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Biography

Eula Maud Isaacks, a teacher and Texas legislator, was born in 1885 in Austin, Texas to Samuel J. Isaacks and Minnie Rutledge. Maud Isaacks moved to El Paso in 1916. She earned a Bachelor of Arts (1927) and Masters (1940) from the University of Texas at Austin. She taught English for 40 years at El Paso High School and served as chair of its English Department.

In 1954, Maud Isaacks was elected to succeed her father, Samuel Isaacks, in the Texas House of Representatives after he resigned due to illness. During her time in the state legislature, Maud Isaacks became a major advocate of teachers and students. Her colleagues called her “the champion of education.” She supported pay raises and successfully passed legislation to allow counties to abolish certain county superintendents. She sat on the State House Interim Committee on Education working to improve the teacher certification system. She also was a proponent for equal rights for women and unsuccessfully tried passing the Equal Legal Rights Amendment.

Additionally, Isaacks encouraged other women to run for office and had young professional women on her staff. She fought for the rights of married women to manage or to sell their own properties and to go into business on their own. She also sponsored an amendment to repeal the state poll tax. When Isaacks retired at age 80 in 1966, she was the only woman serving in the 59th Legislature. She was also one of the first members of the Texas State Commission on the Status on Women in 1970.

Isaacks died in El Paso in 1980.

Series Description or Arrangement

The Maud Isaacks papers are in original order as found by the archivist.

Scope and Content Notes

The Maud Isaacks papers date from 1953 – 1965, bulk dates 1963-1965. Types of records include correspondence, publications, and other printed materials. The records primarily document Isaacks’ activities as a state legislator. They are kept in the order found by the archivist.

Provenance Statement

Donated by Maud Isaacks.

Restrictions

None.

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Notes to the Researcher

See also:

Anita Lee Blair papers, MS604, C.L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department. The University of Texas at El Paso Library.

Eva Ross collection on Women's History, C. L. Sonnichsen Special Collections Department, the University of Texas at El Paso Library.

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Container List

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1	--	Index to Collection a Calendar of the Papers of Maud Isaacks processed by Mildred Torok.	September 2,1970
1	1	Biographical material	
1	2	Ben Barnes letter from Waggoner Carr	May 19,1965
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2	18	House Bill 364 Driver's licensing bill and correspondence	1963
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2	21	Hospitalization of Miss Isaacks for eye cataract; cards, notes and other correspondence	1963
2	22	Map - counties of Texas with pictures of each representative	1963
2	23	Miscellaneous correspondence	1963-1965
2	24	<i>The Presbyterian Voice Broadcast</i> , radio script by Rev. W.A. Lawrence	1963