

# National Press Club Archives

## Finding Aid for the Marjorie Hunter Collection, 1976 to 1990

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### Summary Information

**Creator:** Marjorie "Maggie" Hunter  
**Title:** Marjorie Hunter Collection  
**Inclusive Dates:** 1976-1995  
**Extent:**  
**Language:** All materials are in English  
**Repository:** National Press Club Archives  
**Accession Number:** 2004.159

### Access and Use

**Acquisition Information:** Donated to the archives in 2001  
**Access Restrictions:** Open to researchers  
**Copyright:** Marjorie Hunter (deceased)

### History

Marjorie Hunter was a renowned journalist who broke new ground as one of the first women to cover the White House and Congress. Marjorie was a graduate of Burlington (N.C.) High School and Elon College, and was inducted as a member of the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame in 1992.

She began her career with *The News & Observer* in Raleigh at the beginning of World War II, covering police, courts and the N.C. General Assembly. A one-year stint in Texas as a reporter for the *Houston Press* preceded her return to the East Coast in 1950. *The Winston-Salem Journal* hired Hunter as women's page editor, and a short time later the paper moved her back to Raleigh, where she covered five sessions of the General Assembly, including the last session in the old capitol building.

A firm believer in the watchdog function of the press, Hunter gained some notoriety for a 1955 incident in which she challenged the Appropriations Committee's right to convene in closed session and had to be carried from the room while sitting in her chair.

*The New York Times* hired her for its Washington, D.C., bureau in 1961. She covered the White House, Congress and other beats before retiring in 1986.

Hunter was active in many press clubs and associations. She served as president of the Women's National Press Club in 1969-70 and was on the Standing Committee of Correspondents at the Capitol. She was a member of the White House Correspondents Association, Gridiron Club, Speakers Committee of the National Press Club and the Washington Press Club Foundation.

Marjorie Hunter died in Washington, D.C. on April 10, 2001 at the age of 78.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into two series, papers and photographs. Series 1 includes the papers of Marjorie Hunter and Series 2 includes a large set of photographs. The photographs were originally housed in photo albums with sticky backing. Due to this method of housing some of the photographs have become slightly discolored and contain some of the backing as the residue could not be removed.

Series 1 is arranged in the order in which the materials were received. Titles for the folders are derived from the titles assigned to the materials by the lending party. Titles in brackets are titles assigned by the archivist. Some paper materials were housed in the photo albums containing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July photographs and were separated from the photographs and placed with the other paper materials as the first folder in the series.

Series 2 is arranged by the date of the photographs in a subject category. For example, July 4, 1990 or Retirement Party January 1986. Most of the people in the photographs are not identified or include a first name but no surname. All of the photographs are housed in the same box with the exception of the larger photographs which are enclosed in Mylar sleeves and housed in a flat box.

## **Collection Scope and Content Note**

The majority of Marjorie Hunter's personal papers and collections were donated to Elon College. The National Press Club Archives received a small portion of the remaining collection. The collection given to the archives consists mostly of

photographs with few papers. The papers of Marjorie Hunter are minimal and include invitations and responses for her retirement party held January 9, 1986, papers and notes about the Silver Owls, papers on the Women's National Press Club and *Times Talk* from September 1961- November 1967.

The majority of the photographs found in the collection are from her annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic held at her house between 1976 and 1990. There are photographs for all years of the picnic from 1976 to 1990 except for 1977. The other photos in the collection are from her trip to England and Wales in 1984, her retirement party in January of 1986 and the Gridiron Picnic in July of 1987.

## Series 1: Papers of Marjorie Hunter

### Box List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
1	[4 <sup>th</sup> of July]
1	Maggie Hunter Retirement Party – January 9, 1986
1	Women's National Press Club
1	Silver Owls
1	<i>Times Talk</i> - September 1961 – December 1961
1	<i>Times Talk</i> – February 1962 – April 1963
1	<i>Times Talk</i> – June 1963 – November 1963
1	<i>Times Talk</i> – January 1964 – December 1964
1	<i>Times Talk</i> – January 1965 – December 1965
1	<i>Times Talk</i> – January 1965 – December 1965
1	<i>Times Talk</i> – January 1966 – December 1966
1	<i>Times Talk</i> – January 1967 – November 1967

## Series 2: Photographs of Marjorie Hunter

### Box List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Photograph</b>
1	July 4, 1976
1	July 4, 1978
1	July 4, 1979
1	July 4, 1980
1	July 4, 1981