Claire Courtney Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Claire Courtney Collection

Dates: 1960s-1990s

Collection Number: 2010.02

Creator/Collector: Claire Courtney

Extent: 2.5 cubic feet

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Abstract: The collection contains notes and documents from the formative years of the Humboldt County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, League of Women Voters, reproductive rights organizations, and the Humboldt Bay League (precursor of the Humboldt Bay Recreation and Conservation District).

Language of Material: English

Access
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Acquisition Information
Shortly after Claire Courtney's death in 2008 her daughter, Pamela Masterson, deeded the collection to the Archives of Northwestern California Activism of the Center for Environmental Economic Development (CEED) and on April 15, 2010, CEED deeded the collection to the Humboldt State University Library's Special Collections.

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