Guide to the Lucile Lomen Collection

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Call Number: SC0776
Creator: Lomen, Lucile.
Title: Lucile Lomen collection
Dates: 1920-2004
Physical Description: 2 Linear feet (4 boxes)

Summary: This collection includes correspondence by, to, and about Lucile Lomen; legal materials such as case notes, briefs, and legal decisions; newspaper, magazine, and journal clippings or excerpts; writings authored by Lomen; General Electric documents and publications, including some on their nuclear aircraft propulsion program; and autobiographical letters, essays and interview transcripts.

Language(s): The materials are in English.

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Biographical/Historical Sketch
Lucile Lomen was born in Nome, Alaska on August 21, 1920, the second of five children of Alfred and Mildred (nee Lehmann) Lomen. At least partially inspired by her grandfather, Gudbran J. Lomen, as a young girl, she decided that she wanted to become a lawyer. Her family moved to Seattle in 1934, where she graduated from Queen Anne High School in 1937. She was awarded a one-year scholarship to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, which she attended and from which she graduated with honors in 1941. Upon her graduation from the University of Washington Law School in 1944, she was elected to the Order of the Coif.

A few months before her graduation from law school, Lomen was selected by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas to serve as his law clerk for the October 1944 term. When she reported for duty in September 1944, she became the first woman to clerk for a Supreme Court Justice.

After one busy year in Washington, Lomen returned to Seattle, where she worked in the Washington state Attorney General's office. She remained at this job for three years, save for a trip to Europe with her maternal grandparents from the summer of 1946 to early 1947. In 1948, Lomen left the Attorney General's office to work for General Electric. Initially employed as a lawyer in Richland, Washington, Lomen served in many different capacities in several different states during her tenure with the company. She retired in 1983 and remained on the East Coast, where she was then living, for a few years before returning to Seattle, where she died on June 21, 1996.

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documents and publications, including some on their nuclear aircraft propulsion program; and autobiographical letters, essays and interview transcripts. Correspondence addressed to Lomen is from Edith Allen, Walter Beals, Vera and Vern Countryman, William O. Douglas, Tom Edwards, Judson F. Falknor, John M. Ferren, Helen Gaylord, Donald G. Graham, Eugene Gressman, Julia Benton Hopkins and Helen Vincent Dolan, Mr. and Mrs. Thorulf Lehmann (Lomen's grandparents), Chester Maxey, William G. McLaren, Conrad Oberdorfer, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Smith Troy, and Mabel Walker Willebrandt. Other materials of note in this collection include a single-page essay entitled "October Term 1944," about her experience at the Supreme Court; her May 1991 Whitman oral history interview; and Lomen's outgoing correspondence during her trip to Europe, 1946-1947. Also included in the collection is the correspondence of Jennie Berry Chandra, 2004, who assembled some of the materials in this collection in the course of her research on Lomen.

Access Terms
Beals, Walter B.
Countryman, Vern.
Douglas, William O. (William Orville), 1898-
Ferren, John M.
General Electric Company.
Gressmen, Eugene.
Lomen, Lucile.
Maxey, Chester Collins, 1890-
Oberdorfer, Conrad W.
Stefansson, Vilhjalmur, 1879-1962.
United States. Supreme Court.
Law clerks--United States

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Box 3, Folder 7  Correspondence from Europe 1946 Aug-Sep
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Box 3, Folder 9  Correspondence from Europe 1946 Dec
Box 3, Folder 10  Correspondence from Europe 1947 Jan-Feb
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Box 3, Folder 13  Articles by Lomen
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