L1992.16 The Bridget Wilson Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: L1992.16 The Bridget Wilson Papers
Dates: 1980-1993
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Abstract: Bridget Wilson is most known for her lifetime commitment to activism and her service in the Judge Advocate Corps of the California State Military. As a child in Nebraska, Wilson was girl selected for her High School’s then-boy’s rifle team, leading to other schools in the area refusing to compete against them. Wilson served in the United States Army Reserves from 1977-1980, with an honorable discharge and several commendations. Wilson trained and worked as a nurse until 1987; during her time as a nurse, she was a staff member of the notable Dr. Brad Truax.

Language of Material: English

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Biography/Administrative History
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Scope and Content of Collection
This collection contains one hand-written paper describing T-shirts, one plaque in memory of Dr. Brad Truax from San Diego Walks for Life 1989, transfer of ownership papers, and separation sheets.

Indexing Terms
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