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Finding Aid for the Evangeline M. Lamberts collection Collection 475

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Summary Information

Repository:	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Title:	Evangeline M. Lamberts papers
ID:	Collection 475
Date [inclusive]:	1955-1969
Physical Description:	.3 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	Evangeline M. Lamberts, native to Lansing, Michigan, became the first woman to be elected to public office in 1961, winning a seat in the Grand Rapids City Commission in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was also involved in the League of Women Voters of Grand Rapids, Mich. This collection includes a photograph of Mrs. Lamberts on the City Commission, an award, as well as papers regarding childcare, welfare, and water resources. Evangeline Lamberts passed away in July, 2004. These materials may be useful to anyone researching women from Michigan or resources in Grand Rapids in the late 1950s.

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Biographical / Historical

Evangeline M. Lamberts was born in Lansing, Michigan in 1923. She attended the University of Michigan in 1943, where she majored in nursing. In 1949 Evangeline married Dr. Austin Lamberts. The couple moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan a year later and had three daughters.

Once in Grand Rapids, Mich. Evangeline Lamberts was an active member of the League of Women Voters. In 1961, Evangeline Lamberts became the first woman to win a seat in the Grand Rapids City Commission, defeating three term commissioner Robert Blandford. Lamberts served one term, leaving the City Commission in 1965. She is known for pushing the annexation of the North Park section of Grand Rapids and for speaking up on the treatment of juvenile delinquents. Evangeline Lamberts passed away in 2004.

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Scope and Contents

This materials in this collection are all copies, which range from 1955 to 1969. This collection contains a photograph of Evangeline Lamberts on the City Commission, an award from the League of Women Voters of Grand Rapids, Mich., letters, and documents on water resources, welfare, and childcare. Additionally, it contains an editorial from The Grand Rapids Press, and two charts.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
County Welfare Department, 1955 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1955	Box 1	Folder 1
Children's Home Report (League of Women Voters), 1956 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1956	Box 1	Folder 2
Progress Report on Reorganization of Public Childcare, 1956 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1956	Box 1	Folder 3
League of Women Voters Clubwoman of the Year Award, 1956 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1956	Box 1	Folder 4
Plan for the Enlargement of Grand Rapids Water System, 1959	Box 1	Folder 5

<u>Date [inclusive]: 1959</u>		
Charts, 1959	Box 1	Folder 6
<u>Date [inclusive]: 1959</u>		
Photo of Evangeline Lamberts on the City Commission, c. 1961	Box 1	Folder 7
<u>Date [inclusive]: c. 1961</u>		
The Grand Rapids Press- Editorial on Elections, 1961	Box 1	Folder 8
<u>Date [inclusive]: 1961</u>		
Report on Water Service in Kent and Ottawa Metropolitan Area, 1963	Box 1	Folder 9
<u>Date [inclusive]: 1963</u>		
Letters from George W. Welsh, Frank D. McKay, and Robert F. Kennedy, 1961-1967	Box 1	Folder 10
<u>Date [inclusive]: 1961-1967</u>		
The Battered City Syndrome- Workshop by Philip M. Hauser, 1969	Box 1	Folder 11
<u>Date [inclusive]: 1969</u>		