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Summary information

Repository: University of Miami Cuban Heritage Collection

Title: Maria Mendoza Kranz Collection

ID: CHC0374

Physical description: 0.50 linear ft. (1 box)

Language: Spanish

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Maria Mendoza Kranz, was born in Key West, Florida. She is a member of a third generation of the Mendoza family that emigrated from Cuba to Key West in the early 1870s to escape the Spanish rule. Her grandfather, José González de Mendoza, was one of the founders of the school at the Club San Carlos in Key West.

Mendoza Kranz's father, Enrique González de Mendoza, who was born in Key West, is said to have introduced the Cuban rumba to Miami in the 1930s. He also organized the "El Dulce" rumba band that played at the Roney Plaza Hotel in Miami Beach.

Mendoza Kranz was the first Spanish-speaking salesperson employed by S.H. Kress & Co. in downtown Miami and also among the first women to work at a Miami aircraft factory during World War II. Since 1979, she has taught line dancing to Hispanic senior citizens.

Scope and content

The Maria Mendoza Kranz Collection contains family photographs and clippings as well as clippings about Mendoza Kranz's work at an aircraft factory in Miami during World War II. The collection also contains a program with her involvement in the celebration of the International Women's History presented by the Community Action Center in Hialeah, Florida.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift of Maria Mendoza Kranz, 1990

Restrictions on access

This collection is unrestricted.

Conditions governing use

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Description identifier:** ArchonInternalCollectionID:64
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Access points

- Mendoza Kranz, Maria (subject)
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Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
id122098	File -			1
id122099	File - Clippings: González de Mendoza, José			1 1
id122100	File - González de Mendoza, Enrique			1 2
id122101	File - Club San Carlos: Board of Directors			1 3
id122102	File - Photographs			1 4
id122103	File - International Women's History Program			1 5