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### Summary:

Title: Frances S. Hensley Papers

Span Dates: 1979-1983

Creator: Frances Hensley

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

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Date Completed: November, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 0.25 feet

Donor: Frances Hensley

### Search Terms:

White House Conference on Families

Social issues

Women's Work Conference

### Biographical Notes:

Frances S. Hensley was a Marshall University history professor and administrator.

The White House Conference on Families was instituted by Jimmy Carter in 1980 to support families as an important basis of society, with a focus on health, housing, and human services. Committees were formed and state delegates elected to provide policy recommendations for the national government elicited from state level conferences that focused on poverty, employment, health, housing, care of people at all stages of life, child care, family issues, and social services available to families.

The Women's Work Conference worked with the West Virginia Women's Commission to create a conference focused on providing employment and training opportunities for women in the Huntington area, inspired by similar meetings in Clarksburg, Wheeling, and Beckley. Workshops included career assessments, job finding strategies, non-traditional occupations, and stress management among other topics. More than 260 area women attended this conference.

### Scope and Content:

This collection contains materials related to the West Virginia White House Conference on Families held in 1980 and the Women's Work Conference held in Huntington, West Virginia in 1983. WVWHC materials include conference schedules, rules, and planning materials for West Virginia's participation in this initiative as well as materials related to publicity, testimony from scholars, newspaper and magazine articles about the conference and about families in American life, the history, goals, and suggested themes as supplied by the White House, as well as expectations for state activities. A large part of these materials are letters and documentation sent from the White House,

demonstrating presidential expectations for these conferences. Women's Work Conference materials include a proposal for the conference as well as planning materials, suggested workshops, booths present, handouts with job and workshop information, letters of thanks from attendees, and lists of resources.

**Processing Notes:**

This collection was already processed at the time the finding aid was created. No changes to folder titles, order, or content were made. Materials were taken directly from Hensley's filing cabinet and refoldered together in bulk, retaining their original order. Each folder contains tabs from Hensley dividing them into different categories, such as "Schedule", "Publicity", etc.

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<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>Box 1</b>	
Folder 1	West Virginia White House Conference on Families, part 1
Folder 2	West Virginia White House Conference on Families, part 2
Folder 3	West Virginia White House Conference on Families, part 3
Folder 4	Women's Work Conference, 1983