

LeitaLift Foundation records  
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**Biographical or Historical Note**

Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Leita Thompson (1894-1978) attended Cox College in Atlanta and graduated in 1914. She worked for the Trust Company of Georgia and broke social and gender barriers by becoming an executive of the company. Throughout her career, Thompson assisted working women with retirement, disability, housing, and social needs. In 1946, she purchased over one hundred acres of land on Woodstock Road, and she lived there until her death in 1978. In 1956, she founded the LeitaLift Foundation, Inc. to assist working women with social and economic needs. Many well-known Roswell citizens have led the LeitaLift Foundation since Thompson's death, including Tony Pappadakis, who oversaw the Foundation's donation of over one hundred acres of land for Roswell's recreational development. The Lelia Thompson Memorial Park is located at the intersection of Woodstock Road and Mountain Park Road.

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**Scope and Content**

This collection contains records of the LeitaLift Foundation, Inc. from 2001-2003. Items include a memorandum, one set of Roswell City Council minutes, a media release, a corporate resolution certification, a binder from a Cherokee women history event, and two foundation yearbooks. All items in the collection with the exception of yearbooks are copies of documents, not primary documents.

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**Organization Note**

Items are organized by record type.

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**Selected Search Terms**

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Thompson, Leita (1894-1978)

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