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**KAUFMAN, Rhoda (1888-1956) Papers, 1898-1956.**

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**Rhoda Kaufman (1888-1956) Papers, 1898-1956.**

2 cubic feet: 43 folders. Original loose papers, printed materials, and graphics.  
Donor: Berenice Kaufman

Scope and Content:

The collection consists of professional and personal papers relating to Rhoda Kaufman's lifelong public welfare work and support for social programs in Georgia. There are letters, photographs, newspaper clippings, copies of Miss Kaufman's speeches, work diaries, miscellaneous poems and compositions, and a scrapbook. Included are copies of publications for which she was responsible, including various studies of recreational needs, day care facilities, hospital beds, and medical needs in the metropolitan area. Also included are newspaper clippings, correspondence, and business records of organizations for which Miss Kaufman worked. Inventory originally prepared by Mary Evelyn Gilbert, Emory University, Division of Library Science, in 1975.

Related collections:

See also material on Miss Kaufman in Georgia's official records, particularly the Miscellaneous Files of the General Administration Services File of the Director of Public Health (RG 26/2/3). Material relates to the Social Welfare Council, 1930.

Biographical History:

Rhoda Kaufman was born in Columbus, GA, on October 26, 1888, the daughter of Leo Kaufman and Bettie Friedlaender, who had emigrated from Germany. When Rhoda was twelve years old, she had a leg removed for medical reasons; however, this disability is not obvious in the records. She attended public schools in Columbus and graduated as valedictorian of her senior class in 1906. After her high school graduation, the family moved to Atlanta. Rhoda graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Vanderbilt University in 1909 with a B.S. degree.

Miss Kaufman began her career with volunteer work. From 1913 to 1915, she served as president of the Atlanta Association of University Women, during which time she organized the women of the state into a successful legislative campaign to build a state training school for girls. While serving as Assistant Secretary of the Atlanta Associated Charities, she was appointed by the Governor to his Commission for the Feeble-Minded where she served as Executive Secretary from 1918 to 1919. The Commission was successful in getting legislation passed and money appropriated to build the Georgia Training School for Mental Defectives.

Miss Kaufman served as Assistant Secretary of the newly formed State Department of Welfare from 1920 until 1923 when she was appointed Executive Secretary. During her tenure in office, the Welfare Department made several studies of social problems and published recommendations for improvement. *The Study of Criminal Statistics* was financed by the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology and acclaimed by Justice Brandeis and Dean Roscoe Pound. *The Handbook of Standards for Children's Institutions* was adopted by the government and became an official pamphlet of the U.S.

Labor Department's Children's Bureau. *The Juvenile Court Handbook* was adopted as an official guide for juvenile work in France.

After her resignation because of ill health in 1929, Miss Kaufman became the Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Family Welfare Society until 1937, at which time she became the Executive Secretary of the Atlanta Social Planning Council, the coordinating agency for health and welfare agencies in the city. She was nationally known for her social work and served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the State Council of Social Agencies from 1922 to 1923, as a member of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Social Workers from 1924 to 1926, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Child Welfare League of America from 1926 to 1929. From 1930 to 1931 she was a member of President Hoover's White House Conference on Children. She also served as a trustee of the Atlanta School of Social Work.

During her last decade Kaufman was also involved in United Nations work. She died March 4, 1956.

Box	Folder	
1	01	Personal and biographical records, 1925-1950 and n.d.  Biographical sketches prepared for the Georgia Department of Archives [Georgia Archives] (handwritten), <i>Who's Who Among Association Executives</i> , <i>American Women</i> , and <i>Leading Women of America</i> .
	02	School records, 1898-1909.  Report cards, early compositions, invitations and programs for graduation exercises, 1906 high school class prophecy in poetry, valedictory address delivered by Miss Kaufman, and news clippings about class of 1906. Vanderbilt University commencement program, 1909.
	03	Training School for Girls Bill records, 1912-1914.  Includes correspondence and studies relating to a campaign to get the Georgia Legislature to authorize a training school for girls; a bill from Western Union; a list of members of the Georgia General Assembly; newspaper ads run by the Men and Religion forward Movement; other news clippings
	04	Georgia Commission on the Feeble-Minded records, 1919-1920.  Some copies of minutes of the Commission; letters and speeches organizing campaign to get legislative action on Home for the Feeble-Minded.
	05	Home for the Feeble-Minded Georgia news clippings, 1918-1919.
	06	Georgia Department of Public Welfare records, 1918-1931.  Correspondence of and newspaper clippings about the Welfare Department from its beginning in 1920; itemized expenses, April 1923; Georgia State

		Conference of Social Workers program, 1924; a surety bond, March 5, 1920. Contains Miss Kaufman's papers relating to public welfare work both before and after her actual years as assistant secretary and secretary of the department.
1	07	Georgia Department of Welfare publications, 1919-1928.  <i>Report of the Georgia Commission on Feeble-mindedness</i> , 1919; U.S. Labor Department Children's Bureau <i>Handbook for the Use of Boards of Directors, Superintendents, and Staffs of Institutions for Dependent Children</i> , 1927 (prepared by the Georgia Department of Welfare); <i>"In Loco Parentis"...A Handbook for Juvenile Court Judges...</i> , 1922 (Georgia Department of Public Welfare); <i>Crime and the Georgia Courts: A Statistical Analysis</i> , 1924; <i>Humanizing Georgia's County Jails</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. [ca. 1927]; and other publications.
	08	<i>Public Welfare</i> , 1926-1931.  Scattered issues of the official monthly publication of the Department. Discusses many aspects of services plus gives professional information.
2	09	Penal Codes correspondence, 1926-1933.  Dean Roscoe Pound, Harvard Law School, letters of commendation, 1926; letter from Charles Clark (Yale law professor) to Hugh Fuller (Director of Division of Adult Delinquency, Welfare Department) congratulating him on work done by the Department on collecting criminal court statistics in Georgia, 1929; correspondence between Miss Kaufman and Sheldon Gluck (Harvard law professor) concerning cooperation between social sciences and the law, 1933; reprint of article by Glick from <i>Harvard Law Review</i> , 1928.
	10	Georgia Department of Public Welfare dissolution attempts, 1927-1928, 1931.  Clippings urging support of Welfare Department; clippings implying move to do away with the Department prompted by anti-Semitic feeling; a letter from Kaufman to State Auditor outlining organization of the Welfare Department.
	11	Georgia Department of Public Welfare resignation incoming letters, 1928-1929 and n.d.  Personal and business associates' letters plus newspaper clippings dealing with Kaufman's resignation and the appointment of Dr. Comer Woodward.
	12	Georgia Conference on Social Work, Savannah, records, 1929.  Includes resolution passes expressing appreciation for Miss Kaufman's years of service, especially those spent in Welfare Department.
	13	Georgia Conference on Social Work, Albany and Athens, records, 1930-1931.

2	14	Georgia Conference on Social Work, Atlanta and Augusta, records, 1932-1933.
	15	Georgia Conference on Social Work, Macon, records, 1934.  Miss Kaufman presided at this conference. Newspaper clippings, conference program, and Kaufman's introduction to speaker, Dr. Arthur J. Todd, Dean of Sociology Department, Northwestern University.
	16	Georgia Conference on Social Work, Columbus, GA, records, 1935.  Newspaper clippings and programs of the conference. Part of Miss Kaufman's address, "A Public Welfare Program for the State of Georgia," printed in news clipping from <i>Columbus Enquirer</i> . Also includes carbons to Kaufman of correspondence between the U.S. Department of Labor Children's Bureau and the Georgia State Department of Public Welfare.
	17	Georgia Department of Public Welfare history, 1945 and 1951.  1945 letter from James P. Faulkner (5 <sup>th</sup> Secretary to the Welfare Department) to Mrs. Johnson (editor, <i>Georgia Welfare</i> ), relating to the history of the welfare movement in Georgia. Copy of a publication of the Georgia League of Women Voters (no. 15, May 1951), devoted to public welfare in Georgia.
	18	Family Welfare Society secretary records, 1930-1935.  Letter from Alexander Johnson of New York, a national figure in social work; clippings and printed material on activities of society.
	19	President Hoover's 1930 White House Conference on Child Health and Protection correspondence, 1929-1930 and 1932.  Correspondence leading up to the conference, Nov. 19-21, 1930. Mary S. Labaree served as secretary to the committee planning the conference after Miss Kaufman had to withdraw. File contains many letters from her and other members of the committee.
	20	President Hoover's 1930 White House Conference on Child Health and Protection publications, 1929-1930 and 1933.  Newsletters and speeches from the conference: copy of recommendations and report of Subcommittee on State Supervision of Private and Municipal Institutions and Agencies of the Committee of State Departments; clippings mostly from <i>New York Times</i> .
	21	Relief Funds Withdrawal Crisis newspaper clippings, 1932.
	22	Rhoda Kaufman speeches, 1932-1937 and n.d.

		Clippings, fragments, notes, first drafts, and typed copies of some of her speeches. Includes address to Phi Beta Kappa initiates, to members of Junior League, Ministers Association, and other church and civic groups; speech to the Labor Institute on Mothers Aid and old age pensions; speeches on child and public welfare, Travelers Aid, and the Social Planning Council of Atlanta.
2	23	Social Planning Council records, 1937-1944.  Letters of leaving the Family Welfare Society to go work for the Social Welfare Council in 1937, which later became the Social Planning Council. Also includes newsletters, pamphlets, reports of studies made on social problems in Atlanta, <i>e.g.</i> , hospital needs, mental health needs, part-time employment of youth, control of venereal diseases, and public recreation.
3	24	Woman of the Year, Social Welfare Award records, 1944.  Based on the services contributed in 1943, awards were made to seven women, January 21, 1944. Includes clippings and letters of congratulations from friends and associates.
	25	League of Women Voters of Atlanta United Nations records, 1949-1950.  Shows how local interest in the United Nations grew out of the LWV International Relations Subcommittee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Edwin Booth.
	26	Atlanta Mayor's Committee for the Observance of United Nations Day records 1950.  Sketch of the development of interest by Atlantans in world affairs written by Kaufman to Melvin Fox, Director of National Citizens Committee for United Nations Day; Clark Eichelberger plan outline for observance of U.N. Day in Atlanta written to Ralph McGill; reports from committees working on the Day, Oct. 24, 1950, in Atlanta and on the national observance by Melvin Fox.
	27	Organizations' records on United Nations work, 1950-1954.  Includes Women United for U.N., American Association for U.N., Georgia Committee for U.N., and U.N. Council of Atlanta. Organization plans, committee reports, correspondence, press releases, and newspaper clippings.
	28	Women United for United Nations minutes, 1950-1951 and n.d.
	29	Women United for United Nations financial records, 1950-1952 and n.d.
	30	United Nations Day in Atlanta news clippings, 1950.
	31	United Nations publicity newspaper clippings, 1953-1955.

3	32	Institute of Citizenship, Emory University, records, 1954-1955.
	33	Women United for United Nations Information Table notebook, 1948-1954(?).  This information and literature table was maintained at Rich's Department Store for many years.
	34	Metropolitan Atlanta United Nations Day Desk Information notebook, 1950-1955.  Both these notebooks seem to have been put together and annotated by Rhoda Kaufman. The material in this one is mainly from the U.N. Tenth Anniversary in 1955 but contains older published items also.
4	35	United Nations publications annotated by Rhoda Kaufman, 1951 and 1954-1955.
	36	Rhoda Kaufman death papers, 1956.  Newspaper clippings about Kaufman's death, March 4, 1956; resolutions expressing sympathy to Miss Berenice Kaufman, her sister.
	37	Poems, 1906 and n.d.  Although undated, most of these poems seem to have been composed by Miss Kaufman while she worked downtown in Atlanta.
	38	Working diary, 1923.
	39	Working diary loose papers, 1923-1924 and n.d.
	40	Working diary, 1924.
	41	Working diary, 1926.
	42	Scrapbook, 1906-1955 and n.d.  Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, programs, and personal letters such as "The Genesis of Rhoda" by Margaret Thornton McWhorter.
	43	Photographs, n.d.  Photographs are of Rhoda from girlhood until her last decade, many at work.