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Guide to the

Key Women of America records

1956-1983

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Summary

Creator: Key Women of America, Inc

Title: Key Women of America records

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Abstract: The Key Women of America was founded by Bertha Nelms Harris in 1954, initially to assist in securing foster and adoptive homes for homeless children in New York City. Later it became involved in many other community projects through its national and international branches. This collection consists of historical information, minutes of meetings, correspondence, administrative records, programs, project records, and printed material.

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Creator History

This organization was founded by Bertha Nelms Harris in 1954, initially to assist in securing foster and adoptive homes for homeless children in New York City. Later the organization became involved in many other community projects such as prevention of drug addiction; hospital volunteer services; job development; prison visits; big sister prison release program; children uplift (program for pre-school children); awarding of scholarships, etc. Beginning in New York, this organization grew nationally and then internationally to some forty-six branches in the U.S., Aruba, Liberia, Nigeria and Bermuda.

Scope and Content Note

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American children -- New York (State) -- New York
Social work with children -- New York (State) -- New York
Women -- New York (State) -- New York -- Societies and clubs

Geographic Names

New York (N.Y.) -- Social conditions

Names

Harris, Bertha Nelms
Key Women of America, Inc

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