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Helen Louise Schneider Baby
Beauty Contests Photograph Album

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Helen Louise Schneider Baby Beauty Contests Photograph Album
Date:	1922-1941
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1494
Source:	Between the Covers Rare Books
Creator:	Schneider, Florence C. Woller, 1895-1983
Extent:	.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Photograph album primarily documenting Helen Louise Schneider as a contestant in baby beauty contests in New Jersey.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection purchased in July 2018.

Related Materials

Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Clyde W. Stauffer Family Photograph Album, NMAH.AC.0139

Lee Chinese American Family Papers, NMAH.AC.0555

Miss America 1943 [Jean Bartel] Photographs, NMAH.AC.0902

Maid of Cotton (MOC) Records, NMAH.AC.1176

Lenora Slaughter Papers, NMAH.AC.1227

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Helen Louise Schneider (March 27, 1922-January 21, 1997) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Frank Emerson Schneider (July 11, 1892-November 12, 1971) and Florence C. Woller Schneider (March 6, 1895-January 24, 1983). According to a newspaper clipping in the album her parents worked at the Columbia Yarn Shop on the boardwalk in Ocean City, New Jersey. As a baby Schneider competed in various baby contests and participated in parades. In 1941, at the age of nineteen she married George Dayton Rauch (May 13, 1917-June 28, 2000) in Philadelphia. She later worked as a clerk for a retail florist. Schneider died in 1997 at the age of seventy-five in Drexel Hill, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

Content Description

Photograph album primarily documenting Helen Louise Schneider in beauty contests and parades in New Jersey. Included among the photographs are newspaper clippings relating to the events. In addition, there are photographs documenting places the Schneider family lived and visited, including Detroit, Florida (mainly St. Petersburg), Philadelphia, and Virginia. Many of these images include extended family, friends, and family pets. There are certificates from schools Schneider attended and a 1933 class photograph from Longstreth School in Philadelphia. Loose photographs of Schneider at the age of ten and her wedding were tucked inside the front of the album. Most of the photographs were identified by her mother, Florence Schneider, and include her original drawings and illustrations on the pages of the album.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Boardwalks -- New Jersey
- Contests, Baby
- Parades
- Photographs

Types of Materials:

- Newspaper clippings
- Photograph albums -- 20th century

Names:

Between the Covers Rare Books
Schneider, Helen Louise

Container Listing

Box 1	Photograph album, 1922-1941
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