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**SOUTH CAROLINA MOTHER OF THE YEAR RECORDS**

**I**

The South Carolina Mother of the Year records was given to the Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections on May 29, 2013 by the South Carolina Mothers Association.

Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 6.50  
Approximate number of pieces: 13,000 pieces

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Scope and Content Note: **The South Carolina Mother of the Year Records include newspaper articles and clippings, nomination forms, photographs, by-laws, Tea Party plans, charter applications, agendas, minutes, financial policies, statements, correspondence and public relations material for the South Carolina Chapter of American Mothers Inc. It also contains American Mother Inc. information packets, guidelines, by-laws, and magazines.**

Transfer of items: Copy of the book *Seventy Years of Remarkable Women: South Carolina Mothers of the Year* by the South Carolina Mothers Association in Special Collections.

Also, interviews of previous winners and committee members were transferred to the Oral History Collection (OH-553 - OH-583). See Appendix I for list of interviewees.

## II

### BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

#### SOUTH CAROLINA MOTHER OF THE YEAR RECORDS

- 1942-** *The State* newspaper forms the South Carolina Mothers Committee and elects Alice Elizabeth Moore Arthur as the first South Carolina Mother of the Year.
- 1950-** American Mothers Committee incorporated under laws of the state of New York and Minnie Brown Kennedy gets SC Mother of the Year.
- 1954-** American Mothers Committee becomes an independent, non-profit organization and Ruby Eunice Boggero Gatlin becomes SC Mother of the Year.
- 1958-** SC Mother of the Year May Roper Coker was named National Mother of the Year.
- 1968-** South Carolina Mother of the Year was honored at the Governor's Mansion for the first time for SC Mother of the Year Clarice Townsend Wilson.
- 1975-** "Mothers of Achievement in American History 1776-1976" published by American Mothers Inc.
- 1980-** The American Mothers Committee becomes American Mothers Inc.
- 1983-** SC Mother of the Year Clemmie Webber was named National Mother of the Year.
- 1989-** SC Mother of the Year Nancy Hawk was named National Mother of the Year.
- 1996-** By-laws change establishes separate SC Mothers Search Committee under the South Carolina Mothers Committee.
- 2009-** SC Mother of the Year Betty McGregor was named National Mother of the Year.
- 2013-** Book Published and Celebration of 70 years of SC Mother of the Year.
- 2014-** Closing Tea Party at Lousie Pettus Archives at Winthrop University honoring the end the South Carolina Mother Committee.

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
1	1-6	GENERAL INFORMATION Consists of guidelines for a State Association Charter, Six Possible Options to Consider for Future Directions Search Committee, American Mothers Inc. State Charter Application, lists of Search committee members and Mothers, Provides information about South Carolina Young Mothers and American Mother Inc. Information and a (VIDEO CASSETTE). No arrangement	1980-2011
2-3	7-15	BY-LAWS, MANUALS, AND INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES Includes Selection Committee Scoring Guidelines, Yearbook Honor Page Form, May Lindsay Motherhood Award, Barbara Thompson Gift, Instructions and duties for Mother of the Year, Nomination packet for Mother of the Year, and the Phyllis B. Marriott Presidents Award, State and National by-laws, policies and procedures manual, guidelines, American Mother Inc. Nomination forms and packets. Arranged chronologically.	1995-1996, 2001-2003, 2012-2013
3	16-21	SEARCH COMMITTEE INFORMATION Includes pamphlets, lists, minutes, agendas, notes, correspondence, applications, financial records, nomination forms, news releases, guidelines, and new member packets. Arranged chronologically.	1985-2012
4	22	AMERICAN MOTHER INC. "MOTHERHOOD ELEVATED" GALA Includes Schedule of events, Fundraising ideas, Information for communicating with AMI	2011
4	23	NATIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION Includes Correspondence, newsletters, information packet, and duties packet.	2008-2010
4	24	CONTRIBUTION REQUESTS Includes financial aid request form, correspondence, meeting agendas concerning contribution requests, and donation notifications.	1987-1988
4	25-26	COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION Includes newspaper clippings, and correspondence	2010
4	27	LEADERSHIP RESOURCE GUIDE Chapter Guide by the American Mothers Inc. includes information on how to have a successful chapter with a breakdown of membership, honors and recognitions, education programs, projects and events, finances, resources, and forms.	2007

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DESCRIPTION OF SERIES (cont.)

<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
4	28	“DO IT” BOOK FOR AMERICAN MOTHERS INC. Published by American Mothers Inc.in 1986 as a guide book for State Associations, contains an Introduction to American Mothers Inc., purpose, objectives, history and major Programs, how to organize at the state level, programs, projects, and activities, finance, how to choose the Mother of the Year, membership, and a breakdown of public relations.	1986
5	29-32	SOUTH CAROLINA MOTHER OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON AND TEA PLANNING Includes invitation’s and directions, Prayer, Agenda, Minutes, and Notes, list of living previous Mothers of the Year, drafts of invitation, list of the Search Committee, Correspondence and includes invitation, correspondence, and planning information. No arrangement.	2001-2013
6-7	33-35	AMERICAN MOTHER MAGAZINES Includes issues pertaining to Mary Kate Glasser, Judith Ann Pittard, and Jean Orr Bleacher. Arranged chronologically.	1949-2013
7	36	PUBLIC RELATIONS Includes correspondence, brochures, brief history, and American Mothers Newsletter with hand written notes about the layout.	1985-1987
7	37	SEARCH COMMITTEES AND NEWS RELEASES Includes Article’s and information on Father of the Year	1997-2000
7	38	FINANCIAL POLICIES AND STATEMENTS Includes the finance committee review of policies and procedures, correspondence, copies of Financial Statements, and a summary of financial policies.	2010
7	39-43	MINUTES AND AGENDAS Includes lists of Search Committee Members and notes for future search chair includes numbered list of what should be completed at during each monthly meeting. Arranged chronologically.	1985-1992, 1996-2002 2010-2011
7	44-46	NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS Includes articles about mothers, theirs families, and advertisements about the Search for the next state mother. Arranged chronologically.	1982, 1984, 1986- 1989, 1998, 2002- 2003, 2005, 2007-2013

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8	47	AMERICAN MOTHER OF THE YEARS INC. ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWSLETTERS Newsletters that give the brief overview of each State Mother and the National Mother. Arranged chronologically.	1958, 1985, 1988, 2012
8	48	LITERACY LIGHTS LIFE American Mothers Inc. 55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary publication about the previous National Mothers	1990
8	49	PHOTOGRAPHS Includes photographs from various Mother of the Year Tea Parties. Arranged chronologically.	1990-1991, 2009-2010
8	50-55	YEARBOOK Includes By-laws, Honor roll, newspaper clippings, correspondence, financial records, minutes and agendas. Arranged chronologically.	2003- 2012
9-11	56-70	SCRAPBOOK Includes photographs, newspaper clippings, articles, and invitations. Arranged chronologically.	1942-2012
12-20	71-103	CORRESPONDENCE Includes handwritten letters, financial records, meeting agendas and minutes. Arranged chronologically.	1954-2012
20	104-105	MISCELLANEOUS Includes handwritten letters, newspaper clippings, National Mother information and copies of Risher, Mitchell, Chow, and Renfrow's nomination packets; newspaper clippings, ABC Quilts brochure and newsletter, American Mother Community service brochures, instructions and duties for State Mother of Young Children, stationary and a sticker; A Book for Baby, State by-laws, The Charles Lea Center Foundation Inc. History and addressed stickers. No arrangement.	1939, 1979, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002-2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, nd
21	106	ALTHEA TODD HENIFORD NOMINATION PACKET Includes newspaper clippings, correspondence, and nomination form includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1981

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<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
21	107	CLEMMIE WEBBER NOMINATION PACKET Includes newspaper clippings, letters of recommendations and nomination form, news release picture, Copies of American Mothers Inc. Newsletter featuring Webber as National Mother of the Year, recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1983
21	108	JOHANN MCCRACKIN NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1984
21	109-110	DEEMCLAFFERTY NOMINATION PACKET Includes Press Release and Magazine Article, recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1985
21	111	MARY CAROLYN WATSON NOMINATION PACKET Includes Press Release, recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1986
21	112	BESS WARE NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS Includes press release and photographs, recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1987
22	113	ELISE SHEALY NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1988
22	114	NANCY HAWK NOMINATION PACKET Includes press release, photograph, resume, newspaper clippings correspondence, recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1989
22	115	TEMPLE ANNE HUGHES OEHLER NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1990



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<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
22	116	MARTHA BISHOP NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1991
22	117	LAURA THOMAS NOMINATION PACKET Includes correspondence, newspaper clipping, Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1992
22	118	FANNIE LOUISE HOLCOMBE NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1993
22	119	MARGARET BURNS NOMINATION PACKET Includes Nomination Packets for both years along with 1994 press release, recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1993-1994
23	120	WILHELMINA V. MOBLEY NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1995-1996
23	121	MARJORIE PATTERSON NOMINATION PACKET Includes correspondence, newsletters, newspapers clippings, press release, recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1995
23	122	EDNA MAE EAGERTON NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1996
23	123	SHERRY MCQUOWN NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1997
23	124	HELEN HARVEY NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	1999

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<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
23	125	ROSEMARY CHOW NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	2000
23	126	JOYCE RHENEY NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting and information about her husband and children.	2001
23	127	FLORINETTE RENFROM NOMINATION PACKET Includes articles, correspondence and the PEE DEE Magazine (2002), recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2002
23	128	MARJORIE MITCHELL NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2003
24	129	DEANE RISHER NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2004
24	130	DOROTHY COE-MCBRIDE RESUBMISSION Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2005
24	131	MAGGIE DEAS NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2005
24	132-133	JEAN BLECHER NOMINATION PACKETS Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2006
24	134	JUDITH PITTARD NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2007

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24	135	MARY KATE GLASSER NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2008
25	136	BETTY MCGREGOR NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. And information about her husband and children.	2009
25	137	ANNETTE SUTCLIFFE NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting. and information about her husband and children.	2010
25	138	MARIANNA HABISREUTINGER NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting And information about her husband and children.	2011
25	139	MIRIAM GULLEDGE NOMINATION PACKET Includes recommendations, personal information, philosophy of parenting And information about her husband and children.	2012
25	140	NOMINATIONS Includes nominations packets of Joan Boozer Mills, Linda Ruth Kaster, and Miriam Gullede	2010-2012
26	141	APPLICATIONS Includes applications from Joyce Rheney, Florinette Renfrow, Peggy McQuown, Fannie Simmons, And Margaret Conroy	2001, nd
26	142-144	APPLICATIONS LISTED ALPHABETICALLY	nd
5 bd. vols.		BOOKS <i>Speaking Frankly</i> by James F. Byrnes <i>Sly and Able: A Political Biography of James F. Byrnes</i> by David Robertson <i>Reminiscences of Aloise Steiner Buckley 1895-1985</i> by Aloise Harding Buckley <i>Mothers of Achievement in American History 1776-1976</i> by the American Mothers Committee Inc. <i>A Gallant Journey: Mr. Swearingen and His Family</i> by Mary Hough Swearingen	

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<u>Box (es)</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Year(s)</u>
26	145	OVERSIZED EXHIBIT ITEMS Includes large copies of pages from the <i>Seventy Years of Remarkable Women: South Carolina Mothers of the Year</i> , poster boards of the cover page and living mothers, and three large copies of the tea party invitation, signed by the Mothers.	
--	--	INTERVIEWS Previous winners of the award and several committee members were interviewed in the Spring and Summer of 2015 by Winthrop professor, Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney. The Interviews were transferred to the Oral History Collection as OH-553 through OH-583. The interviews were conducted on camera and digital files consists of edited and unedited MOV, MP4, and MTS files. <i>*Please see Appendix I for lists of interviewees.</i> <i>**Interviews are available online at (<a href="#">link</a>).</i>	2015

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APPENDIX I

LIST OF INTERVIEWEES

<u>Interviewee</u>	<u>Oral History Number</u>	<u>Online Record</u>
Belcher, Jean Orr	OH-553	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Chow, Rosemary Tung	OH-554	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Cotter, Janet	OH-555	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Cranford, Martha	OH-556	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Dowty, Jean Ishbel Long	OH-557	<a href="#">(link)</a>
DuPre, Ann	OH-558	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Edwards, Ann	OH-559	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Fishburne, Shirley Herlong	OH-560	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Flynn, Anne Tatum Perrin	OH-561	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Glasser, Mary Kate Brearley	OH-562	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Gulledge, Miriam Elizabeth McLaurin	OH-563	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Habisreutinger, Marianna Black	OH-564	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Howell, Gwen	OH-565	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Kinney, Peggy	OH-566	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Laffitte, Carol Montague	OH-583	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Lesesne, Ruth	OH-567	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Lightsey, Kathleen Kay	OH-568	<a href="#">(link)</a>
McCrackin, Johann	OH-569	<a href="#">(link)</a>
McGregor, Betty Jean Ulmer	OH-570	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Mitchell, Margie	OH-571	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Oehler, Tempe Anne	OH-572	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Patterson, Marjorie Faucett	OH-573	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Interview is with her daughters Lynn Patterson Trobridge and Laura Patterson Timmons		
Perrin, Anne Porcher Ziegler	OH-574	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Pittard, Judith Ann Dowty	OH-575	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Poole, Carolyn "Boo"	OH-576	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Renfrow, Florinette Ford	OH-577	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Rheney, Joyce White	OH-578	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Rischer, Deane Rast	OH-579	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Shealy, Elsie Porth	OH-580	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Sutcliffe, Annette Brunson	OH-581	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Watson, Mary Carolyn	OH-582	<a href="#">(link)</a>
Wienges, O. H. "Callie"	OH-583	<a href="#">(link)</a>