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Description: Nina Miglionico (1913-2009) was a prominent Birmingham, Alabama, attorney, councilwoman, and activist. Miglionico was born in Birmingham in 1913 and earned her law degree from the University of Alabama in 1936. She practiced law in Birmingham while being active in numerous women's organizations and was appointed by President John F. Kennedy in 1961 to serve on the President's Commission on the Status of Women. In 1963, she became the first woman to serve on the Birmingham City Council. The Nina Miglionico Collection contains books, scrapbooks, manuscripts, awards, and other materials from her professional life. The collection contains 18 cubic feet of materials and spans from 1872-2009.

*The Nina Miglionico Collection was processed by Samuel A. Rumore, Jr., the longtime law partner and friend of Nina Miglionico.

Nina Miglionico Collection

Box 1A:

- 1A-1 Alabama Business and Professional Women's Clubs convention programs and other conference programs for miscellaneous years, 1954-1994. The 75th Anniversary program (1994) gives the history of 25 local Alabama BPW Clubs and under the Birmingham Club history it refers to Nina Miglionico as State President 1948-1950. The 45th Anniversary program (1964) lists Nina Miglionico as Legal Adviser. The 41st Anniversary program (1960) contains handwritten notes by Nina Miglionico for her remarks at the convention.
- 1A-2 Miscellaneous loose news clippings concerning BPW, 1947-1971. Of note are clippings from October 5, 1958 where Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States, spoke at the annual Birmingham BPW banquet. Nina Miglionico is described as the current President of the National Association of Women Lawyers.
- 1A-3 News clippings, BPW, 1957. Special projects of interest that year proposed abolishing the poll tax, advocating equal rights for women, and seeking women jurors in Alabama.
- 1A-4 News clippings, BPW, 1947-1969.
- 1A-5 1949 Fashion Forum, University of Alabama: program, news clippings, and correspondence. This was a signature event during Nina Miglionico's term as President of the Alabama Business and Professional Women's Clubs.
- 1A-6 Text of radio speech by Nina Miglionico, 1944, titled "Are We Part Time Citizens" and May 19, 1945, letter advocating changes in the Alabama Homestead Exemption law.
- 1A-7 May 5, 1945, Nina Miglionico report as Birmingham BPW President and 1950 Nina Miglionico report as Alabama BPW President.
- 1A-8 Miscellaneous BPW memorabilia, 1949-1987.
- 1A-9 Articles from "The Alabama Business Woman", 1949-1954.
- 1A-10 "The Alabama Business Woman", complete issue, April 1943; front page only of April 1975 issue.
- 1A-11 News clippings, 1950-1953, Jury service for women in Alabama. A noteworthy article relates Nina Miglionico's speech to Birmingham's Young Men's Business Club where she states that women cannot serve on juries in Alabama because they are not recognized as people.
- 1A-12 Jury Service for Women in Alabama, File No. 1, 1942-1953. This file contains information sheets and extensive correspondence on the topic of jury service for women in Alabama. It also illustrates the grass roots efforts by women in Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Women's Civic Clubs, the Women Lawyers Association, and the American Association of University Women to work together for passage of the jury service bill. Ida D. Rosenthal of Birmingham is Chairman of the Committee for Jury Service for Women. Nina Miglionico is Co-Chairman.
- 1A-13 Jury Service for Women in Alabama, File No. 2, 1953. This file also contains extensive correspondence including sample letters to the editors of newspapers in Alabama that can be used by supporters. There are many letters

to and from Alabama Pilot Club officers. This organization endorsed jury service for women at the state level.

- 1A-14 Jury Service for Women in Alabama, File No. 3, 1954-1955. Noteworthy in the correspondence is the letter from Associate Judge Annie Lola Price, a member of the Alabama Court of Appeals, to Nina Miglionico dated June 29, 1955. Judge Price could hear appeals from jury trials but could not serve on a jury herself. Also of note is the correspondence of May 1955 to and from women in Decatur, Alabama, concerning the vote of Representative Albert Brewer, who went on to become Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor of Alabama.
- 1A-15 Scrapbook labeled "Personal"; News clippings of women in Birmingham during World War II. The file contains articles by Nina's friends Alyce Billings Walker and Virginia Van Der Veer. (1944)
- 1A-16 Miscellaneous news clippings concerning Elizabeth May, close personal friend of Nina Miglionico and active Birmingham civic leader.
- 1A-17 Full-size newspaper pages with photos and articles about Elizabeth May: Birmingham News, Aug. 31, 1947; Alabama Journal, May 1, 1948; Montgomery Advertiser, May 2, 1948.
- 1A-18 Group photo with Elizabeth May and other women identified on the backside of photo. Bechtel-McCone Corporation, Birmingham, Alabama, Aircraft Division. (World War II)
- 1A-19 Miscellaneous loose news clippings concerning Alabama Department of Youth Services, (Nov. 1976-March 1977)
- 1A-20 National Council on State Legislation. This file contains correspondence and reports from nine state councils in Southeastern Region 6 from 1952 to 1957. Nina Miglionico apparently took possession of the file due to her service on the Alabama Joint Legislative Council. The organization encouraged women to take an active role in their state government. Many letters are written by Bessie A. Brooks and Nannie R. Nash of Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1A-21 Alabama Joint Legislative Council, 1953-1961. This file contains correspondence, reports, minutes, programs, and newsletters of this Alabama women's organization. Of particular interest are the minutes from the Spring Meeting held in Montgomery on April 2, 1955. Ida D. Rosenthal and Nina Miglionico presented a plan of action by the Committee For Jury Service For Women. Eight state-wide women's groups in Alabama supported this project of the Joint Legislative Council.
- 1A-22 National Council on State Legislation, 1949-1957. There is extensive correspondence and program material in the file. The file contains 4-page national bulletins for October 1954, January 1955, May 1955, December 1955, and December 1956. There is a letter dated May 3, 1957 containing a list of proposed nominees including Nina Miglionico for 2nd Vice-President of the national organization.
- 1A-23 National Council on State Legislation, Conventions 1951, 1953, and 1955, and miscellaneous newsletters of this time period.

- 1A-24 National Council on State Legislation Yearbook -1942-43; Convention Program – 1949; Joint Legislative Council of Alabama – Constitution, Officer Lists and Participating Organizations – 1945, 1948, 1949, and 1952-53.
- 1A-25 Alabama Women Lawyers 1942 Membership Book. This mini-book belonged to Ida D. Rosenthal who was a close personal friend, colleague, and mentor of Nina Miglionico.
- 1A-26 Nina Miglionico for Congress Reports. This file contains Reports of Receipts and Expenditures of Nina Miglionico’s 1974 Congressional race.
- 1A-27 Nina Miglionico for Congress Disbursements File. The receipts for expenses of the campaign are in this file. There is an interesting itemized expenditure to Hamilton Jordan of Atlanta, Georgia who played an important role in the campaign of Jimmy Carter for President in 1976. There is also a memo from Robert S. Vance, Chairman, the Alabama Democratic Executive Committee, who later became a Federal Judge and who died from a mail bomb explosion at his home.
- 1A-28 Nina Miglionico for Congress Payroll Information
- 1A-29 Miglionico for Congress, Solicitation Letters and Lists for Thank You Letters
- 1A-30 Nina Miglionico for Congress Receipts File. This file contains the business card of Hamilton Jordan, Director of the 1974 Campaign Committee of the Democratic National Committee.
- 1A-31 Department of Youth Services, Roebuck Campus – News clippings and miscellaneous information about the Alabama Boys Industrial School

Box 1B:

- 1B-1 Alabama Youth Services, Chalkville Campus, Advisory Board and Staff Meeting Minutes, 1975-76.
- 1B-2 Copy of Typed Manuscript on the History of the Alabama Boys Industrial School (to page 182)
- 1B-3 Alabama Boys Industrial School History, pages 183-364.
- 1B-4 Correspondence, 1962-64. Nina Miglionico was President of the Alabama Joint Legislative Council during those years and this file contains that official correspondence.
- 1B-5 Joint Legislative Council of Alabama Convention Programs, 1945-1961. The file also contains the Constitution of this organization.
- 1B-6 Joint Legislative Council of Alabama Bulletins, Miscellaneous issues, 1944-1964.
- 1B-7 Joint Legislative Council of Jefferson County Bulletins, Miscellaneous issues, 1949-1960. Of particular interest is the invitation to a meeting in the 1950’s that closes with the following quote: “Since we, nor our legislators are prepared, we will not discuss Segregation.”
- 1B-8 Village Creek, 1985 Publication of the Birmingham Historical Society, 151 pages
- 1B-9 Alabama Women Lawyers Association Correspondence File, 1955-1963; Various membership rosters; Information on issues of interest to women lawyers ---jury service for women, improving the parole system, a child labor

amendment, prison reform, revision of laws of descent and distribution, and elimination of the poll tax. Of interest is a letter to the women of Jones Law School dated July 12, 1958 inviting them to a luncheon in Montgomery to hear Nina Miglionico, President-elect of the National Association of Women Lawyers, speaking about her recent trip to England for an international meeting of the American Bar Association.

- 1B-10 File on Poll Tax Amendment Campaign and Election of December 15, 1953. The ballot of December 15, 1953 contained 10 proposed amendments to the Alabama Constitution. Amendment 1 changed the method of calculating cumulative poll tax arrearage. The poll tax was \$1.50 per year for each year from a voter's 21st to 45th birthday. That covered a period of 24 years and resulted in a potential cumulative arrearage of \$36 that a voter had to pay before being allowed to register to vote. The cumulative arrearage was a particular hardship for women who had never registered. There were exemptions to the poll tax that generally applied to men. War veterans and members of the National Guard were exempted from payment. This amendment did not eliminate the poll tax but restricted the arrearage to 2 years or a total of \$3. The file contains suggested talking points for letters to the editor of newspapers, speeches, and radio talks. There are public testimonials from interested citizens. One sheet contains handwritten notes from Nina Miglionico.
- 1B-11 Newspaper clippings concerning the Poll Tax Amendment Campaign. The file contains favorable newspaper editorials and articles supporting the limit on cumulative poll tax arrearage. There are also ads urging voters to vote "No" because the Amendment is endorsed by the NAACP. The Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee opposed the Amendment with the following statement: "Wholesale Negro registration which would follow the adoption of the Poll Tax Amendment will help end segregation in our schools and colleges, our parks, our buses, our playgrounds, our restaurants". This ad concluded with a call to action "If You Are 'Free White and 21' Vote 'No' on the POLL TAX AMENDMENT."
- 1B-12 Poll Tax Amendment Campaign Information Pamphlets. This file contains the Jefferson County Council Supporting the Poll Tax Amendment fact sheet with the reasons for voting Yes on December 15, 1953. There is also a pamphlet titled Voting Restrictions in the 13 Southern States, A Report by the Committee of Editors and Writers of the South. The article on Alabama was written by Colonel Harry M. Ayers, publisher of *The Star*, Anniston, Alabama. The pamphlet was published during World War II but after the presidential election of 1944. And there is a campaign card from the Democratic Executive Committee of Jefferson County, Alabama urging a "No" vote on the Amendment because the Communist Party and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has endorsed it. (Note: The Amendment was adopted on December 15, 1953 with the result of 70,951 votes for and 53,532 votes against)
- 1B-13 The Alabama Women Lawyers Association Minute Book: 1927-1964. The Alabama Women Lawyers Association was founded in 1924. It held annual meetings in April 1925 and April 1926. This file contains the original minutes for meetings of the organization from 1927 to 1964. According to the records, Nina

Miglionico served as President in 1940, 1944, 1951, and 1960. Minutes and references to meetings are as follows:

- April 10, 1927 – Montgomery
- April 1928 – Birmingham (Hugo Black and James Simpson were speakers.)
- May 25, 1929 – Birmingham
- April 26, 1930 – Birmingham
- November 15, 1930 – Birmingham
- April 15, 1932 – Birmingham
- April 29, 1933 – Camp Mary Munger
- April 21, 1934 – Birmingham
- December 1, 1934 – Montgomery
- March 18, 1935 – Montgomery
- July 5, 1935 – Montgomery
- November 30, 1935 – Union Springs (The organization first voted to support jury service for women.)
- April 25, 1936 – Montgomery
- November 28, 1936 – Birmingham
- May 8, 1937 – Birmingham (The organization first supported the proposal for a 2 year maximum arrearage on delinquent poll taxes. Also, Nina Miglionico became a member.)
- May 21, 1938 – Montgomery (The organization was invited to join the Joint Legislative Council.)
- December 3, 1938 – Birmingham (The file contains a copy of a resolution passed by the National Association of Women Lawyers supporting an Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.)
- May 13, 1939 – Birmingham
- December 9, 1939 – Montgomery County, country estate of Judge Walter B. Jones
- May 4, 1940 – Montgomery (Nina Miglionico is elected President at age 26. The file also contains a 7 page report from Nina Miglionico on her work during the preceding year as Chairman of the Uniform Laws Committee.)
- December 7, 1940 – Birmingham
- April 26, 1941 – Birmingham
- April 11, 1942 – Birmingham
- December 5, 1942 – Birmingham
- April 17, 1943 – Birmingham
- April 28, 1951 – Montgomery
- May 10, 1952 – Alexander City
- December 13, 1952 – Birmingham
- April 25, 1953 – Alexander City
- December 5, 1953 – Birmingham (Dean Margaret Sizemore of Howard College spoke at the meeting about her recent trip to Europe and the Coronation ceremony of Queen Elizabeth.)
- April 2, 1955 – Birmingham
- December 10, 1955 – Birmingham
- May 5, 1956 – Montgomery

- July 21, 1956 – Birmingham
 - July 20, 1957 – Tuscaloosa
 - July 18, 1958 – Montgomery
 - May 16, 1959 – Tallahassee
 - May 28, 1960 – Montgomery
 - April 29, 1961 – Opelika
 - April 28, 1962 – Montgomery
 - May 11, 1963 – Montgomery (Nina Miglionico was congratulated for her recent election to the Birmingham City Council.)
 - July 20, 1963 – Tuscaloosa
 - May 9, 1964 – Montgomery
- 1B-14 Scrapbook pages from the Alabama Association of Women Lawyers Scrapbook (1933-1937). This file contains individual scrapbook pages of newspaper clippings from 1933 to 1937 concerning the activities of the Alabama Association of Women Lawyers. The scrapbook was compiled by Mrs. Ida D. Rosenthal, a Birmingham attorney and close friend of Nina Miglionico.
 - 1B-15 Scrapbook pages from the Alabama Association of Women Lawyers Scrapbook (1938-1955). This file continues the scrapbook which began with the previous file. There are newspaper clippings on the activities of the organization. However, the primary focus of these pages is the issue of jury service for women in Alabama. There is an interesting article from August 13, 1953 relating how Nina Miglionico was the first woman appointed temporary judge of the Birmingham Recorder's Court at City Hall due to the absence of the regular judge who was on vacation. She was appointed by the Birmingham Public Safety Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor.
 - 1B-15 (Envelopes A – E) These 5 envelopes contain oversized pages from the Alabama Association of Women Lawyers Scrapbook.
 - 1B-16 Loose newspaper clippings (1932-1958) covering the Alabama and the National Association of Women Lawyers. The file contains a feature article on Nina Miglionico dated May 29, 1955 concerning her selection as the Woman of Achievement by the Alabama Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. There is also an article dated October 12, 1958 noting her election as President of the National Association of Women Lawyers.
 - 1B-17 Loose newspaper clippings (1945-1958) covering women's issues but emphasizing jury duty for women. There are two feature articles about Nina Miglionico's close friends Mary Alice Thompson and Evelyn Keenon.
 - 1B-18 Miscellaneous Items. This file includes a report of Ida D. Rosenthal to the Alabama Women Lawyer's Association dated June 17, 1935; the program from the National Association of Women Lawyers Convention in Boston, August 23-25, 1936; and a tribute to Nina Miglionico, State President of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.
 - 1B-19 Jury service for women in Alabama material. This file contains articles on jury service for women in Alabama written by Ida D. Rosenthal in 1951, 1953, and 1955 for The Alabama Business Woman magazine. There is a letter to the Editor of the Opelika Daily News written by Katharine Cater dated May 18, 1955 on the Jury Service for Women Bill in the Alabama legislature. The file also

contains a letter from Ida D. Rosenthal dated October 24, 1957 to Miss Alta C. Patton, Legislative Analyst at the Legislative Reference Service outlining her more than 20 years of work to secure the right to jury service for women in Alabama. She also pointed out the assistance of Nina Miglionico since 1942 as co-chairman of the Committee for Jury Service for Women in Alabama.

- 1B-20 Nina Miglionico: President of the National Association of Women Lawyers. This file contains correspondence concerning the luncheon honoring Nina Miglionico, President of the National Association of Women Lawyers, October, 1958. There is also a profile of Nina Miglionico by Ida D. Rosenthal.

Box 2A:

- 2A-1 Jury Service for Women: Newspaper Clippings. This file contains news articles from 1947 to 1972. Women were finally seated on state court juries in June, 1967.
- 2A-2 Miscellaneous Folders and Pamphlets on Jury Service for Women
- 2A-3 Law Review Articles, Magazine Articles, and Information Sheets on Jury Service for Women
- 2A-4 Letters concerning jury service for women, 1949 and 1952. Here is a letter from Josephine Eddy, a professor at Alabama College for Women, now the University of Montevallo, to Nina Miglionico concerning strategy on the jury service for women movement. The next letter is in the form of a questionnaire to Eugene Connor at Birmingham City Hall. The final letter is dated November 21, 1952 and is to Nina Miglionico from the Director of the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. She is offering the full assistance of her office in the effort to secure jury service for women legislation.
- 2A-5 Articles and Statistics Regarding the Poll Tax in Alabama. This file contains an information sheet on why the poll tax was the enemy of democracy. There are also two articles from The Alabama Lawyer setting forth speeches to a 1942 reunion of the surviving delegates to the 1901 Constitutional Convention. Of particular note are the remarks of Judge Walter B. Jones on the Constitutional Convention of 1901 and poll taxes. Nina Miglionico underlined for emphasis the following statements of Judge Jones: "The Convention's work was to preserve White Supremacy by doing lawfully in the future what necessity made it do in the past by fraud." And, "In 1901 the people of Alabama made their choice. They demanded that our elections should be purged of all fraud and intimidation, and that the supremacy of the Caucasian should be made secure by the Constitution of the state itself." And finally, "It provided for honest elections by intelligent voters. It took the ballot from the hands of the unworthy." 4 Alabama Lawyer 3 (1943)
- 2A-6 The Legal Status of Women in Alabama. This pamphlet was privately published by Ida D. Rosenthal in September, 1940. Price 25 cents.
- 2A-7 "The Legal Status of Women in Alabama: A Crazy Quilt" by Marjorie Fine Knowles, 29 Alabama Law Review 427 (Winter 1978)
- 2A-8 Miscellaneous Pamphlets and Articles on the Legal Status of Women
- 2A-9 Various Articles on Women and the Right to Vote, 1992-95

- 2A-10 Survey of Political and Civil Rights of Negroes in Alabama. This survey was written for the American Association of University Women by Nina Miglionico. Since it refers to the 1940 Code of Alabama, the information was compiled before 1958.
- 2A-11 WOMEN TODAY: TRENDS AND ISSUES, A Background Memorandum prepared at the request of the President's Commission on the Status of Women by Dr. Caroline F. Ware, July 1962. This pamphlet contains underlining and notes by Nina Miglionico.
- 2A-12 Articles of Incorporation – The Alabama Business and Professional Women's Foundation, Inc. (Recorded May 18, 1982)
- 2A-13 Bylaws – The Alabama Business and Professional Women's Foundation, Inc. (Revisions 1986, 1989, 1993, and 1999) The file includes correspondence concerning revisions.
- 2A-14 Alabama BPW Foundation – Miscellaneous Reports, News Releases, and Proposals for Projects
- 2A-15 Alabama BPW Foundation – This file contains information on the Alabama Women's Academy of Honor which was sponsored by the Foundation to honor outstanding Alabama women, living and deceased. There are fact sheets on the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Equal Remedies Act, and a report on Sexual Harassment in the Work Place. There is also a summary of an Alabama BPW Foundation-sponsored report on Obstacles to Entry and Advancement of Women in the Alabama Workplace. Finally, there is an American Association of University Women report on Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America.
- 2A-16 Alabama BPW Foundation – This file contains articles from The Alabama Business Woman magazine on the BPW Foundation and the Foundation's scholarship program. There is an information sheet on the Foundation and correspondence to Governor Don Siegelman dated May 3, 1999 concerning support by the Foundation of a Pay Equity Bill coming before the Alabama legislature. Finally, there is a list of members on the Alabama Women's Commission.
- 2A-17 Alabama BPW Foundation – This file contains lists of Board Members, minutes of meetings, and financial statements from 2000 to 2005. An interesting item is the Grant Agreement from 2005 between the BPW Foundation and the Black Belt Community Foundation of Selma. Funds were to be used to renovate an historic structure and provide an after school program for students in Marengo County.
- 2A-18 Alabama BPW Foundation Brochures – This file contains an information brochure concerning the purpose of the Alabama Business and Professional Women's Foundation. There are also brochures from the Alabama Women's Academy of Honor luncheon held in Montgomery on March 27, 2004. This brochure lists all previous inductees dating back to 1987.
- 2A-19 Alabama BPW Foundation Minutes, 1982-2002. Nina Miglionico was a member of the original board of the Foundation. She served for more than 20 years as a board member and she saved all of the minutes. The file also has lists of the Board Members.

- 2A-20 Alabama BPW Past State Presidents' Council Meeting Minutes, 1977-2002. Nina Miglionico was President of the Alabama Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs from 1948 to 1950. The organization has a Past Presidents' Council.
- 2A-21 The Birmingham "Woman of the Year Award" Scrapbook Under the leadership of Nina Miglionico as President, the Birmingham Business and Professional Women's Club established the Woman of the Year Award in 1946. The award recognizes women who have made significant contributions to the welfare of the Birmingham community and have helped to make Birmingham a better place. There was not a limit on the number of women who could be nominated in a given year. Miss Miglionico maintained a scrapbook of newspaper clippings concerning the award nominees and recipients. In later years she also included obituaries of the award recipients. The scrapbook covers the years 1946 to 1997. The information contained in the scrapbook provides a detailed summary of the contributions of women in Birmingham for over half a century. Nina Miglionico was named Woman of the Year in 1963, the year of her election to the Birmingham City Council. Her award is on display at the University of Alabama Law School Library.
- 2A-22 1996 Birmingham Woman of the Year Program Brochure This document contains the history of the award, the names of the recipients through 1995, the names of the 1996 nominees, the order of the 1996 program, and the sponsors of the event.
- 2A-23 Histories of BPW This file contains several histories of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs. A Program honoring the founder of the Birmingham Club includes a brief history of the national organization. There is a club roster and an outline of programs for the year 1944-45 when Nina Miglionico was President. There is a highlight sheet of Birmingham club activities from 1918 to the 1990's. The file also contains a history of the Alabama Federation of BPW Clubs.
- 2A-24 Miscellaneous Membership Rosters This file contains the following membership rosters: Birmingham BPW Club 2001-2002, Alabama Federation of BPW Past State Presidents, Birmingham Woman of the Year Award Recipients (Chronological and Alphabetical), Zonta Club Quick Reference Directory, the Women's Network Quick Directory, the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame Board of Directors, sponsors of "The Alabama Solution—Women Moving the State Forward", members of the Alabama Women's Commission, the Rhodes Park Townhouse Residents, and a Crestwood Neighborhood roster.
- 2A-25 Miscellaneous BPW Information Sheets and Reports This file contains a roster of the local BPW organizations established in Alabama and the year the organization was established (1919-1999). There is also a roster of active BPW Clubs as of 1999. Another sheet contains the year and location of State BPW Conventions (1919-1999) and the name of the President installed. Nina Miglionico served terms from 1948 to 1950. In the Minutes of the Past Presidents' Council meeting of August 28, 2004, Nina Miglionico was made a lifetime member of the BPW Foundation Board of Trustees.

- 2A-26 Birmingham BPW Club History, Membership Roster, and Miscellaneous Information Contents of this file include the 2004-2005 Club Officers and Roster of the Birmingham BPW Club, the Club's By-laws, the Club History, a list of Club Presidents 1918-2005, the Club Budget 2004-2005, a financial audit of the club treasury by Nina Miglionico as auditor, a list of the recipients of the Birmingham Club Young Career Woman Award (1949-2004), and a list of the Woman of the Year Award winners (1946-1996). After 50 years of recognitions, the tradition of the Woman of the Year Award was passed from the Birmingham BPW Club to Birmingham's Women's Committee of 100.
- 2A-27 The Alabama Women's Academy of Honor This award was established by the Alabama Business and Professional Women's Foundation in 1987 to honor the outstanding achievements of Alabama women, living or dead. This file contains each program from the induction ceremonies of 1987 through 2004. Nina Miglionico received this recognition in 1992,
- 2A-28 The Alabama Women's Academy of Honor Additional programs and notes about the luncheons, honorees, and award presenters.
- 2A-29 Southern Women's Archives, Birmingham Public Library Nina Miglionico served on the Advisory Board of the Southern Women's Archives at the Birmingham Public Library. This department is a statewide repository for information pertaining to women in the state and the region. It was established in 1978. The holdings include original manuscript materials from individuals and organizations such as the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs, the Alabama Women's Political Caucus, the Birmingham Business and Professional Women's Club, the Joint Legislative Council of Alabama, and the League of Women Voters of Greater Birmingham. This file contains correspondence, a Donor's Guide to the Preservation of Personal and Family Papers and the Records of Organizations prepared by the Society of American Archivists, and the program from the Southern Women's Archives Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon held on October 11, 1980.
- 2A-30 Christian Foundation for Children & Aging This is one of the charities that Nina Miglionico supported. The folder contains information about the organization and photos of a sponsored child in Honduras.
- 2A-31 Alabama Sheriff's Youth Ranches The Alabama State BPW Clubs had been a supporter of the Alabama Sheriff's Boys and Girls Ranches since 1972. The organization raised a significant amount of money particularly for the Girls Ranch. Three BPW members served on the Executive Committee of the Ranches. In the year 2000 controversies arose over the management of the Youth Ranches. This file contains correspondence and newspaper clippings about the issues. Ultimately the State BPW passed a resolution effective October 1, 2000 requesting that its members cease participation in activities at the Girls Ranch and to withhold monetary donations to the organization.
- 2A-32 Sons of Italy Nina Miglionico was a long-time member of the Order of the Sons of Italy in America. In 2002 a controversy arose over the leadership of the Alabama Grand Lodge. This file contains correspondence about the organization and notices of meetings.

- 2A-33 University of Alabama Law School Class of 1936 Nina Miglionico graduated from law school at the University of Alabama in 1936. She kept a file on her law school class. It contains class rosters, notices of reunions, pages copied from school yearbooks, and correspondence. She was her class agent for the Farrah Law Society and she assisted Dean Charles Gamble with a Challenge Campaign in 1986 on the occasion of the class 50th anniversary year. The file also contains a 25th Reunion Newsletter from 1961. There is a photograph of the 36th Reunion, November 17-18, 1972 and an undated photo of a later gathering, probably the 50th Reunion in 1986. Of particular note is a letter from classmate and former Congressman Carl Elliott, Sr. dated March 6, 1986, which closed as follows: "Nina, you are one of the most outstanding people I've ever met. I have been so proud of the work you've done for Birmingham. You've worked hard and your accomplishments have been great. Besides that, the spirit with which you have done it all has been extraordinarily wonderful." Elliott was the first recipient (1990) of the Profile in Courage Award given by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.
- 2A-34 Examples of wills These wills leave bequests to various BPW organizations.
- 2A-35 Annexation Issues and the City of Birmingham As a member of the Birmingham City Council Nina Miglionico dealt with the issue of municipal growth. This file contains numerous resources concerning annexation. There is a detailed packet containing the Annexation Laws of the City of Birmingham. There is a document listing each annexation conducted by the City of Birmingham from January 1, 1910 through March 10, 1977. Fire Chief John Swindle wrote a report to the Mayor and City Council dated June 9, 1964, detailing the costs of bringing several cities and communities surrounding Birmingham up to Birmingham's standards. There is interesting information on fire personnel salaries in 1964. Chief of Police Jamie Moore wrote a letter to Mayor Albert Boutwell dated June 25, 1964, setting forth the effects of a merger on the police department employees of various cities. Again there is an interesting listing of salaries in 1964. Larry Lavender, the City Council Administrator, wrote two reports on the effects of existing annexation laws and how they keep Birmingham from growing. David Vann, a Council Member and future mayor, suggested an alternative approach to annexation by allowing ad valorem tax exemptions for 5, 10, or 15 years. There is a non-attributed report comparing Birmingham's growth with several other Southern cities. According to this study, the Birmingham of 1910 had a greater area than Memphis, Houston, Dallas, Jacksonville, Atlanta, and Nashville. By 1970, all of these cities exceeded Birmingham in area and population. The area of Birmingham grew by less than 1% per year. Finally, there is an undated response from the Mountain Brook Citizens Committee to the "Moral Obligation" argument concerning merger with Birmingham. This position is that the citizens of Mountain Brook have no moral obligation to support Birmingham but they do have a moral obligation to maintain local government near their homes and to maintain their standard of public education. The reports in the file present an extensive overview of the annexation issue. Finally, there are newspaper clippings covering the subject of annexation during the years 1967 to 1971.

- The Alabama Municipal Journal, Vol. 38, 1980-81 and Vol. 39, 1981-82. This magazine is the official publication of the Alabama League of Municipalities. Nina Miglionico served as Vice President and then President of that organization being the first woman to hold those positions. During her year as President, she was responsible for a feature titled "The President's Report". These bound volumes contained her reports. She appeared on the cover of the June 1981 issue which was Vol. 38, Number 12 and her first President's Report appeared on pages 9 and 10. The articles continued through the rest of her term as President. She also had one further distinction. She was the first Council Member, not a Mayor, to serve as President of the Alabama League of Municipalities.

Box 2B:

- 2B-1 Merger Elections, Homewood and Mountain Brook, Alabama with Birmingham, August 1964. This is a newspaper clipping file concerning the merger elections of 1964. The file contains information articles, letters to the editor, and advertisements. The Homewood election took place on August 11, 1964. Homewood voters chose to merge with Birmingham by a margin of 6 votes. The Mountain Brook election was held on August 25, 1964. This election generated much attention with prominent business leaders, professionals, and concerned citizens supporting each side. One key issue concerned schools for Mountain Brook children. The city had previously increased its property tax millage rate for the benefit of its local schools. One ad also pointed out that Birmingham schools were under a Federal court order to racially integrate its system. Both sides of the issue are preserved in the clippings. The majority of Mountain Brook citizens voted against the merger. One interesting headline appeared in the Saturday newspaper before the Tuesday election. The Democratic Presidential nominating convention was taking place and a group of black citizens challenged the credentials of the Alabama delegation to the convention. National events may have influenced the outcome of a strictly local election.
- 2B-2 Newspaper Articles about the Birmingham Bond Issue Election of August 17, 1965. This file contains pages 7 through 10 of the Friday, August 13, 1965 issue of The Birmingham News. Eleven bond project proposals were described including projects for schools, parks, the library, the art museum, a new fire station, street construction, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, the Medical Center, the airport, and a Convention Hall Arena.
- 2B-3 A report on the best form of government for the Birmingham-Jefferson metropolitan area. The front page of The Birmingham News for Sunday, March 2, 1947 reported on a Jefferson County Legislative Commission meeting set for Friday of that week. Almost the entire front page was devoted to finding the best and most efficient method of governing the Birmingham metropolitan area.
- 2B-4 The Second Homewood Merger Election. The first Homewood merger election was set aside by the Alabama Supreme Court which held that the election was invalid because Homewood officials did not give the required 60 day notice before setting the election. This file contains information sheets citing reasons

against a merger. Also, Nina Miglionico prepared a list of letter to the editor writers concerning the issue.

- 2B-5 Newspaper clipping file on second Homewood merger election. This file contains many newspaper clippings on this election and an election by Center Point voters concerning a merger with the City of Birmingham. The elections were held on December 13, 1966. In both elections the voters rejected merger.
- 2B-6 More clippings on the December 13, 1966 merger election. This file contains information articles and letters to the editor. At this election Homewood voters rejected a merger with Birmingham by almost a 2 to 1 margin.
- 2B-7 Brown Scrapbook – This scrapbook is embossed BPW Club. It covers the years 1945 to 1946 when Nina Miglionico was President of the Birmingham Business and Professional Women’s Club. The scrapbook contains news clippings, programs, invitations, and articles about local, national, and international women. Of particular interest are the references to USO activities and post World War II relief. There is a photo book about a nursing school in China which the National BPW organization had been supporting since 1941. The scrapbook also contains original documents with seal from Mayor Cooper Green of Birmingham and Governor Chauncey Sparks of Alabama proclaiming October 7 to October 13, 1945 as National Business Women’s Week in Birmingham and Alabama.
- 2B-8 White Scrapbook - This is Nina Miglionico’s scrapbook highlighting her personal achievements, activities, and recognitions from 1939 to 1946. Her involvements included BPW (Business and Professional Women’s Club), NAWL (National Association of Women Lawyers), AAUW (American Association of University Women), Hypatia (Women’s Honorary at Howard College), Zonta Club (Women’s Service Organization), and the Alabama Alumni. Among the miscellaneous memorabilia is an invitation to a reception at the New York World’s Fair sponsored by the NAWL and held at the Executive Lounge of the Ford Exposition.
- 2B-9 Red Scrapbook – 1951 to 1953. This scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and memorabilia concerning Nina Miglionico’s activities, achievements, and organizations of interest which include the AAUW, BPW, Joint Legislative Council of Alabama, the Zonta Club, the Alabama State Bar, the Alabama Association of Women Lawyers, and the Alabama Merit System League. She made speeches on TV and radio on the issue of jury service for women. During this time period she spoke at Judson College, Birmingham Southern College, Florence State Teachers College, Alabama College, and the University of Alabama. She was a featured speaker before the Birmingham Council of the National Council of Negro Women, the Randolph County Home Demonstration Club, the Jefferson County Home Demonstration Club, the Birmingham Young Men’s Business Club, the Alabama Education Association, the Alabama Retail Hardware Association Convention, and the Women’s Junior Chamber of Commerce of Birmingham. She gave other speeches in Huntsville, Gadsden, Anniston, and Sylacauga.

Among other highlights in the scrapbook is her recognition as one of 30 finalists for the 1951 Birmingham Career Woman of the Year Award sponsored by the Birmingham News and Birmingham Post-Herald. She was appointed by the

Mayor of Birmingham to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Transportation. This committee helped to settle a transit workers strike. Previously she had served on the Civilian Defense Council and the Price Stabilization Committee. In a February 11, 1952 article Birmingham News reporter Alyce Walker stated that it was time for a woman to be appointed to the Jefferson County Personnel Board and she named Nina Miglionico as one of three women she suggested for consideration. In June Nina was one of two candidates nominated to be Chairman of the Personnel Board by its Citizens Advisory Committee. She lost this election by a vote of 12 to 9.

Other recognitions she received included her selection as National Legal Advisor for the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the first woman to serve as a Recorder's Court Judge in Birmingham, and the first woman president of the Alabama Merit System League. This organization was organized to promote civil service in Alabama, to protect the public from incompetent and dishonest employees, and to provide government workers an environment free from the effects of political partisanship.

The scrapbook memorabilia includes an invitation to the National Civil Service League 70th Annual Dinner on May 2, 1952 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. where the guest speaker was to be President Harry S. Truman. There are brochures and pamphlets from local, regional, and national meetings of BPW, AAUW, and other organizations. The National President of BPW that year was Judge Sarah Hughes of Dallas, Texas. On November 22, 1963, she was the judge who administered the oath of office to President Lyndon Johnson. But this was not her first contact with the Presidency or Presidential politics. The BPW endorsed her in 1952 for the Democratic nomination for Vice-President. Nina Miglionico was quoted in an article that Judge Hughes was qualified for the office.

This scrapbook contains personal Thank You notes to Nina for her speaking engagements and Congratulation notes for her recognized accomplishments. There are also a number of birthday cards from September 1953 on the occasion of her 40th birthday. A humorous entry is her handwritten note in a program where she acknowledges the 3 things that a speaker must remember: Stand up and be seen. Speak up and be heard. Sit down and be appreciated.

Box 2C:

- 2C-1 Floral Cover Scrapbook – This scrapbook covers the activities of the Birmingham Business and Professional Women's Club from May 1944 to August 1945. Nina Miglionico was President of the Club at this time and the dedication page reads as follows: "This book is dedicated to our President, Nina Miglionico. Because of her leadership we have had a most successful club year." Conventions, projects, war work, newspaper clippings on club activities and club members, contributions to local charities, and honors are included in the scrapbook's memorabilia. Former club President, Alma Bachman, attended the 1944 Forum on Current Problems sponsored by the New York Herald Tribune. This forum began in 1930 as a guide to clubwomen on the principal problems of the times. Speakers included Archibald MacLeish, Walt Disney, Christian Herter,

then a Congressman from Massachusetts, Shirley Temple, Bernard Baruch, Henry J. Kaiser, James William Fulbright, then a Congressman from Arkansas, Fiorello LaGuardia, Thomas A. Dewey, Helen Gahagan Douglas, then a candidate for Congress from California, Clare Boothe Luce, and Orson Welles. Miss Bachman wrote a report on the forum which is part of the scrapbook.

One of the major projects for the year was the opening of a women's section at the USO Club in Birmingham. Members volunteered their time to assist women service members or women who were traveling to meet a service member relative. Another major project was assisting in chartering a second BPW Club in Birmingham which was named the League of Business and Professional Women. Nina Miglionico spoke at this ceremony and during the year she was the featured speaker at the Leeds BPW, the Fairfield BPW, and the Altrusa Club. She prepared two information papers for the club members that are included in the scrapbook. One was on Jury Service for Women and the other was on the Merit System in Alabama. The club also assisted with a program sponsored by the Women's Action Committee for Victory and Lasting Peace which took place on April 6, 1945. Dean William Hepburn of the University of Alabama Law School was the speaker on the Dunbarton Oaks proposals and a United Nations organization. The scrapbook also contained a newspaper clipping about State Representative Sybil Pool of Marengo County. Earlier in the year she had spoken to the Birmingham club. The article noted that Governor Sparks had appointed her Secretary of State due to the resignation of the previous holder of that office. The article claimed that she was the first woman to hold a constitutional office in Alabama. An artifact found on page 67 of the scrapbook was a pamphlet published by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. It was the Birmingham Plan for the replacement of servicemen into industry and business through the creation of a servicemen's placement advisory board. Nina Miglionico had a very active and successful year as President of the Birmingham BPW Club. On May 17, 1945, the members elected her to another term.

- 2C-2 Red and Gold Scrapbook – 1949 – 1950. This is another scrapbook of personal newspaper clippings, articles about women's activities, and memorabilia. The first page contains an interview with Nina Miglionico that appeared in the January 30, 1949 edition of the Birmingham News. The article began with a discussion of the record number of lawyers in Birmingham and the record number of law students at the University of Alabama. Then the discussion turned to women lawyers in Alabama. Miss Miglionico was serving as President of the Alabama Women Lawyers Association. She said that there needed to be more female attorneys and that her organization offered scholarships to women law students. No one had applied since 1943. The reporter listed her office phone number for potential applicants. Nina noted that there were about 80 women attorneys in Alabama but only about 25 in actual legal practice. Then she gave 5 qualities that could help a woman develop a successful law practice.
 1. Personality – No lady lawyer should be without it.
 2. Determination – Got to have it to stick to these books.
 3. Looks – Not really essential – but they don't hurt.
 4. Studious Disposition – Goes with Point No. 2 – only more of it.

5. Like People – An absolute must – liking people goes a long way toward understanding them and their problems.

At this time in 1949, Nina was President of both the Alabama Association of Women Lawyers and the Alabama Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. The clippings involve these and other women's groups. Due to her presidential duties she had speaking engagements in 1949 throughout Alabama at Chickasaw, Bessemer, Decatur, Birmingham, Haleyville, Prichard, Tuscaloosa, Sylacauga, Montgomery, Talladega, Gadsden, Montevallo, Fairfield, Pell City, Jasper, Dothan, and Union Springs. She presided at the State BPW Convention in Mobile where she was re-elected to serve another term as State President. Her theme as BPW President was summarized in the Montgomery BPW Club Newsletter as follows: "Miss Miglionico stressed the fact that as members of a local club we are a small part of a great national organization, the largest of its kind. Our is an all-inclusive group, young women and older women; women who have attained great success, and women just beginning their careers; women of wide vision, and women who are still leaning on others for help and guidance; women of all creeds; and women of all political leanings, and all business and professional classes. With our Federation we need no other organization, for ours comprises all types."

She also attended national and regional conventions during the year at Jacksonville, Florida, Louisville, Kentucky, and New York. The New York Herald Tribune Forum speaker list was a Who's Who of American politics. This conference on October 24-26, 1949 featured Dwight D. Eisenhower, Hubert Humphrey, Clifford Case, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Adlai E. Stevenson, Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Estes Kefauver, Margaret Chase Smith, Wayne L. Morse, John Foster Dulles, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Lucius Clay. Nina had met Margaret Chase Smith earlier in the year at a BPW reception for her in Washington in January and again when Senator Smith spoke at the Alabama College graduation ceremony in June.

The chief issues that were of concern to the Alabama BPW clubwomen of 1949 were job discrimination, uniform divorce laws, jury service for women, opposition to mob violence and the KKK, and prison reform. In December 1949 Nina wrote to Governor Folsom protesting the latest action of the Parole Board in closing its non-confidential files and records to the public and press. Taking the position that paroles should be based only on successful rehabilitation and merit she stated: "We as homemakers and business women of this state reaffirm our position that the members of this board should be trained in the problems of penology; that prisoners should be released under rules which shall apply equally to all, so that justice may be done to each of them as well as to the citizens of Alabama; and that neither political influence nor monetary considerations shall be factors in such releases."

The 1950 section of the scrapbook continued where the 1949 section left off. During the year Nina spoke at Trussville, Warrior, Oneonta, Anniston, Gadsden, Tuscaloosa, Homewood, Bessemer, Jacksonville, Birmingham, Mobile, Florence, and Prattville. She took part in the second Annual Fashion Forum at the University of Alabama. Highlights of this year included the National BPW Convention in San Francisco in July and the ABA Convention in Washington, D.

C. in September. The scrapbook contains the Official Program for the Dedication and Cornerstone Laying at the Birmingham City Hall which took place on August 3, 1950. Nina Miglionico would later devote more than 22 years to the City of Birmingham as a member of the City Council.

Nina became a District Vice-President of the University of Alabama Alumni Council. She began her interest in Merit System reform and became Vice-President of that group's steering committee. And at the BPW Convention, she was appointed Legal Advisor to the National BPW Association. In November she led a panel on the legal status of women at a Conference on the Status of Women in Alabama held at Alabama College. The year ended with an article in the Birmingham News on Women in the News. It mentioned her recent appointment to a National BPW office and then stated: "Nina complains that law practice certainly does interfere with her club and civic activities. That's easy to understand, because she generally has a hand in any community betterment project."

Box 3 – Awards:

- 3-1 Program from the Sixth Annual Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards Luncheon, Sunday, August 4, 1996, ABA Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida. Nina Miglionico is one of 5 honorees and the first member of the Alabama State Bar so honored.
- 3-2 Award from Birmingham Park and Recreation Board to Miss Nina Miglionico for service on the board from October 1978 to November 1985.
- 3-3 Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs to Miss Nina Miglionico, In recognition of outstanding performance in pursuing a career while advancing the public interest for the year 1954.
- 3-4 The Thomas Jefferson Award to Nina Miglionico from the Jefferson County Historical Commission of Alabama, given in recognition of outstanding achievement in historic preservation, April 30, 1996.
- 3-5 Award to Nina Miglionico from the University of Alabama School of Law for service on the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, 1992-1997. Amount raised - \$23,206,228.
- 3-6 Silver Bowl, Civic Club Law Class to Nina Miglionico, 1943

Box 4:

- 4-1 1974 Congressional Race, 2 Nina Miglionico for Congress bumper stickers, 3 Nina Miglionico for Congress election pamphlets
- 4-2 The President's Club of Alabama, Charter membership, issued to Nina Miglionico by the State Democratic Executive Committee of Alabama
- 4-3 Merit Award to the Honorable Nina Miglionico for Leadership in Government and Community Development, Booker T. Washington Business College, Birmingham, Alabama May 30, 1979
- 4-4 Award Presented to Miss Nina Miglionico in Appreciation for Outstanding Contribution Toward a Bigger, Better, More Beautiful Birmingham, Women's Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1971

- 4-5 Award presented by the Nuova Musica Society to Nina Miglionico for Outstanding Service Bettering Humanity, 1977
- 4-6 50 Year Certificate presented by the Birmingham Bar Association to Nina Miglionico in recognition of and appreciation for fifty years of service to the Public, Bench, and Bar of Jefferson County, Alabama, December 12, 1986
 - Note: The Certificate goes on to read “In Further Recognition of His Continuous Dedication to the Administration of Justice Since His Admission to the Bar in 1936.
- 4-7 Award honoring Nina Miglionico as a Woman of Distinction, presented by the Alpha Eta Chapter, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, 1979
- 4-8 Certificate of Merit to Councilwoman Nina Miglionico for exceptional and extraordinary service in the field of civil rights and political advancement of the community, Jefferson County Progressive Democratic Council, September 14, 1979 (Her 66th birthday)
- 4-9 Political Award to Miss Nina Miglionico, The Birmingham Urban League Salutes Your Contribution to Government, 1979

Box 5:

- 5-1 Business License, Nina Miglionico, Attorney at Law, 2008-2009
- 5-2 Scrapbook pages of Nina Miglionico’s activities in 1957 This folder contains newspaper clippings, correspondence, and memorabilia from the year 1957. She was honored with her selection as 1st Vice-president of the National Association of Women Lawyers and attended the American Bar Association Convention in London. She was one of 20 lawyers considered by the Jefferson County Judicial Commission for appointment to fill a vacancy on the Circuit Court bench. And she volunteered for service on the Jefferson County division of the American Cancer Society advisory committee. Nina made no fewer than 16 featured speeches or presentations during the year. These included:
 - BPW Club – Cullman, Alabama
 - National AAUW Convention – Boston, Massachusetts
 - Women’s Finance Forum – Tuscaloosa
 - YWCA - Birmingham
 - American Legion Auxiliary – Birmingham
 - Women’s Civic Club – Birmingham
 - Women’s Chamber of Commerce – Birmingham
 - Patriotic Women of America – Birmingham
 - National Secretaries Association – Birmingham
 - Associated Women Students – Tuscaloosa
 - AAUW Kentucky Division – Kentucky Lake State Park, Kentucky
 - Alabama AAUW Convention – Mobile
 - AAUW Tennessee Division – Kingsport, Tennessee
 - BPW Club – Gadsden, Alabama
 - Eclectic Study Club – Birmingham, Alabama
 - Joint Legislative Council of Alabama Convention – Birmingham

At the National AAUW Convention in Boston her topic was “Individual Liberties and Conformity”. The Christian Science Monitor quoted from her speech: “In our personal lives and in our political lives, we Americans conform too much.

“We hesitate to express an opinion because we want our family, our children to be accepted in the community. Our liberties are being threatened. We are both giving in to pressures and conforming because we do not care.

“We must understand firmly that we cannot have a democratic government without criticism. Nor can executives that can guide corporate destiny be cast in a mold like ingots.”

And to the Associated Women Students at the University of Alabama she stated: “Stay in school as long as you can, and get as much education as possible before you pick a job.

“And don’t let pay be your main consideration in picking your first job. Choose a job you are qualified to do, and which will bring you personal satisfaction.”

She concluded by saying: “As an educated woman, a homemaker, and a career woman you will have a responsibility to your community. Remember that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

- 5-3 Correspondence concerning the appointment of Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews to the United States Court of Appeals, D. C. Circuit. In 1962 Nina Miglionico wrote letters on behalf of Judge Matthews to President Kennedy, Attorney General Kennedy, Senator Lister Hill, and Senator John Sparkman. This file contains the letters and responses from the Senators, Lawrence F. O’Brien Special Assistant to the President, and Joseph F. Dolan, Assistant Deputy Attorney General. Judge Matthews was born in Mississippi, was the first woman appointed to the Federal trial bench having been named to the District of Columbia District Court by President Truman in 1949, and she was a founder of the National Association of Women Lawyers of which Miss Nina had served as President.
- 5-4 Letter, October 25, 1949, Nina Miglionico to W. M. Beck. In 1949 Nina was President of the Alabama Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs. This letter was written to a potential candidate for Governor concerning his position on prison reform. The letter contains 4 specific questions and a general follow-up question: What plan do you have for improving the prison system in Alabama?
- 5-5 Correspondence, Congratulation Letters, and Fundraising Information – 1974 Congressional Race. This file contains campaign correspondence and personal notes to Nina from supporters. Of particular interest is the telegram from her Republican incumbent opponent following her victory in the Democratic primary and her responding letter to him.

May 8, 1974

Warmest congratulations on a fine primary victory. I wish you well in almost all things and in every race but one. Sincerely, John H. Buchanan, Jr. Member of Congress

May 9, 1974

Dear John:

I do appreciate your telegram very much, and you know I return the sentiments completely and unequivocally.....

I have always enjoyed meeting and being with you, and I am looking forward to campaigning with you in the months ahead.

I hope that on any issues on which we have differing viewpoints that we can disagree agreeably.

Yours sincerely,

Nina Miglionico

- 5-6 Press Release, March 27, 2000, Alabama Women's Academy of Honor Will Induct Two During Luncheon. The Alabama Business and Professional Women's Foundation host the biennial Academy of Honor Luncheon. The two inductees in 2000 were Dr. Yvonne Kennedy and Judge Sharon Yates. The file contains a Press Release explaining the event.
- 5-7 1974 Congressional Campaign Material. This file contains a letter dated May 1, 1974 from Richard Arrington, Jr., City Councilman, endorsing Nina Miglionico for Congress and requesting support for her from the recipient. There is a fund-raising letter from her former law partner, Charles Cleveland, attached to a four-page list of recipients. There is also a list of contributors to the campaign.
- 5-8 Red 3 ring binder marked 1966, 1967, 1968. This binder covers a 3 year period during Nina Miglionico's second term on the Birmingham City Council. There are numerous news clippings concerning current issues. Two controversial topics were the proposal that all city of Birmingham employees be required to live in the city within two years after being hired and the appointment of Arthur Shores, a noted black civil rights lawyer, to fill a vacancy on the Council after the death of a Councilman. She continued her extensive speaking schedule and the file contains more than 30 mementoes such as programs of these events. She spoke at venues as diverse as the Kentucky, Virginia, and Maine State AAUW conventions and local church, school, and civic clubs in the Birmingham area. She received a special recognition from the Sacred Heart College in Cullman, Alabama. The citation stated: "Because Miss Miglionico thinks and acts, we wish to add to her list of honors tonight. Because she is educated, sensitive to the problems of people, has ability to organize, and has faith in something greater than herself --- and because she chooses to stand and build a better world, Sacred Heart College honors her tonight by presenting to her the Sacred Heart College honor medal."
- 5-9 Lime-colored soft-cover 3 ring binder marked 1969. In 1969 Nina Miglionico was elected to her third term on the Birmingham City Council. She led all 20 candidates. After this election she was selected President Pro-Tem of the Council. This file contains many letters of encouragement for her to run. There are also numerous thank you notes for her appearances at events throughout 1969. Noteworthy are brochures from programs at black churches where Nina Miglionico was the guest or featured speaker. The Birmingham Festival of Arts saluted Italy in 1969. The statuary and plantings on 20th Street for the festival foreshadowed the Birmingham Green project of the 1970's. Interesting correspondence came from Attorney Karl Friedman as he planned

strategy for alliances with black voters on behalf of Nina. The file contains many newspaper clippings including a feature article on Nina in the Sunday April 27, 1969 issue of the Birmingham News. There are articles on Clyde Kirby, the first African American appointed by the City Council to the Birmingham Board of Education. And there are letters from constituents on zoning matters and other issues such as opening the State Fair on Sunday.

- 5-10 White vinyl binder marked 1970-1971. The first item in the file is the official 1970 City Council and Mayor of Birmingham photograph. Then there is the 1970 Annual Report of the Birmingham Fire Department. The Nina Miglionico scrapbooks typically contain newspaper clippings concerning timely issues, correspondence, and other memorabilia. This file spotlights the opening of the Red Mountain Expressway, now called the Elton B. Stephens Expressway, problems concerning integration at West End High School, the Birmingham Centennial, the selection of Birmingham as an All-American City, the One Great City movement in Birmingham, the 1% city occupational tax, and issues about vehicular traffic through residential neighborhoods. She even threatened to resign from the Council over street projects that in her opinion ruined the natural beauty of an area. There is correspondence from constituents opposing a Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and letters to her of general political support. She saved letters encouraging her to run for Mayor, Governor, or even President. There was also a copy of a letter from a local citizen to President Nixon asking him to appoint Nina Miglionico to the U. S. Supreme Court following the resignation of Hugo Black, also an Alabamian. She was selected as 1970 Alumna of the Year by Samford University and she received a letter of congratulations from Attorney Howell T. Heflin of Tuscumbia, Alabama. He also thanked her for her help to him in his race for Alabama Chief Justice. Nina saved programs from more than 20 events where she spoke or took part as a panelist. Finally, there are clippings on the selection of a President of the Birmingham City Council. She did not win that position in 1971.
- 5-11 Red vinyl binder 1972-1975. This binder contains the cover story about Birmingham which appeared in the January 1972 issue of Municipal South Magazine. Birmingham was featured due to its Centennial year and the many projects then taking place there. The magazine cover showed an architect's rendering of the Birmingham Green Project on 20th Street North. This binder also contains more than a dozen brochures and references to programs and speaking appearances by Nina. There are many letters of sympathy to Nina on the death of her father in November 1972. He had been featured in the national media when he disarmed a bomb placed on their front porch in 1965. In September 1973 Nina received a Thank You note from Lady Bird Johnson for receiving a key to the city of Birmingham when she appeared at a fund-raising gala for St. Vincent's Hospital. In March 1973 Nina was the only Councilor to vote against authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority. She placed on the record her reason for voting "No" because the contract obligated Birmingham to pay the cost of any deficit in the Authority's budget without giving the city any control over the Authority's management. In 1973 she was appointed to the National League of Cities 15 member Community Development Steering Committee. And also in

1973 she again led the balloting for re-election to the Birmingham City Council. The binder concludes with an article from November 1975 on the election of David Vann as Mayor of Birmingham.

- 5-12 White vinyl binder 1976-1979. A key issue during this time period was the appointment of members to the Birmingham Board of Education by the Birmingham City Council. Nina was the Chairman of the Council's Education, Health, and Welfare Committee. This Committee interviewed those persons wishing to be considered for appointment and made a recommendation to the full Council. At a meeting to select the member, the Council vote was tied 4 to 4. Newspaper articles discussed the rocky relationship between the School Superintendent, Wilmer Cody, and the School Board. Then at a special called meeting, the Council voted 5 to 3 to appoint Alton Parker to the Board. Parker, an attorney, had not been considered by the Committee and had not gone through the interview process. Nina, with 2 other Council members concurring, pledged their support for the Board and its new member but placed in the Council minutes an objection to the process where Parker was selected.

In 1977, Nina became President Pro Tem of the City Council after the November election. This was significant because the Council President, Don Hawkins, was extremely ill and could not attend Council meetings. From this point in 1977 she chaired the Council proceedings. Under the 1977 tab is a photograph of Nina Miglionico and George Wallace at a banquet dinner. The reverse of the photo has a stamp marked Chris McNair Photography. McNair was the father of one of the girls killed in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing of 1963.

In February 1978 the Birmingham Public Library established a Women's Archives. Nina Miglionico served on the Advisory Board of the Archives and was among four outstanding women honored at its opening. The file also contains a summary of the Birmingham housing study prepared by the UAB Center for Urban Affairs and the City of Birmingham Community Development Department. It includes problems, obstacles, and goals for Birmingham housing. After the death of Don Hawkins, Nina is elected President of the Birmingham City Council in March 1978. She represents the City Council at the commissioning ceremony of the USS Birmingham on December 16, 1978 in Newport News, Virginia. The plaque commemorating this event is on display in the Nina Miglionico cabinet at the University of Alabama School of Law Library.

The highlights of 1979 in the scrapbook include letters from Governor Fob James, Senator Howell Heflin, and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Senator Heflin mentioned that Nina had expressed interest in seeking an appointment as a Federal District Court Judge in Birmingham. Nina was the commencement speaker at Jefferson State Junior College. She was also part of the Birmingham delegation of civic leaders to tour Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, Nebraska. In her capacity as Birmingham City Council President she was the first named Defendant in a lawsuit filed by the Birmingham News concerning a closed meeting of the Council to discuss appointees to the Birmingham School Board. The News won at the trial level when a court determined that the meeting violated Alabama's Sunshine Law. The case was on appeal. Birmingham's most important political event of 1979

was the election of Richard Arrington, Jr. as its first African-American mayor. Tom Fletcher of the Council staff wrote a detailed political analysis of the Primary Election for the Council. It is included in this scrapbook.

- 5-13 Large, white vinyl binder 1980-1984. This scrapbook contains a number of the “fun” things associated with being a public official. Miss Nina was an Honorary Ringmaster at the Ringling Brothers Circus. She was an Honorary Crew Member at McDonald’s 25th Anniversary celebration. The diminutive Council President posed for a photo with a basketball player on the Police Youth Athletic Team. She received personal notes from long-time friends such as Dr. John Bryan, her grammar school principal who also served with her on the City Council, and from admirers she did not know who simply wanted to tell her to keep up her good work. She kept up her speaking engagements at events such as National Business Women’s Week and the Alabama Women’s Hall of Fame ceremony. There were many articles about the Birmingham City Council. She was the sole member to vote against spending \$24,000 to hire a New York Public Relations firm to “place” articles about Birmingham in national publications. She stated that the money should be spent on better city services and then the city would get the positive articles.

Shouting matches, accusations, harsh words at meetings, and political posturing were recorded in the news articles for 1981, a Birmingham City Council election year. For Nina Miglionico it was a year of highs and lows. She was the first woman to become President of the Alabama League of Municipalities. She was elected to her 6th term on the Birmingham City Council as she led all candidates in the November 3 election. But her City Council colleagues chose not to re-elect her President of the Council. The section of the binder on 1981 contains letters and news clippings. There is also a photograph of Nina Miglionico speaking to the men’s Holy Name Society at Saint Paul’s Cathedral provided by George Plaisance. Miss Nina noted that the photo was taken at some time after 1963. An interesting letter of July 2, 1981 from Nina Miglionico to Richard Pizitz, President of the Pizitz Department Store, set forth her opinion on the role of downtown retail store executives in the work of revitalizing downtown Birmingham. Tom Fletcher, the City Council Administrator, prepared a detailed political analysis of the City Council primary election. The election reflected racial polarization by Birmingham voters in 1981.

The first sheet in the 1982 section of the binder is a memorandum from Myron Sasser, Head of the Birmingham Department of Inspection Services to Nina Miglionico. He referred to her inquiry about residential occupancy of the upper stories of buildings in downtown Birmingham. This may be the first effort to create Birmingham’s Loft District. It was followed by a Memo to Mayor Arrington on changing the city ordinance to allow residential occupancy in the unused portions of buildings downtown. Other significant issues included the censure of Councilman Pete Clifford for charging a political trip to the City of Birmingham and consideration of an additional sales tax. Nina opposed both. There was also a list of participants to a Community Leadership Retreat. This may have been the forerunner to Leadership Birmingham.

1983 was an election year for mayor. Richard Arrington and John Katopodis were the major candidates. This section contains news clippings about

the election for mayor and city councilors. Arrington was re-elected and David Herring became President of the Council. This section of the binder contains a letter from a fuming Nina Miglionico to fellow councilor Jeff Germany. Germany testified in a case about the denial by the Council of a dance permit at a local “go-go” club. He claimed that Miglionico had changed her vote from the time of a committee meeting to the council meeting because she was disappointed in not being elected Council President. The two page letter dated November 25, 1983 called the allegations by Germany “reckless and stupid.” The section ended with articles about the inverted “M”. The City Council chamber contained a slogan “CITIES ARE WHAT MEN MAKE THEM.” In order to be more inclusive, the “M” in MEN was inverted, the “N” in MEN was removed, and the new slogan became “CITIES ARE WHAT WE MAKE THEM.” The “N” was then mounted on a plaque and presented to Nina in honor of her more than 20 years of service as the first female councilor. She had not been upset by the old version, but stated that when “men” was used generically it included women too.

The issues of 1984 for the City of Birmingham included proposed revisions in the handling of tax free bonds, the city wrecker contract, health coverage for city employees, a proposed wave pool/aquatic center for the city, and appointments to city boards. There are many letters and memoranda in the binder concerning city issues and Nina’s involvement in public events. The section contains the official color photograph of the 1984 Birmingham City Council. There is an interesting article from June 6, 1984 where the City Council members were awarded Mickey Mouse ears by Sid Burgess, General Manager of Birmingham Cable, to mark the introduction of the Disney Channel to Birmingham. It was noted that the company was also introducing the Playboy Channel. John Katopodis could not wait to find out what part the council would play in that promotion. Finally, Nina was honored in 1984 by the Alabama Women’s Political Caucus and she was elected President of the Birmingham Park and Recreation Board.

- 5-14 Red vinyl binder marked 1985-1986. The 1985 section of this binder reflects Nina’s interest in Park Board projects. There is information on city assistance for the Birmingham Stallions football team, Spain Park development in Shelby County, Legion Field improvements, Vulcan Park renovations, and the contract with the University of Alabama to continue playing football games in Birmingham. There is a letter from Nina to the Catholic Bishop of Birmingham commending him on the efforts of the Diocese to build affordable housing for the handicapped and the elderly. However, most of the material under 1985 deals with Nina’s decision not to run for re-election to the Birmingham City Council. She waited until the week before the qualifying deadline to issue a statement that was in effect her political manifesto and a summary of what she considered her significant contributions to Birmingham. This is followed by articles and editorials praising her integrity, courage, thoughtful questioning, and involvement as a city leader for more than 22 years. The final section contains more than 50 letters from business people, organization leaders, and private citizens sending her their thanks, congratulations, and testimonials to her many years of service.

The 1986 section contains articles about the proposed water-theme park that Nina supported for many years. This project sparked controversy because of the proposed cost, problems over the location of the site, and financial shortcomings of the potential developer. The binder contains material about the testimonial dinner given in her honor by the Italian community of Birmingham at the Roma Club on February 2, 1986. Congratulatory letters in the binder are from the two Alabama U. S. Senators, Howell Heflin and Jeremiah Denton, Alabama Chief Justice C. C. (Bo) Torbert, Bishop Joseph Vath, and the Jefferson County Commission. Nina continued her civic involvement in 1986 by hosting a reception in her home for the Woman of the Year nominees. She was also the guest speaker at a Senior Citizens event and for National Business Women's Week in Birmingham.

- 5-15 White vinyl binder marked 1987-1995. The 1987 section contains information on Nina's financial contribution to scholarships at the University of Alabama Law School and has the official resolution from the Board of Trustees accepting her gift. She has kept her interest in politics and public affairs as evidenced by letters from staff at the Birmingham News and Post Herald thanking her for her correspondences. She became Secretary of the University of Alabama Alumni Association Golden Fifties Club, having graduated in 1936. She continued her speaking engagements at various events. And the section concludes with news articles about the City Council elections of 1987 and the lawsuit to create single member districts in Birmingham.

There are only a few items in the 1988-1989 section including program flyers from Nina's speaking engagements. The most interesting item is a flyer with an affidavit by former Richard Arrington aide, Billy D. Webb, which was filed in the city council districting lawsuit. He accused the mayor of racism against whites and contempt for poor blacks.

The years 1990-1992 brought new honors and recognitions. Nina was named one of the Top Ten Birmingham Women by the Birmingham Business Journal. She was honored at a dinner sponsored by the Alabama Women's Political Caucus. Law partner Sam Rumore profiled her in an article featured in the Alabama Lawyer Magazine. And she was inducted into the Alabama Women's Academy of Honor.

The 1993 section contains newspaper commentaries by Birmingham Post-Herald reporter Ted Bryant and former Birmingham mayor George Seibels. The topic was Birmingham in 1963. Nina received two more honors in 1993. She was named Outstanding Alumnus by the Bench & Bar Honor Society of the University of Alabama Law School. And in celebration of the centennial of co-education at the University of Alabama she was named one of the "Top 31" female graduates of the University in that 100 year period. Other honorees included her classmate, Judge Irene Feagin Scott, law professor Camille Wright Cook, Alabama Supreme Court Justice Janie Shores, and "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Harper Lee. The final entry is a profile of City Council candidates from each of the nine council districts for the 1993 election.

The 1994 section illustrates her continuing interest in Birmingham civic affairs. It contains an article by Birmingham News editorial page editor Ron Casey on the changing demographics of Birmingham. Then Nina writes a letter

with enclosures about the fear created in the 1963 campaign over residential integration. She closed by stating that her letter was not for publication but that she had to tell him about this political tactic of 1963 “because it still hurts.” Casey wrote her back thanking her “for the civic concern you’ve always shown.” Two other interesting articles in the section are Ted Bryant’s review of “Alabama: The History of a Deep South State” and Kathy Kemp’s article about the book “Long Time Coming” written by a relative of Robert Chambliss, convicted 16th Street Baptist Church bomber. Finally, Nina was honored by Birmingham’s Italian community with its Columbus Day Banquet and Award. The file contains articles, letters, and tributes. In her acknowledgment letter she encouraged the committee to “look to the future” and “recognize the young”. She thanked them but like Columbus let us “Sail on, Sail on.”

The binder concludes with the year 1995. Nina was profiled in a story marking 10 years since she had left the Council. Bettye Fine Collins, a former colleague on the City Council and in 1995 a member of the Jefferson County Commission, wrote Nina a letter acknowledging the article and thanking Nina for hosting a luncheon for Council members past and present. She closed the year 1995 with a trip to Italy in December with some Birmingham friends. The trip was mentioned in a Birmingham News article. (Note: Nina was 82 at this time.)

- 5-16 White vinyl binder marked 1996-2000. In keeping with her sentiments of recognizing the young, the first item in the section for 1996 is an article about Carol Ann Smith, who was selected the first woman to be President-elect of the Birmingham Bar Association in its 110 year history. Nina was quoted extensively in the article. She took the Fifth Amendment on why it took so long for the city’s bar association to choose a woman as president. “I think people are very comfortable doing things the way they’ve always done them.” She said, “I think it was a comfortable network (of men).”

Honors continued to be bestowed on Nina. In April 1996 she was a recipient of the Thomas Jefferson Award from the Jefferson County Historical Commission. This recognition was based on her support of neighborhoods and historic preservation. In September, she was notified by Dean Ken Randall at the University of Alabama Law School that she was elected to honorary membership in The Order of the Coif, as he stated, because of her commitment to the law and to justice and for serving as a role model for young attorneys. The highest recognition came at the American Bar Association convention in Orlando. She was the first Alabama lawyer to receive the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award. The award is named for the first woman to practice law in this country and is given each year to five outstanding women lawyers. The binder contains many articles about this recognition. There are also more than thirty congratulatory messages from friends, officials, and admirers.

In 1997 Nina was recognized by the YWCA as a Birmingham Woman Working for Civil and Social Justice. And the Birmingham Bar Women’s Section hosted a banquet in her honor. In 1999 she received the Sam W. Pipes Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Alabama, School of Law. And that same year, Judson College awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. The final entry in this binder is an excerpt from a novel titled “The Professor” written by her friend and fellow Birmingham lawyer, Karl

Friedman. In the novel, at pages 123 and 124, the narrator refers to a woman lawyer who is his hero. She was a Birmingham lawyer, sat on the Birmingham City Council, and was called "Ms. Nita". The narrator continued to lavishly praise the life-work of this hero whose description was closely similar to Miss Nina Miglionico.

Box 6A:

- 6A-1 Orange file folder described as Biennial Convention, National Federation, BPW Clubs, Fort Worth, Texas, July, 1948. This file contains newspaper clippings about the 1948 BPW Convention. The newspapers include the Fort Worth Star Telegram, The Dallas Morning News, The Birmingham News, The Fort Worth Press, and the Christian Science Monitor. Alabama representatives who were noted with photos were Ida Rosenthal, Delegate, and Nina Miglionico, President of the Alabama Federation of BPW Clubs. Some of the issues discussed at the Convention included the Equal Rights Amendment, jury service for women, and universal military service for women. There was a profile article about Judge Sarah T. Hughes, who had served as a judge in Dallas since 1935 and who was elected First Vice-President of the organization. Nina wrote an annotation on this article: "Judge Hughes administered oath to Lyndon Johnson when he became President".
- 6A-2 Large White Vinyl Binder with clippings, photos, correspondence, and miscellaneous documents from 1963. Most of the clippings concern events in Birmingham in 1963. One of the most interesting articles is from the March 2, 1963 issue of The Saturday Evening Post titled: "Birmingham Alabama, A city in fear, Racial violence smolders in this Deep South tinderbox", by Joe David Brown. The Brown article appeared the week-end before the Mayor-Council election. Other articles discussed the likelihood that Birmingham would have two functioning governments because the Mayor and Council would take office on April 15 but the City Commission was elected to office until November 1965. Dr. John Bryan, the top vote getter in the April 2 runoff election, served as temporary moderator of the elected Council. He appointed Nina Miglionico along with two other councilmen to a special rules committee to set procedure for operations. This was the first council committee. The binder contained A Statement by Some of the Negro Leaders of Metropolitan Birmingham setting forth their belief in human rights and dignity, seeking a change of attitudes in the community, and requesting a bi-racial committee appointed by the new city government to resolve racial problems in Birmingham. The statement had more than 60 signatories.

The binder has many articles about the demonstrations in Birmingham in April and May of 1964. There are articles about the expulsion from school and truancy charges against student demonstrators who left school to march. The Associated Press had an article about Family Court hearings and the Family Court Judge, Talbot Ellis. Another article noted that 3000 riot trained Federal troops were sent to Fort McClellan at Anniston and Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery just in case they were needed. The binder also contains the May 20, 1963 Newsweek article about a stone-throwing riot in Birmingham after bombs

explode and the May 17, 1963 Life Magazine article which has the famous photos of fire hoses and police dogs.

Further articles list the names of the Senior Citizens Committee, many prominent white business leaders, who negotiated a four point agreement with black demonstrators. The agreement consisted of the desegregation of eating facilities, removal of white/colored signs at water fountains and restrooms, upgraded employment opportunities for blacks in stores, and the establishment of a permanent bi-racial committee to discuss future issues. The articles compiled by Nina present a comprehensive account of the events in Birmingham in the spring of 1963. The most challenging condition was the existence of two city governments, the old Commission which refused to vacate its offices, and the new Mayor/Council which occupied a suite across the hall. Both Mayors had to sign all city checks and official documents.

Typical random quotes in the articles were as follows: "The trouble with America is Communism, socialism, and journalism". (Bull Connor). "We may not be the best governed city in the country, but we're certainly the most governed". (Mayor Art Hanes). On the 9th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education decision Associated Press reporter Relman Morin spoke to an unidentified Birmingham businessman who told him of the "55-45-25" pattern. "People over 55 say they'll never accept integration. Those in their 40's say they don't like it but expect they have to agree. And those in their 20's say: It's inevitable. Let's accept as much as is necessary and get the show on the road".

On May 23, 1963, the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that the Mayor and new Council were Birmingham's legal government. Nina has saved articles from the New York Times, the Atlanta Journal, the Wall Street Journal, the Birmingham newspapers, and other publications. She saved two interesting articles from the June 6, 1963 issue of a magazine titled The Reporter. The article by Vincent Harding gives a behind-the-scenes view of the negotiations to stop the Birmingham demonstrations. The article by Hans Morten Rubin presents a Danish reporter's perspective.

Other items in this binder include material concerning the mayoral and city council elections of 1963. Nina saved questionnaires from various groups and her responses. There is a section which she labeled "Hate Material". There is an article where a young man named Thomas Blanton is convicted of violating Alabama election laws by distributing campaign literature without attribution of who paid for it. Years later he was convicted as one of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombers. There is a letter demanding that a person cease his malicious accusations that Nina is a Communist. There are Minutes from a City Council meeting of May 21, 1963 where the Mayor reports that the city in the previous year had been providing fewer services due to the closing of the parks to avoid integration but had been spending more money than it had been receiving. The report concluded that Birmingham would need additional revenue to provide services for its citizens. There was a letter from the Mayor establishing a bi-racial Community Affairs Committee. There are articles about the integration of Birmingham City Schools in September 1963. And there is an interesting article about a governmental and business group from Birmingham visiting Dallas to

learn about that city's progress. The group, including Nina, is in Dallas on November 21-22, 1963.

- 6A-3 File with photographs of the 1963 Birmingham City Council
- 6A-4 White vinyl binder marked 1965. This notebook covers the year 1965 which was a City Council election year in Birmingham. The first page contains a letter from the National States' Rights Party dated January 4, 1965. As a reward for their untiring efforts to integrate everything possible in the previously white controlled city, five members of the City Council (Drennen, Seibels, Miglionico, Hawkins, and Wiggins), are awarded the title of "Honorary Nigger". Of note on the letterhead is the name of the Vice Chairman: Attorney J. B. Stoner, who will be involved in other segregationist activities in future years.

This binder contains many news clippings about the city government in Birmingham in general and about Nina's activities in particular. Some of the themes include "Birmingham – A City on the Move" and the plans for 1965 of "Operation New Birmingham".

Nina made many speeches during 1965. There are references to over 25 such appearances. She spoke at numerous events in Birmingham and throughout Alabama. She was the featured speaker at AAUW (American Association of University Women) conventions in South Carolina and Missouri. And she spoke at a Zonta Club convention in Milwaukee. An article from Milwaukee mentioned that she had recently made national headlines by being the target of a bomb placed on her front porch. This occurred on April 1, 1965.

Some of the issues from 1965 included the appointment of the first blacks to independent city boards and agencies, the decision to allow Birmingham city schools to play John Carroll, a local Catholic High School, in athletic events, the voiding of the merger election of Homewood with Birmingham by the Alabama Supreme Court due to a notice technicality caused by Homewood officials, the August 17 city bond election, and the October and November City Council elections.

Nina also received several honors and recognitions in 1965. She was appointed to the Advisory Group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. She was the first woman appointed to this 13 member team of experts that would meet quarterly in Washington. She was one of 12 recipients of the 1965 Top Hat awards from the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs that honored individuals or organizations who had made significant contributions to the advancement of business and professional women. This Award is on display in a cabinet containing her memorabilia at the University of Alabama Law School Library. One of the other recipients that year was Frances Perkins, a former U. S. Secretary of Labor. And she was re-elected to the Birmingham City Council without a run-off. The binder contains newspaper clippings about the election, campaign literature, a list of her contributors, a racist election flyer attacking her candidacy, and many letters of congratulations after her victory.

- 6A-5 Green Vinyl Notebook – Alabama Women's Hall of Fame. Nina Miglionico was a long-time member and then Chairman of the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame Selection Committee. This binder contains an alphabetical list and profiles of the nominees to the Hall of Fame that were not selected between 1971

and 1999. The files contain the nomination forms and supporting documentation for each nominee. Some of the women listed were inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame in later years.

- 6A-6 Program, Alabama Men's Hall of Fame Ceremony, September 23, 2003. The inductees in 2003 were William Rufus Devane King and Joseph S. Bruno. Joe Bruno was a close friend of Nina Miglionico.
- 6A-7 Small Red Notebook, titled "Record." This notebook contains clippings, poems, sayings, quotes, and words of inspiration. The last entries concern age. The following are excerpts:
 - "You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubts, as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fears, as young as your hope, as old as your despair".
 - Age is opportunity.
 - At 100, Grandma Moses was still painting.
 - At 90, Pablo Picasso was producing drawings and engravings.
 - At 81, Benjamin Franklin effected the compromise that led to the adoption of the U. S. Constitution.
- 6A-8 1980 Birmingham Bar Association Photo Directory (some annotations by NM)
- 6A-9 1985 Birmingham Bar Association Photo Directory (color photos)
- 6A-10 2000 Birmingham Bar Association Photo Directory (has paper with notes)
- 6A-11 Miscellaneous Magazine Articles. This file contains 3 articles. The first is "Hugo Black and the KKK" from the April, 1968 issue of American Heritage, by Virginia Van der Veer Hamilton. The second is "Feuds, Factions, and Reform: Politics in Early Birmingham" by Leah Rawls Atkins. The third is "Private Tragedy, Public Shame: The Killing of Father Coyle" by Paul M. Pruitt, Jr.
- 6A-12 January 1990 issue of *The Advocate*, A Journal of Ideas and Commentary,
- Editor and Publisher: Birmingham Attorney W. Eugene Rutledge

Box 6B:

- 6B-1 Unmarked Blue Cloth 3-ring Binder (1939-1949). This binder contains news clippings, correspondence, programs, and miscellaneous memorabilia from the years 1939 to 1949. The first letter is dated July 12, 1939 and is addressed to Nina Miglionico at her office in the Massey Building. She had received a check from the National Broadcasting Company in New York for submitting a question for use on the radio program "Name the Place". The question she submitted and the amount of the check are unknown. A letter dated July 2, 1940 came from the Dean of Women at the University of Alabama, Agnes Ellen Harris, congratulating Nina on her election as President of the Alabama Women Lawyers Association. She was proud of Nina and recalled her days as a student where she quietly went about her business at the University. Another interesting letter, dated November 13, 1942, came from Sybil Greye, World Famous Graphologist, who sent an analysis of Nina's personality through her handwriting. The May 3, 1944 letter

from the Birmingham Business and Professional Women's Club announced the nomination of Nina Miglionico as President of the Club for the year 1944-45. A thank you letter for Nina's talk to a local Birmingham group reflected the mood of the time with the phrase typed in red under the date September 21, 1944, "One Day Nearer to Victory!" The binder contains other thank you notes for speeches to organizations and for personal favors.

Dr. Hallie Farmer of Montevallo wrote a personal letter thanking Nina for her efforts to have Farmer selected as President of Alabama College for Women. She was not chosen, but she wrote the following: "I cannot help feeling that the fight was worthwhile. Those of us who have been fighting for the cause of women have had a long record of defeat. I guess that we will have to keep up the fight a while longer and take defeat in our stride. Now it is time to pick ourselves up and go on to a new battle".

Among the significant memorabilia was a program from Alabama's First Television Demonstration, Thomas Jefferson Hotel, January 8-10, 1948, an invitation to attend a Public Information Division, Department of the Army program at Ft. Benning, GA on March 23, 1948, and the BPW State Convention news clippings where Nina Miglionico was elected State President on May 22, 1948.

Nina was sent a special invitation dated March 10, 1949 to attend a luncheon at the University of Alabama where the honored guest would be Dr. Denny, former University President. Dean Agnes Harris wanted Nina to attend for 3 reasons: 1, few graduates had taken their place in the State as quickly as Nina; 2, she was President of the State Business and Professional Women's Clubs; and 3, she was President of the Alabama Women Lawyers Association.

- 6B-2 Unmarked Black Vinyl 3-ring Binder (1950-1959). This binder contains memorabilia from the decade of the 1950's. On August 16, 1950, Nina was appointed Legal Advisor to the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs by Judge Sarah T. Hughes of Dallas, Texas. The binder is filled with news clippings and letters concerning Nina's activities with BPW, AAUW, the YWCA, the University of Alabama Alumni Association, the Birmingham Antiquarian Society, and the Women Lawyer group. She spoke at an AEA convention, the Alabama Chamber of Commerce convention, on radio stations WBRC and WILD, and at several colleges and universities. On August 17, 1953 she was the first woman appointed to serve as acting Recorder's Court Judge in Birmingham. On March 23, 1954 Mayor Jimmy Morgan appointed her to a Citizen's Advisory Committee on the Transit Company. Also in 1954 she was Jefferson County Women's Chairman in the campaign of Jimmy Faulkner for Governor.

Throughout the decade she continued her many speaking engagements from high school graduations to civic clubs to legislative workshops. In 1957 she spoke to the National Council of Catholic Women Convention for the Mobile-Birmingham diocese. And she received several awards and recognitions. In 1955 she received the Alabama BPW Woman of Achievement Award. She was named to the first volume of Who's Who of American Women published for the years 1958-59. On August 20-23, 1959 she presided at the 60th Annual Meeting of the National Association of Women Lawyers held in Miami Beach, Florida. And in

1959, Nina Miglionico became the 4th alumnus inducted into the Woodlawn High School Hall of Fame.

- 6B-3 White Vinyl 3-ring Binder marked 1958 Legislative Campaign. This binder contains material concerning Nina Miglionico's campaign for the Alabama legislature in 1958. The governor's race that year resulted in a run-off between John Patterson and George Wallace. Racial integration of schools was a prominent issue. At this time, Jefferson County had 7 House members who were elected at-large. The top 7 vote-getters who received over one-half of the votes cast county-wide were elected. There were no election districts. Of the 36 candidates for the 7 positions, Nina finished 9th in the primary and was among the 14 candidates who made the run-off. However, she was not elected. She made a good showing in the election for a first-time candidate.

The binder contains newspaper clippings, letters from friends giving her encouragement, advice, and contributions, campaign literature, sample ballots, and invitations to political events. Of particular interest are the questionnaires sent to the candidates seeking simple yes-no answers and commitments concerning complicated issues. Nina generally gave detailed explanations for her positions. Her responses were generally progressive but fiscally conservative. However, a typical response for a question about racial integration was: "I am for the continued support of our way of life, and will do everything which may prove necessary to enforce it". Another Citizens' Council asked for some specific thing she had done to preserve segregation. She answered: "I believe in equal treatment before the law for all people, but believe that segregation is important to the preservation of life in Alabama". Each group that requested information about the candidate's positions had its own special interest and agenda. Another frequently asked question was whether the candidate endorsed a loyalty oath requirement of support for all Democratic candidates. The Democratic Executive Committee sought such a requirement before a person could run for office as a Democrat in Alabama. Segregationists opposed the oath because they could not support a National Democratic ticket that endorsed any integration. Nina answered by stating: "This is not an issue in the legislative race, since it is a party matter". Her answers illustrate the difficulty of seeking office in the segregated South of the 1950's.

Other significant events of Nina's life in 1958 are also found in the binder. Birmingham honored the country of Italy during its 7th Festival of the Arts. The special guest of honor for this event was the Ambassador from Italy to the United States, his Excellency Manlio Brosio. Nina was Toastmistress at the banquet in his honor. The binder contains a personal thank you note to her from the ambassador. And in August of 1958 Nina attended the annual convention of the National Association of Women Lawyers in Los Angeles. She was elected President of that organization. A highlight of the convention was a Hollywood party in her honor hosted by former Birmingham school friend, Gail Patrick Jackson whose Birmingham name was Margaret Fitzpatrick and who was the Producer of the Perry Mason television show.

- 6B-4 White Vinyl 3-ring Binder marked 1960, 1961, 1962.
 - 1960 --- Nina continued her active speaking schedule this year. She was the featured speaker at AAUW meetings in Wisconsin and Michigan. She

also spoke to AAUW groups throughout Alabama. She was involved in Cancer Society, Civil Defense, YWCA, and Beautification Board activities. And she was named to Who's Who in America.

- 1961 --- In 1961 Nina served as arrangements chairman for a banquet honoring Catholic Archbishop Toolen. She was President of the Zonta Club of Birmingham. Her speaking engagements included BPW Clubs in Atlanta, Birmingham, Jasper, Wetumpka, and Ensley, an AAUW meeting in Detroit, the Birmingham Junior League, an Auburn University conference, the Birmingham Branch of the National Association of Bank Women, and the YWCA. And she was on the planning committee for the Southeast Regional Meeting of the ABA held in Birmingham November 9-11, 1961.
- 1962 --- This section of the binder contained articles about the closing of parks and recreational facilities in Birmingham to avoid integration, a Birmingham Bar Committee's recommendation to change the form of Birmingham's city government, and letters to the editor from Birmingham attorney Abe Berkowitz on the need for change in Birmingham. Nina was President of the Joint Legislative Council of Alabama. She made many speeches during the year at numerous events such as the Birmingham Toastmistress Club, the Birmingham Chapter of the National Secretaries Association, Career Day at Hueytown High School, the Financial Forum for Women, the Small Business Clinic at the University of Alabama, the Acacia Club, the Birmingham BPW Club, and the Woodlawn Methodist Church. Her speech to the International Zonta Convention in New Orleans on laws that discriminated against women in the United States was reproduced in the Fall 1962 issue of The Zontian magazine on pages 30 and 31.
- 6B-5 Blue Cloth 3-ring Binder marked 1963 Notebook 2. Three events were highlighted in this binder. The first was Nina's campaign for election and victory as a member of the new Birmingham City Council. There are more than 100 letters and telegrams of encouragement and congratulations. The first was dated January 30, 1963 and came from Bull Connor, himself a candidate for Mayor. This correspondence was possibly a form letter sent to all candidates. More than 75 people qualified to run. Nina complained in one letter to a supporter that most of the candidates were not seriously running because there had been no qualifying fee to run. The second highlighted event was Nina's selection as Birmingham's Woman of the Year. There are 25 letters and telegrams of congratulations in the binder. The third highlight was her invitation to meet President Kennedy at the White House on Friday October 11, 1963 at a reception for the President's Commission on the Status of Women. A final clipping of interest was her college football predictions for Saturday, October 26, 1963. She was the Birmingham News guest selector. Out of 20 games, her record was 12 correct selections and 8 incorrect. The best predictor that week was 14 and 6.
- 6B-6 White Vinyl 3-ring Binder marked 1964. This binder covers the political events of 1964 which was the first full year of the new Birmingham City Council. The first entry is a letter by Bull Connor following his election to the Alabama Public Service Commission. He complains that the newspapers in Birmingham

did not treat him fairly which resulted in his election loss in Jefferson County although he won a majority of the state-wide vote. The balance of this binder is divided between newspaper clippings and correspondence to or from Nina. The issues in the news clippings concerned the lack of home rule, the report of the Community Affairs Committee to the Mayor, the announcement that all Catholic schools in Alabama and Northwest Florida would be racially integrated by the fall of 1964, the occupational tax and sales tax for the city of Birmingham, another election to consider the form of government for Birmingham, mergers or consolidation efforts, downtown development, a speech by Mayor Boutwell's executive assistant, William C. Hamilton, the appointment of Wilbur H. Hollins to the Birmingham Planning Commission, this being the first appointment of a black member to a city board or agency, and reports of progress since the new form of government took office. Nina continued her speaking engagements before church groups, PTA's, civic clubs, AAUW and BPW meetings, the Dental Auxiliary, the Birmingham Legal Secretaries, and the Birmingham Real Estate Board. She received many letters thanking her for her presentations. She also received letters from and replied to voters.

Box 7A:

- 7A-1 Resolution from Judson College and the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame honoring Nina Miglionico for her service on the Hall of Fame Board from its inception in 1970 through November 1998 and for service as its Chairman from 1982 through 1997.
- 7A-2 A Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama League of Municipalities to Nina Miglionico, President, 1982.
- 7A-3 Plaque from the Greater Birmingham Convention and Visitors Bureau honoring Miss Nina Miglionico for service on its Board of Directors from December 1972 through December 1985.
- 7A-4 Plaque from the Jefferson County Democratic Executive Committee honoring Nina Miglianico (sic) for outstanding leadership and service and dated November 20, 1985.
- 7A-5 Plaque recognizing Nina Miglionico as a 1992 Honoree of the Alabama Business and Professional Women's Foundation Academy of Honor.
- 7A-6 Plaque from the Birmingham Beautification Board with Love and Appreciation to Miss Nina Miglionico, dated September 1985.
- 7A-7 Special Achievement Award from the Alabama Recreation and Parks Society to Nina Miglionico for outstanding service made to the cause of recreation and parks in Alabama, 1981.
- 7A-8 Resolution from the Jefferson County Commission honoring Nina Miglionico for receiving the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award from the American Bar Association and for her continuing commitment to serving her community, dated May 15, 1996.
- 7A-9 Citation Plaque for the 1993 Daniel J. Meador Outstanding Alumnus Award presented to Nina Miglionico on March 19, 1993 by the University of Alabama School of Law and the Bench & Bar Legal Honor Society.

- 7A-10 Plaque of appreciation from the National Association of Women Lawyers to Nina Miglionico for her service as President, 1958-59, dated 1964.
- 7A-11 Certificate of Appreciation Plaque to Nina Miglionico from the Zonta Club of Birmingham for 50 years of loyal membership, dated November 3, 1990.

Box 7B:

- 7B-1 1997 Birmingham Bar Association Burton L. Barnes Award for Public Service to Nina Miglionico.
- 7B-2 Resolution of the Birmingham Bar Association honoring Nina Miglionico for receiving the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award from the American Bar Association, dated June 14, 1996.
- 7B-3 Alabama State Bar President's Award to Nina Miglionico for her contributions to the legal profession dated July 19, 2001.
- 7B-4 Alabama State Bar Special Award of Honor to Nina Miglionico for 68 years of service to the legal profession dated July 24, 2004.
- 7B-5 Nina Miglionico: A Voice of Reason and Selflessness, Article by Vincenza Scarpaci
- 7B-6 Nina Miglionico Collection – Inventory List
- 7B-7 Birmingham Public Library - Nina Miglionico Papers
- 7B-8 Photos of Nina Miglionico Awards and Plaques
- 7B-9 Nina Miglionico – Biographical Summary

Box 8:

- 8-1 1934 Corolla, Volume 42, Nina Miglionico photo – page 52; Accompanist, Girls' Glee Club, page 331
- 8-2 1935 Corolla, Volume 43, Nina Miglionico photo – page 55
- 8-3 1936 Corolla, Volume 44, Nina Miglionico photo – page 46
- 8-4 Nomination of Nina Miglionico for the Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award (1996). This packet contains endorsement letters and supporting documentation.
- 8-5 Margaret Brent Award Brochures and Draft of Nina Miglionico Acceptance Speech. This folder contains the invitation brochure for the Margaret Brent Awards Luncheon on Sunday, August 4, 1996 at the ABA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. It also contains the Program brochure from the luncheon. Nina Miglionico's draft acceptance speech is in the file.
- 8-6 Suggestion that Nina Miglionico be appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court. In 1971, following the resignation of Justice Hugo Black, Dr. John Bryan of the Birmingham City Council suggested that Nina Miglionico be appointed by President Nixon to the U. S. Supreme Court. This file contains a collection of news articles and letters about the idea.
- 8-7 Articles on Metro Government. These articles appeared in The Tulsa Tribune and Nation's Cities magazine. They review metro government in Tulsa, Nashville, Jacksonville, Indianapolis, and Columbus, Georgia.
- 8-8 Magazine articles with references to Nina Miglionico (2007-2008). The first article appeared in the Alabama Lawyer Magazine, March 2007. It summarized an oral history project entitled "Times Were Tough: Alabama Law

Graduates of the 1930's Tell Their Stories." The second article is from the September 2008 issue of "Lipstick" magazine. It lists the top 10 influential women in Birmingham's history. Nina Miglionico is ranked number 1.

- 8-9 Nina Miglionico hand written draft acceptance speech, Maud McClure Kelly Award, Alabama State Bar Women's Section
- 8-10 Pamphlet, "Government in Alabama" by James D. Thomas, 1969. This pamphlet was a Citizen Information Report from the Bureau of Public Administration of the University of Alabama.
- 8-11 Pamphlet, "Stories of the Birmingham Bar" by Frank Bainbridge, Francis H. Hare, and Leigh M. Clark, 1977. This pamphlet was published by the Birmingham Bar Association.
- 8-12 Pamphlet, "A Historical Sketch of the Birmingham Bar, 1872-1907" by Francis H. Hare, 1982. This pamphlet was funded by friends of the author as a gift to the members of the Birmingham Bar Association.
- 8-13 The President's Commission on the Status of Women, Committee on Social Insurance and Taxes. Nina Miglionico was appointed by President Kennedy to the President's Commission on the Status of Women. This file lists the members of the Committee on Social Insurance and Taxes. The file contains guidelines for the committees as adopted on February 13, 1962. Finally, the file contains the Minutes from two meetings of this committee where Nina was present. These took place on May 18, 1962 and June 29, 1962. The Committee was chaired by Senator Maurine B. Neuberger of Oregon.
- 8-14 The American Bar Association Meeting in London, 1957. This book is a memorial record, including photos, of the ABA meeting in London, July 24-31, 1957. This was the second meeting of the American Bar Association in England. The first took place in 1924. Nina Miglionico attended the 1957 meeting and is listed on page 71 as a lawyer from Alabama. Photos included the Prime Minister's address, Winston Churchill's toast to the legal profession, and a garden party hosted by Queen Elizabeth.
- 8-15 Loose news clippings on the London ABA meeting, an isolated clipping on Dean Farrah's faculty members at the University of Alabama Law School, and Nina Miglionico calling cards.
- 8-16 Guest Sign-in Book, White, Cloth-Bound. This book was used for a number of functions over more than 13 years. The first function was the Alabama Women Lawyers Association Reception of the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Bar Association held in Birmingham at the Molton Hotel on November 8, 1961. The second function was a National Association of Women Lawyers luncheon held at Birmingham's Downtown Club on November 10, 1961. The next function was the opening of Nina's Campaign Headquarters for her Congressional race on July 31, 1974. The sign-in book continued to be used throughout the campaign until election night, November 5, 1974. The final entries are for an unnamed women's reception on April 16. No year was listed.

Box 9:

- 9-1 Alabama Law Review Honorary Editor Certificate to Nina Miglionico dated November 10, 1972

- 9-2 A Tribute of Appreciation Plaque to Miss Nina Miglionico for her many years of devoted services to our community and state, presented by friends at the Roma Club, Birmingham, Alabama on February 2, 1986

Box 10 – Miscellaneous:

- 10-1 May 23, 1926 Gravure Section of the Birmingham News. This four-page section contains a photo of 12 year old Nina Miglionico who won the junior piano contest at the first Southern Eisteddfod competition.
- 10-2 May 1930 Graduation Program for Birmingham High Schools. This program lists the graduates of Phillips High School's 51st Commencement, Ensley High School's 33rd Commencement, and Woodlawn High School's 13th Commencement. Nina Miglionico is listed as Class Pianist of Woodlawn High School's Class of May 1930 and she played a piano solo in the class Day activities.
- 10-3 Miscellaneous birthday cards and other cards
- 10-4 Nina Miglionico National League of Cities Convention Badge with stickers, 1980's
- 10-5 Birthday card from staff and friends upon announcing retirement from the Birmingham City Council (1985) and other cards (1979)
- 10-6 Miscellaneous Correspondence – 1960's. This file includes seconding letters for Birmingham's Man of the Year competition, a college recommendation, advice on how to set up a Woman of the Year Award, correspondence from an author about his book on the murder of his daughter which no one will publish, and a personal letter from Alabama State Auditor Bettye Frink complaining that Secretary of State Agnes Baggett will be running for State Treasurer instead of State Auditor in 1966. These Constitutional offices are limited to two terms. Mrs. Frink refers to the usual pattern of running for the offices that have been rotated among three women who have all been supported by BPW members and that this is her turn to run for State Treasurer.
- 10-7 Miscellaneous Correspondence – 1970's. This file contains letters congratulating Nina on her election as President of the Birmingham City Council, letters from constituents on housing for the elderly, and letters concerning a dinner at the Art Museum honoring a doctor from Guatemala as part of a cultural exchange program.
- 10-8 Miscellaneous Correspondence – 1979. A highlight of these letters is the non-transferrable invitation to Nina Miglionico to attend a reception on the South Lawn of the White House on Saturday October 6, 1979 on the occasion of the visit of His Holiness John Paul II. Other letters involve her service on the Governor's Task Force on Constitutional Reform, her work with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, and her influence to pass the fluoridation ordinance for the city of Birmingham.
- 10-9 Southern Women's Archives, Birmingham Public Library, 1979 Awards Program. Note: Nina Miglionico was honored by the Southern Women's Archives in 1978.
- 10-10 Birmingham Civic Leader Tour to NORAD Headquarters, October 30 – November 1, 1979 (Photo)

- 10-11 Miscellaneous Correspondence – 1980. Highlights of this file include a letter from Lieutenant Governor George McMillan concerning a committee meeting sponsored by the American Council on Education with the purpose of encouraging more women to enter the field of educational leadership. County Commissioner Chriss Doss sent Nina a “fan” letter and a newspaper clipping about a recent Council meeting.
- 10-12 Miscellaneous Correspondence – 1981. The letters for this year include another invitation for an event at the White House, a briefing on returning responsibility for social programs back to state and local governments. There is also international correspondence from local governments in Athens and Jerusalem concerning visits by Birmingham government officials. Nina saved a handwritten note from a disgruntled applicant for a position as City Council Administrative Assistant. And Chriss Doss sent her another warm letter following his election as President of the Jefferson County Commission.
- 10-13 Miscellaneous Correspondence – 1982-1983. These letters deal with several topics including City Council issues, the election of Ben Erdreich to Congress, and letters of congratulations to Nina following her year as President of the Alabama League of Municipalities. Some interesting correspondence came from Mrs. Ruth Streetman concerning the Birmingham Festival of Arts. Each year a different country had been honored during the Festival. There was concern that an African nation had never been honored. Mrs. Streetman suggested that a predominantly black nation, Jamaica, be saluted. She also commented about the racially polarized political climate in Birmingham.
- 10-14 The Voting Habits of Women in Jefferson County, Alabama, by Nina Miglionico. Nina chaired a committee of the Birmingham Business and Professional Women’s Club that surveyed the voting habits of women in Jefferson County, Alabama. The survey was conducted in 1956. The file contains precinct by precinct registration information. The conclusion is that registered women as a percentage of total population are far fewer than registered men. Further information is expected on the numbers of those who actually voted after the November election.
- 10-15 Speeches for AAUW Meetings. This file contains outlines for speeches, notes, and quotes delivered at AAUW meetings.
- 10-16 Articles on the Inauguration of Mayor Richard Arrington, November 13, 1979. This file contains an editorial and a news article from the Birmingham Post-Herald on the inauguration of Richard Arrington as Mayor of Birmingham. Nina Miglionico, City Council President, was quoted as follows:
 - “It’s a great day to be in Birmingham. It’s a truly historic and memorable occasion. This city has changed in the last 16 years. The people changed it. You and I working together changed it. We have come to the historic day when we can say there is opportunity in Birmingham for men of every color. And some day a woman may stand here and we will be able to say that about women too. When I was born here, I did not know that I would live to see this day. But it is one I will cherish for every day of my life.”
- 10-17 Alabama League of Municipalities Material – 1976 to 1983. This file consists of correspondence and articles about Nina Miglionico’s involvement with

the Alabama League of Municipalities. She served as President of the organization for the 1981-82 term of office. She was the first woman President and also the first non-mayor President of the organization.

- 10-18 Miscellaneous File. This file includes several different topics of memorabilia. One highlight was Nina's reception of the Brotherhood Award by the National Conference of Christians and Jews on May 12, 1983. There is a telegram and letters of congratulations to her concerning this honor. She was named the Samford University Alumna of the Year in 1970 and was profiled in the Alumni Magazine. The file contains a complete roster of the members of the President's Commission on the Status of Women. There are Resolutions from 1983 honoring her 20 years of service on the Birmingham City Council. And there is a copy of the 1966 statute relating to membership on state jury commissions. This law was passed after a Federal Court Order allowed women to serve on juries in Alabama. Nina had worked on the issue of jury service for Alabama women for 30 years. The file also contains notes on key points concerning jury service for women.
- 10-19 Birmingham News Sunday Magazine – April 27, 1969 and 1969 Scrapbook. Nina Miglionico was profiled in the April 27, 1969 edition of the Birmingham News Sunday Magazine. The article was titled "I Have No Fear of Trying" and was written by Anne Nall Stallworth. This was an election year for Nina. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and programs from Birmingham events of 1969.
- 10-20 Birmingham City Council Photos and Brochures. This file contains photos of the Birmingham City Council from 1963 to 1981 as they appeared in official City of Birmingham reports from the Fire Department, Police Department, and Housing Authority. There are official 8 x 10 glossy color photographs of the 1978 and 1981 council members. The file also contains a proclamation from the City honoring Nina Miglionico for her service as President of the Birmingham City Council.
- 10-21 Miscellaneous Political Folder, 1974-1982. This file contains Nina Miglionico's hand-written calendar of events and appearances during the last month of her 1974 Congressional race. The last entry is for election day on Tuesday, November 5. It is marked "BOOM". Other items in the file include the inaugural program for Mayor-elect David Vann on November 12, 1975, A Tribute to David Vann dated December 3, 1979 and titled "Without Regard to Political Consequences", the funeral program and newspaper articles about the funeral of former Councilwoman Bessie Estell dated April 1, 1982, an article from the Alabama Municipal Journal dated October 1976 on women in local government in Alabama, an article from July 26, 1982 concerning the legislative race of her law partner Sam Rumore, and miscellaneous programs from various special events.
- 10-22 Programs from Miscellaneous Events, 1971-1981. This file contains numerous programs of events in which Nina Miglionico took part or attended from 1971 to 1981. Highlights include the Inaugural Program for Mayor-Elect Richard Arrington, Jr. on November 13, 1979, ceremonies opening the Southern Women's Archives at the Birmingham Public Library on March 16, 1978, a speech at the Young Men's Business Club concerning HUD subsidized housing on

January 12, 1975, and the ceremony recognizing Sloss Furnaces as a National Historic Landmark on November 8, 1981. There is also another article on Women in Government in Alabama from the October 1980 issue of the Alabama Municipal Journal. Nina is spotlighted as President of the Birmingham City Council and Vice-President of the Alabama League of Municipalities.

- 10-23 Various Loose Newspaper Clippings (1963-1983). This appears to be a catch-all file that Nina used to keep miscellaneous clippings. She was particularly interested in women's events and the politics of the Birmingham City Council. She annotated an article from Jet Magazine on newly elected Mayor Richard Arrington. Besides politics there are articles about Birmingham's Woman of the Year Award, Italian-American activities in Birmingham, and national personalities who visited Birmingham. However, the vast majority of the articles deal with her involvement on the Birmingham City Council over a 20 year period of time.
- 10-24 Miscellaneous Papers. This file contains the Minutes of a meeting of the Industrial Development Committee of the Birmingham City Council dated August 21, 1963. Nina Miglionico was Chairman of the committee. Eight members of the City Council were present along with corporate leaders including Elton B. Stephens, representing the Birmingham Downtown Improvement Association, and Sid Smyer, representing the Birmingham Realty Company. The report and recommendation of the committee dated September 18, 1963, concerning the use of the Wallace and Cater Acts for industrial development in the Birmingham area are attached to the Minutes.
- Other items in the file include a 1952 news article about Miss Miglionico welcoming a woman lawyer from Italy (Maria Letizia Riccio) whose visit to Birmingham is sponsored by the State Department, a 1958 news clipping showing Nina as Chairman of the Birmingham Committee for the observance of National Library Week, a July 2, 1980 response to a Birmingham citizen who had written a letter to the Birmingham News criticizing funds being spent by the city on the Sloss Furnace Project, a Valentine's Day card from her law office staff, two photos from the Alabama BPW Journal showing Nina as First Vice-President and President, and a December 3, 1981 Agenda of a visit to the White House for briefings on the Reagan new Federalism policy.
- 10-25 "The Bomb That Did Not Explode: The Civil Rights Story of Nina Miglionico of Birmingham" by Samuel A. Rumore, Jr. This file contains an essay written by Samuel A. Rumore, Jr., longtime law partner and friend of Nina Miglionico, that describes the attempted bombing of Nina Miglionico's house during the civil rights movement in Birmingham, Alabama.

Box 11 – Books and Pamphlets (8 items):

- 75 Year History of National Association of Women Lawyers, 1899-1974. Nina Miglionico is prominently featured in this book since she served as President of the organization for the 1958-1959 term and then served for two years as the representative of the Association to the ABA House of Delegates, being the only female member.
 - Page 49 – List of Presidents
 - Page 98 - State delegate, 1941-42

- Page 112 – State delegate, 1943-44
- Page 118 – State delegate, 1944-45
- Page 127 – State delegate, 1945-46
- Page 196 – State delegate, 1953-54
- Page 213 – State delegate, 1954-55
- Page 223 – Corresponding Secretary and Executive Board, 1955-56
- Page 246 – First Vice-President, 1957-58
- Page 252 – Photo of 1957 officers
- Page 262-264 – President, 1958-1959; Profile by her good friend Ida D. Rosenthal
- Page 267-269 – President’s Report
- Page 271 – ABA Delegate, 1959-61
- Page 273 – Photo of 1959 officers
- Page 274 – Led panel discussion on “Women in the Legal Profession”
- Page 283 – Editor of Women Lawyers Journal, 1960-61
- Page 294 – Photo of 1960-61 officers
- Page 307 – Profile of Nina Miglionico’s election to the Birmingham City Council
- Page 331 – Article by Nina’s law school classmate, Judge Irene F. Scott
- Page 399 – List of NAWL delegates to the ABA House of Delegates
- A History of the Business and Professional Women’s Club of the District of Columbia, Inc. (1927 through 1948)
- A History of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc. (1919-1944 Inclusive). The history of the Alabama BPW organization is found on page 91. The book is a gift to Nina from her good friend, Lib May.
- The Economic Strength of Business and Professional Women (1954)
- A History of the Alabama Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, 1919 -1953. This history was compiled by Dr. Lola Taylor, a dentist from Birmingham. Nina Miglionico was listed on pages 97-105 as the 1947-49 1st Vice-President of the organization. Her two years as President from 1949-51 were profiled on pages 105-115. On pages 116-117 it was noted that in 1951 Miss Nina Miglionico was appointed Legal Advisor for the National Federation.
- A History of the Alabama Federation of Business & Professional Women’s Clubs, 1919-1969. This book updated Dr. Taylor’s history to 1969.
- A History of the Alabama Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Club, 1969-2004 (2 copies). This pamphlet continued the history of the organization to 2004.
- Letters to a Young Lawyer, Arthur M. Harris. This book is inscribed: “Nina Miglionico, University of Alabama, January, 1936.”

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- Harrison, M. Leigh, Cases on Alabama and Common Law Pleading, KFA 535 .A7 H31 1941
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- McElroy, J.Russell: The Law of Evidence in Alabama, KFA 540 .M32 1948
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- The How, When & Where of Filing Under Article 9 Alabama's Uniform Commercial Code (handwritten date on cover: 4-13-83), KFA 152 .Z9 H6 1982
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- The Zoning Ordinance of Birmingham Alabama 1967, KFX 1128 .A65 A19 1967
- Vaughn, Watkins Mabry: Vaughan's (complete) Alabama Form Book, KFA 170 .V3 1932
- Watkins, John F: Handbook for Mayors and Councilmen, KFA 431 .W3 1980
- Williams, Ralph Rogers: Williams' Alabama Evidence, KFA 540 .W5