) (2)

Johns Hopkins Staff and Student Wives, Auditorium, 8:00 p.m., Monday, 10/17/60

American Nursing Home Association, Mayflower Hotel, Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., 10/19/60

Republican Women’s Group, Barberton, Ohio – Akron, (Wed.), 10/19/60

Republican Women’s Luncheon, Champaign, Illinois, Moose Club, 2:00 p.m., 10/20/60

Maryland State Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs, St. Paul Baptist Church, Bladensburg, Md., Sunday, 10/23/60

New England Gerontological Society, Woodstock, Vermont, 10/25/60

Republican Women, Chattanooga, Tenn., (Thursday), 10/27/60

Women’s Committee for GOP Luncheon, Atlanta, Ga., Friday, 10/28/60

Manhattan College, Riverdale, N.Y. (Smith Auditorium), Wednesday, 12:00-1:30 p.m., 11/2/60

UNESCO – Paris, 11/11/60-12/13/60

Silver Spring Women’s Club, Woodside Methodist Church, Silver Spring, Md., 11:00 a.m., 1/4/61

Exhibit of Grandma Moses Paintings, Jewish Community Center, Wash., D.C., Wed., 8:00 p.m., 1/4/61

Freedom House Demonstration Project, Washington, D.C., January 6, 1961

White House Conference on Aging, Freedom House Demonstration, 1/6/61; Opening Plenary Session, 1/9/61
Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Va., Friday, 1/13/61

National Assn. of Colored Women’s Clubs – Health & Guidance Center, 1/28/61

[Institute for Political Education, Morgan State College, Baltimore, March 8, 1961]

[Speaking engagements, 1961]

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[Speeches and Remarks, n.d.]

Education & the Professional Woman – Peace College Commencement Address, n.d.

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SERIES VI: ABRAHAM LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMISSION AND CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

[Civil War Centennial Commission] (1) (2)

[Members of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission]

[LSC Correspondence, November-December, 1957]

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Lincoln Sesquicentennial Minutes [Executive Committee, 1958-1960] (1)-(3)

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Report to Congress: Audit of the Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission, November 1960

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Evaluation Listing for Honorary Medallion Consideration

[Executive Director’s Reports]

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[Reports on public relations activities, December 1, 1958-February 2, 1959]
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[Reports on public relations activities, May 1-June 1, 1959]

[Reports on public relations activities, July 1-August 1, 1959]

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_The Harlan-Lincoln Tradition at Iowa Wesleyan College_ by Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry

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[Reproduction of Sapphire bust of Lincoln, transferred to museum]


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Technical Guide for Community and State White House Conferences on Aging

WHCA: Technical Guide for National Organizations

WHCA: Handbook for Community References

WHCA: Leadership Training Guide for Policy Formulation

WHCA: Work Book on Education

WHCA: Work Book on Employment

WHCA: Work Book on Government and Non-Government Organization

WHCA: Work Book on Health

WHCA: Work Book on Housing

WHCA: Work Book on Income

WHCA: Work Book on Nutrition

WHCA: Work Book on Research and Demonstration

WHCA: Work Book on Retirement

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WHCA Background and Issues: Education

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Newspaper clippings, 1925, 1943, 1944, 1948, n.d.

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69 Photos: Bertha S. Adkins

[Photographs, ca. 1907-1946]

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[Photographs, ca. 1960’s]

[Photographs, ca. 1970’s]

Photograph of Herbert Hoover

Photograph of Patricia Nixon, 1956

[Photograph album: HEW swearing-in ceremony and farewell party at Republican National Committee]

Photographs of Miss Bertha Adkins, Under Secretary of HEW [also contains images of Adkins’ RNC activities, ca. 1952-1958]

[Photo album: women in government]

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Republican Campaign, 1956 [photograph album that also contains documents and photos, 1957-1958]

[Cruise to Pacific Northwest, Royal Viking Line, ca. 1968]

Baltic Cruise, July 1979

[Photo postcard from Poland, BSA to Fred P. Adkins]

[Photograph album presented to Bertha Adkins documenting her trip to Poland, 1959]

[Photograph album presented to Bertha Adkins depicting Polish girls’ school, historic locations relating to Frederic Chopin, and historic locations throughout Poland, 1959]
Our Trip to China, 1977 [Photograph album from China & Souvenir booklets for China & Japan]

[Scrapbook, 1948-1952] (1)-(3)

Scrapbook, 1948-1952] (4)-(6)

[Scrapbook: Inauguration, 1957]

[Scrapbook: Political Activities, 1955-1957] (1) (2)

[Scrapbook: Womanpower, 1955-1957]

[Scrapbook: Political Appointments, 1956-1957]

[Scrapbook: Other Activities, 1955-1957]

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Scrapbook: May 21-June 14, 1948, June 10, 1958

Scrapbook: January 4-24, 1952 [relating to the ordeal of being stranded for 3 ½ days on a passenger train in a mountain pass on the way to San Francisco]

Scrapbook, 1952-1953 [August 8, 1952-June 8, 1953] (1) (2)

Miss Adkins’ Scrapbook, 1953 [July 9, 1952-January 20, 1953]


Scrapbook, 1956 [January 13, 1956-July 29, 1956] (1) (2)
Campaign of 1956, Inauguration, January 1957 (1) (2)


Scrapbook, July 21, 1958-August 19, 1958 (1)-(4)


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[Dinner with Ike program, January 27, 1960]

Fifty Years: E.S. Adkins & Company

Teachers’ Association of Baltimore County, Citation of Service to Bertha Adkins, 1960

National Retired Teachers’ Association Certificate for Service to Bertha Adkins, 1960

Department of Defense Appointment to Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services, 1956

Western Maryland College, Honorary Doctoral Degree, 1953

Signed poem by Nelson Cruikshank

Ponca Tribal membership certificate

Appreciation award from American Newspaper Women’s Club
Older Americans Month Proclamation

Award from Federation of Republican Women of Maryland to Bertha Adkins, 10/15/1958

City Wide Republican Women’s Club Annual Achievement Award, 04/06/1957

International Women’s Year Citation, 10/01/1975

Award of Thanks, United Givers Fund

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