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Abstract: These papers are a collection of material pertaining to the life, career, hobbies, volunteer work, and family history of Julia Smith Taylor, who is a native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas and was voice teacher at Arkadelphia High School. The papers contain correspondence, photographs, newspaper clippings, audiovisual material, church records, and physical objects that are related to her and her family's involvement with local clubs, churches, schools, and organizations.

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Scope and Contents

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Biographical Note

Julia Smith Taylor was born Martha Julia Smith on November 13, 1937, in Arkadelphia Arkansas to her parents, Joe Tony and Martha (Mellard) Smith. Julia attended Arkadelphia High School and graduated in 1955. She went on to attend Henderson State Teachers College and graduated in 1958 with a bachelor's degree in music education. The following year in 1959 she married her husband, Glen Taylor. She began teaching vocal music instruction in 1959 and taught at Malvern High School from 1959 to 1961, then Sparkman Public School from 1961-62, and Arkadelphia High School from 1962-66.

In her early years she was involved in many local and national clubs and organizations. She was involved with the National and Arkansas Education Association from 1959-1966, and the Arkadelphia Philharmonic Club beginning in 1962. She was a board member for the Chamber of Commerce on Music in the School and College and was involved with the Arkadelphia Community Theater. She was also a part of the Arkadelphia First Methodist Church Choir, was their Evening Organist, and served as the Director of their Children's Chorus. Throughout her life Julia was involved in various juvenile programs locally in Clark County as well as at the state and national level. In the 1990s she taught school internationally in China.

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