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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Women's Professional Basketball collection
Date [inclusive]	1948-2013
Extent	1.0 Cubic feet 2 boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical/Historical Note

Before the Women's National Basketball Association, women's professional basketball players barnstormed the country playing and often defeating men's teams. Players such as Hazel Walker, Patricia Ann and Betty Lou Johnson, Joan Rupp, Linda Yearby, and Leeone Evans became folk heroes to many high school and college players. In Arkansas, though, it was native Arkansans like Hazel Walker of Ashdown and Leeone Evans of Winthrop who stood out. Walker played three years for the All American Red Heads, and formed her own team, the Arkansas Travelers, in 1949. It was just one of many teams that existed from the 1930s to the 1980s. These are the teams that laid the foundation for the creation of the Women's National Basketball Association.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains programs, tickets, schedules, photographs, correspondence, printed ephemera, and diaries, that shed light on several Arkansas women who played professional basketball from 1948 through the 1970's. The collection also includes oral histories with Patricia Ann and Betty Lou Johnson, Leeona Eevens Overturf, Joan Rupp, and Linda Yearby.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Jackie Roberts, Dallas, Texas, 2013.

Collection Inventory

	Box
General information	1
Game procedures	
Basketball guide: August 1966 - August 1967	
Basketball employment contracts	
Articles	
General	
Arkansas Travelers	
Leeona Evans	
Florence Holder Hovlane	
Joan Rupp	
Texas Cowgirls	
Hazel Walker	

Correspondence

Linda Yearby

Marriage announcements

Places played: Texas Cowgirls

Correspondence

Office of the Adjutant General

Russ R. Anderson

Dempsey Hovland

Jackie Roberts

Joan Rupp

Hazel Walker

Linda Yearby

Publicity: Texas Cowgirls

Rosters: Texas Cowgirls

Flyers

Flyers

Arkansas Travelers

NKC Hell Cats

Shooting Stars

Texas Cowgirls

Programs

Harlem Astronauts

Arkansas Travelers

Texas Cowgirls

Tickets

Box

2

Arkansas Lassies

Shooting Stars

Texas Cowgirls

Texas Cowgirl Scores

Texas Cowgirl Scores

1954-1955

1956-1957

1957-1958

1959-1960

Diaries

Linda Yearby, January 1, 1948-December 31, 1955

Linda Yearby, January 1, 1955-December 31, 1959

Joan Rupp, October 25-December 19, 1954

Photographs

Copies of Photographs

Photographs: 1-6

Photographs: 7-13

Box

Oral histories

Linda Yearby: Texas Cowboys (1 DVD)

3

Oral histories

Patricia Ann and Betty Lou Johnson (3 Discs)

Leeona Evans Overturf (4 Discs)

Joan Rupp (3 Discs)

Linda Yearby (2 Discs)