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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: Susan Lightbown Papers (Miss Connecticut, 1957)
Collection #: Ms B120
Dates: 1950s (bulk sate 1957)
Size of Collection: .80 linear ft (2 boxes)
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Biographical/ historical note:

Susan Elizabeth Lightbown was born April 25, 1939 in Massachusetts and moved to Westport, CT at about age 6. She moved to Fairfield, CT circa 1953, graduating from Roger Ludlowe High School in 1957. Sponsored by the Jaycees, she was elected Miss Fairfield and later crowned Miss Connecticut on July 9, 1957. Susan went on to compete in the Miss America contest in September of that year where she won Most Talented Pop Singer.

Scope and content note:

This collection consists mostly of photographs and newspaper clippings from Susan Lightbown's tenure as Miss Fairfield and Miss Connecticut. Some of the photographs and clippings were mounted in a couple scrapbooks; however, most were loose. There is a folder of miscellaneous documents that were loose in the white scrapbook, all of which relate to Miss Connecticut and Miss America with the exception

of a class day program from Roger Ludlowe High School. The documents include bits of correspondence to Susan, programs from the competition, and plane ticket stubs. It also includes some correspondence from pen pals from Haiti and Japan, although since there are no examples of Susan's responses, these shed little light on her life.

Box 1

Series A: Correspondence from pen-pals

Folder 1 Correspondence from Roger Alescis, from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1954

Folder 2 Correspondence from Roger Alescis, from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, 1955

Folder 3 Correspondence from Hisao Kajima, from Japan, 1956

Series B: Newspaper clippings

Folder 4 Clippings

Folder 5 Clippings

Folder 6 Loose clippings removed from white scrapbook

Series C: Photographs

Folder 7-9

Series D: Documents

Folder 10 Miscellaneous documents lying loose in white scrapbook and removed

Box 2

Folder 11 Black scrapbook
Contains photographs and a small number of newspaper clippings

Rolled long photograph of Miss American Pageant, 1957 (damage to emulsion)

Miss Connecticut banner

Oversize: Scrapbook

White leather album embossed to "Susan E. Lightbown/Miss Connecticut 1957" from
"The Fairfield Jay Cee Wives" containing a small number of newspaper clippings