

Katherine Bronson Collection
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Title

Katherine Bronson Collection, 1940 – 1985

Date

1940 – 1985, & undated

Extent

.25 linear feet, 1 box

Name of Creator

Katherine Bronson
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Biographical Note

Katherine Bronson was a twin, the daughter of Melville and Sarah Elizabeth Bronson. She was born in Fall River, Bristol, Massachusetts on March 13, 1895, and died in Wellesley July 29, 1987. She began her teaching career at Wellesley High School in 1918, and taught business-related subjects, including typing, shorthand, law and English. Bronson also served as the Dean of Girls and Director of Girls Guidance. She served as sponsor for the student council; student life and involvement in the school's administration was one of her favorite projects.

During World War II she was appointed Interim Assistant Principal of Wellesley High School (WHS), a position she took over permanently in 1947. She served as assistant principal until her retirement in 1961. She graduated from the College of Business Education in Brockton, and took courses at Harvard University, Boston University, and Simmons College prior to teaching at WHS. After retirement she founded a post graduate educational center in Framingham, and then served as secretary-treasurer for the Hathaway House Bookshop. In addition to being involved with many Wellesley social and community organizations, she was involved in numerous regional and national professional organizations throughout her life.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the personal papers of Katherine Bronson. Included are awards received, clippings, photographs and other materials celebrating her retirement, correspondence, materials

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related to her role as Assistant Principle of the Wellesley High School, as well as other career related materials.

Index Terms

Hathaway House Bookshop
High schools—United States—Administration
School administration
Suburban high schools
Wellesley (Mass.)
Wellesley High School
Wellesley High School Student Council
Wellesley High School teachers

System of Arrangement

This collection is organized into one series arranged by subject:

- I. Personal Papers; 1940 – 1985, & undated

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English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

1981.2.1

Unknown

Related Materials

1978.13.1 – Portrait of Katherine Bronson

2008.11.20 – Portrait of Katherine Bronson

Accruals

The Historical Society may add materials to the Papers in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

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Description

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Bibliography

Wellesley Townsman, "Katherine Bronson: Recipient of Wellesley Award," obituary. Thursday, August 06, 1987, p. 6

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Container List

I. Personal Papers; 1940 – 1985, & undated

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Box 1

- Folder 1: Awards & Recognitions; 1960 – 1985
- Folder 2: Clippings; bulk undated
- Folder 3: Correspondence; bulk 1960s
- Folder 4: Guestbook; 1961
- Folder 5: Materials Concerning Career; 1940 – 1965
- Folder 6: Materials Created as Assistant Principal; 1956 – 1970
- Folder 7: Photographs; 1961 & undated
- Folder 8: Retirement Scrapbook; 1961