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Collection Title: Ethel Ellington Collection

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Date Received: No date of donation registered.

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Date Listed: August 27, 2020

Date Span: 1935-1965

Size of Collection: 1.0 linear feet.

Number of Boxes: 1 legal size clamshell case.

Type of Material: Photographs, newspaper clippings and ephemera.

Condition of Material: Fair with fading and tears due to improper storage and acidic paper.

Arrangement: Arranged by format of item.

Biographical / Historical Information: Ethel Lee [Hillman] Ellington was an educator and community activist who resided in Ashland and Morehead, Kentucky from her early childhood until her death in 1985. She was born in Stephens, Elliott County, Kentucky on January 8, 1895. She attended Eastern Kentucky State College (Eastern Kentucky University), Bowling Green Business University (Western Kentucky University) and the University of Kentucky. After graduating from Bowling Green Business University relocated to Ashland in 1930 and taught briefly at local schools before teaching at lumber and coal camps in eastern Kentucky in 1931 and 1932. She married Audrey F. Ellington, a dentist, from Morehead, Kentucky in 1933 and moved to that city. She served as principal of Rowan County High School from 1934 to 1946 before returning to Ashland after the death of her husband. In 1947, she taught at Ashland Senior High School and later became principal at the Means Elementary School and Condit Elementary School where she retired in 1965. She was a charter member of the Ashland's Business and Professional Women's Club, the Ashland Woman's Club and the Association of University Women. She ran as the Republican Party candidate for the 31st District State Senate in 1935 and served as a delegate for the National Republican Convention in 1936. She passed away on May 1, 1985 and is buried at Lee Cemetery in Morehead alongside her husband.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of photographs, newspaper clippings and ephemera associated with Ethel Ellington of Ashland and Morehead, Kentucky from 1935 to 1965. Included in the collection is a campaign poster from her 1935 Kentucky State Senate race and a dozen photographs of Ms. Ellington and her husband.

Subject Headings / Descriptors:

Ellington, Ethel Lee Hillman, 1895-1985

Ellington, Audrey F., 1984-1946

Elementary school principals – Kentucky – Ashland.

High school principals – Kentucky – Rowan County.

Teachers – Kentucky – Boyd County.

Notes: There appears to be no provenance of who and when the collection was donated. The collection was found in a box in archives storage in 2016.