

**S0657 Hart, Bonnie (1916-2001)  
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Bonnie Hart's daughter, Holly Thornton, donated her papers to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection on January 15, 2002.

Bonnie Hart pursued a private campaign to protest and oppose nuclear power. She wrote legislators and newspapers, made numerous calls to radio programs and collected a large newsclipping file about the hazards of nuclear energy. She became known as the Atomic Lady.

Hart was a major source of information for other anti-nuclear activists. Her newspaper collection included reports on radioactive waste buried near St. Louis International Airport that helped anti-nuclear activist Kay Drey lead a campaign to have it removed.

Hart died on January 28, 2001.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The collection primarily contains Hart's large news clipping file and her book and magazine collection. In addition to nuclear power, topics include Vietnam, the space program and various political campaigns. The papers include several folders of the correspondence she received from legislators in response to her letters expressing her anti-nuclear stance. The collection also contains an oral history with Hart's daughter, Holly Thornton, and several photographs on a CD.

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