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HOTEL CLEVELAND
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Dear Eleanor Roosevelt,

Your, and your wonderful husband will never be forgotten, but remembered with the deepest admiration always.

Aunt in the Greif Riggs

AMONG HER SOUVENIRS

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Woman Treasures Many Autographs

Autographs can be a source of fond memories, Mrs. Antoinette Greif Riggs can testify.

Mrs. Riggs began her voluminous autograph collection when she was 12. She had accompanied her aunt and uncle on a visit with Cardinal Mercier of Belgium when he was in Cleveland several decades ago.

Through the years, wherever Mrs. Riggs traveled in the United States, she met famous personages and gathered their signatures in scores of books, now yellowed and worn.

Born in Cleveland

Born in Cleveland and educated at Lourdes Academy, Mrs. Riggs is the niece of the late William Greif, founder of Greif Bros. Cooperage Co. He was also president of the Ohio Savings and Loan Co. for more than 50 years.

In her teens she traveled to San Francisco and Los Angeles. There she participated in Marine-Navy fund drives for World War I, and her efforts won her the name—"Sunshine Girl of Southern California."

In addition to a John Phillip Sousa autograph, obtained when the bandmaster visited Cleveland during a Liberty Loan drive, she received those of Pershing, Foch and Coolidge. She boasts of having signatures of every baseball player in the American and National leagues.

Favorite: Lowell Thomas

Her favorites are those of Lowell Thomas and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Widowed since 1931, she came back to Cleveland four years ago after spending a greater part of her life in Battle Creek, Mich. She resides at Hotel Cleveland.

MRS. ANTOINETTE GREIF RIGGS

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