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Summary Information

Repository	Arkansas State Archives
Title	Elizabeth Lucille (Betty Lu) Hunter Sorensen papers
Date [inclusive]	1938-1969
Extent	0.46 Cubic feet 2 boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials	Materials entirely in English.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical/Historical Note

Elizabeth Lucille (Betty Lu) Hunter Sorensen Adams was born on February 3, 1926, in Tokyo, Japan; the daughter of Joseph Boone Hunter and Mary Cleary Hunter. She had one brother, John, also born in Japan. The Hunters were missionaries, but moved to Arkansas during the Depression because of lack of funding for missions. During World War I, she attended school at the Rohwer Japanese Relocation Camp and graduated in 1943. She then attended Denton (Texas) State College for Women and later became an occupational therapist. She met John Sorensen, a Danish immigrant suffering from tuberculosis, while working at the Triboro Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Long Island, New York. The two married on June 15, 1949. They eventually had three children. The Sorensens moved to Arkansas; and there, Betty was hired to start an occupational therapy department at Arkansas Children's Hospital. She also became founder and second president of the Arkansas Occupational Therapy Association. John was admitted to the Booneville Tuberculosis Sanitarium. While in Little Rock, Betty became active in political and public service issues; and after release from the Booneville Sanitarium, John continued his work as an artist and cartoonist and began his own advertising agency. After her husband's death in 1969, she married Thomas Adams Jr. in 1973. He died in 2003. In addition to her work in the medical field, she was also an artist and writer. The Arkansas State Archives also holds the papers of John Sorensen, as well as those of Betty's father, Joseph Boone Hunter, director of human services at the Rohwer Relocation Center and founder of Pulaski Heights Christian Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains materials relating to the life of Betty Hunter Sorensen Adams, particularly to her youth in Arkansas and at the Rohwer Relocation Center. It includes writings, a photograph, and publications relating to Rohwer Relocation Center and Rohwer High School and a scrapbook from her high school days. It also includes a photograph album chronicling her life from infancy to adulthood on microfilm.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Arkansas State Archives 9/11/2019

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research use. The photograph album is only available on microfilm.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Betty Hunter Adams, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Collection Inventory

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	Box	Folder
Autobiographical sketch: Betty Hunter Adams [2 copies] undated	1	1
"The Evacuation and Relocation of Japanese Americans: A Problem of Racial Minorities in War Time," by Betty Hunter 1945 January 13	1	2
"A Crisis in My Adolescence," by Betty Hunter 1944 October 3	1	3
"Relocation of the Japanese in the United States," by Heather Looney undated	1	4
Publication: Delta Roundup Rohwer High School annual undated	1	5
Publication: Lil Dan'l: One Year in a Relocation Center 1943	1	6
Publication: The Pen 1943 November 6	1	7
Publication: World Call: Magazine of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ with poems by Betty Sorenson and Joseph Boone Hunter 1969 April	1	8

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Rohwer Christmas - Welfare Department 1943

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Photograph album chronicling the life of Betty Hunter Adams from infancy to adulthood
with numerous pictures of family, friends, and professional associates [only available on
microfilm]

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Scrapbook 1938-1943

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