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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Ruth G. Butler Papers
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Date [inclusive]:	Circa 1961-Circa 1983
Physical Description:	2.0 Cubic Feet (1 Paige box, 1 manuscript box, and 1 flat box)
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Abstract:	Papers, circa 1961-circa 1983, of Ruth Butler, a native of Republic, Michigan and long-time resident of Houghton County, Michigan. Includes personal papers, files on the founding of the Houghton County Historical Society and the Upper Peninsula State Fair Board as well as files relating to Mrs. Butler's political activities with the Michigan Constitutional Convention and the Michigan State Central Committee. Also includes various certificates, recognition awards, photographs and clippings.

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Biography

Ruth Gibson Butler was born in Republic, Michigan in 1891, the daughter of Thomas Henry Gibson and Alice Quinn Gibson. She was a member of the Michigan Republican State Central Committee, 1961-1962; a delegate to the Michigan State Constitutional Convention from the Houghton district, 1961-1962; and a candidate for the Michigan State House of Representatives from the Houghton district in 1962. Butler was the first woman to be elected to the Houghton Village Council in 1966, at the age of 74. She was also a founding member of the Houghton County Historical Society in Lake Linden,

Michigan and an active member of the Upper Peninsula State Fair Board. Ruth Butler passed away in 1981.

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- Agricultural exhibitions -- Michigan
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- Women -- Political activity -- Michigan
- Houghton County (Mich.)
- Upper Peninsula (Mich.)
- Reports
- Personal papers
- Awards
- Certificates
- Clippings (Information artifacts)
- Photographs
- Houghton County Historical Society
- Hancock Home Study Club (Hancock, Mich.)
- Republican Party (Mich.). State Central Committee
- Michigan. Constitutional Convention (1961-1962)
- Butler, Ruth G. (Ruth Gibson)

Collection Inventory

Awards, certificates, and ephemera		
Title/Description	Instances	
Butler table, sign, undated	box 3	
Certificate, Ferris State College Alumni Association, distinguished alumnus award, 1978	box 2	folder 1
Certificate, Ferris State College Heritage Club, undated	box 2	folder 2
Certificate, George A. Graham founders award, 1979	box 2	folder 3
Certificate, Marquette Ambassadors goodwill award, 1978	box 2	folder 4
Certificate of appreciation, Republican National Committee, undated	box 2	folder 5
Certificate of honor, State Bar of Michigan, Michigan Constitutional Convention, 1962	box 2	folder 6
National Governor's award scrapbook, 1971-1980	box 2	folder 12
Plaque, Copper Country Chamber of Commerce recognition of loyal and faithful service, 1969	box 3	

Plaque, dedication to the fair industry, Michigan Association of Fairs and Honors, 1977	box 3	
Plaque, Ferris State College and Alumni Association, distinguished alumnus award, 1978	box 3	
Plaque, Ruth Gibson Butler exhibit building dedication, U.P. Fair Board of Managers and Michigan Agriculture Commission, 1974	box 3	
Plaque, recognition of many years of faithful service to the Houghton County Historical Museum Association, 1988	box 3	
Ruth G. Butler award, undated	box 2	folder 7

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Photographs

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Photographs, undated	box 2	folder 9-10

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Subject files

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Inaugural invitations	box 1	folder 5
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Special letters	box 1	Folder 10
Historical museum and society	box 1	Folder 11
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