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**Collection Title:** C. Louise Caudill Collection

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**Date Span:** 1946-1998

**Size of Collection:** 2 linear feet.

**Number of Boxes:** 1 letter size document case; 3 oversized boxes.

**Type of Material:** Correspondence, photographs, artifacts, and audio and video tapes.

**Condition of Material:** Good to excellent.

**Arrangement:** Collection is arranged chronologically with the exception of the VHS tapes, which are arranged alphabetically.

**Biographical / Historical Information:** C. Louise Caudill practiced medicine in Morehead, Kentucky for almost fifty years (1957-1998). She sought to improve the health care system in rural areas of eastern Kentucky, particularly issues related to women's health. Caudill grew up in Morehead and after high school attended Ohio State University. Afterwards she attended the University of Louisville where she received a Medical Doctorate in 1946. She was one of two women in her class. She returned to Morehead and began a medical practice with the intention of making a difference in the community. She was a driving force behind the expansion of women's health issues and also played an enormous role in the establishment of the St. Claire Medical Center in 1961. She was an advocate of advanced health care in rural Eastern Kentucky. It is estimated Caudill delivered over 8,000 babies in Rowan and surrounding counties. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work including the 1994 "Country Doctor of the Year" award.

**Scope and Content:** The C. Louise Caudill collection consists of items pertaining to her personal life in Morehead rather than her medical legacy. The collection includes family and professional photographs of Caudill and her colleagues. The collection contains artifacts, which are mostly awards. Published materials include newspaper clippings, newspapers issues, and

magazines related to her professional work. There are several videos in the collection that mostly detail Caudill's receiving awards, though some personal interviews and special events. Finally, there is personal and professional correspondence, some of which focus on her work at St. Claire hospital.

**Subject Headings / Descriptors:**

Caudill, Claire Louise, 1912-1998.

Women physicians – Kentucky.

Morehead – History.

St. Claire Hospital (Morehead, Ky.)

**Notes:** Also see: Gish, Shirley. *Country Doctor: The story of Dr. Claire Louise Caudill*. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1999.