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## Walker (Mamie Dowd) Scrapbook

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	North Carolina Collection Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Mamie Dowd Walker scrapbook
<b>ID:</b>	NCC.0192
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1941-1945
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.5 Linear Feet (1 flat box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

[Item, folder, and box information], Mamie Dowd Walker scrapbook (NCC.0192), North Carolina Collection, Durham County Library, NC.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Mamie Dowd Walker (1880-1960) was appointed judge for the first juvenile court in Durham City and County in 1934, making her the first female judge in North Carolina. She served from 1934 to 1941 and 1942 to 1949. Although not trained in law, her years of experience on the city recreation and education boards meant she was highly qualified, and her imagination and dedication won the support and affection of the entire community, black and white. When she was removed without warning in 1941 and a man appointed instead, a public outcry arose that did not stop until she was reinstated the next year. Her court became a model for others around the country.

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## Scope and Contents

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Photocopied scrapbook consisting primarily of newspaper clippings that concern Mamie Dowd Walker's 1942 to 1945 service as juvenile judge of Durham County.

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## Related Materials

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Durham County Youth Home Records (NCC.0070)

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
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Mamie Dowd Walker scrapbook, 1941-1945

box 1

Creator: Durham County Youth Home

Controlled Access Headings:

- Women judges -- North Carolina -- History
- Juvenile courts -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Juvenile detention homes -- North Carolina -- Durham County
- Walker, Mary Rebecca Dowd
- Durham County Youth Home