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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:	1922-1934
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1494
Source:	Between the Covers Rare Books
Extent:	.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Photograph album depicting Helen Louise Schneider as a contestant in various New Jersey baby beauty contests.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection purchased in July 2018.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Vanessa Broussard-Simmons, archivist, 2023. Finding aid encoded by Audrey Willius, intern, 2023.

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Biographical / Historical

Helen Louise Schneider was born in 1922, in Philadelphia, to Frank and Florence Schneider who ran a yarn shop on the boardwalk in Ocean City, New Jersey. Helen competed in various baby contests in New Jersey. She married George Rauch (1917-2000). She later worked as a clerk for a retail florist. She died in 1997 in Delaware co, Pennsylvania.

Content Description

Photograph album documenting Helen Louise Schneider as a contestant in various New Jersey baby beauty contests. There are some newspaper clippings about these contests. The album also contains photographs from other places the family lived and visited, including Detroit, Florida (mainly St. Petersburg), Philadelphia, and Virginia. Many of these photos include other family members and friends the family had. There are photographs of the family's pets and Helen in costume. There are certificates from schools Helen attended and a class photo from Longstreth School in Philadelphia in 1933. It also includes loose photographs of her later childhood and one of her wedding. The photographs are captioned for the most part.

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:

Contests, Baby
Photographs

Types of Materials:

Photograph albums -- 20th century

Names:

Between the Covers Rare Books
Schneider, Helen Louise

Container Listing

Box 1	Photograph album, 1922-1934
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