

## Archie and Agnes Talboy, RG005.56

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Archie and Agnes Talboy, RG005.56

**Dates:** 1916 - 1980

**Collection Number:** RG005.56

**Creator/Collector:** La Jolla Historical Society

**Extent:** 1 linear foot

**Repository:** La Jolla Historical Society, La Jolla, California 92037

**Abstract:** The Archie and Agnes Talboy Collection is made up of photographs, archival material and a scrapbook collected by the La Jolla Historical Society since the 1930s to use for historical research and reference. The Collection contains material dedicated to Archie and Agnes Talboy, who were responsible for the creation of the Community House (Recreation Center) in La Jolla where Mr. Talboy was the Director from 1919 to 1952. This much-loved couple contributed to supporting many activities in the community, including clubs, sports, holidays, events and the first community tennis courts where Mr. Talboy started the La Jolla Tennis Team and an annual tournament. Also included in this Collection is the Talboy's transcript of their oral history. Topics in this Collection pertain to the history and heritage of La Jolla, California; its people, places and events. A container list is included on the PDF and HTML versions.

**Language of Material:** English

**Access:** The Collection is open for research

**Publication Rights:** The La Jolla Historical Society holds the copyright to any unpublished materials

**Preferred Citation:** Courtesy of the La Jolla Historical Society

**Acquisition Information:** RG005.56

**Biography/Administrative History:** The La Jolla Historical Society inspires and empowers the community to make La Jolla's diverse past a relevant part of contemporary life.

The La Jolla Historical Society's Collections encompass over 80 years of actively collecting archival material, books, maps, scrapbooks, ephemera, fine art, newspapers, street and land use files, business and personal documents and historic and archaeological artifacts. The Society boasts over 20,000 photographs, over 1000 postcards, 400-plus architectural drawings and approximately 200 oral history recordings.

Collecting was initiated by Howard Randolph and volunteers on the historical committee of the Library Association of La Jolla. The Collection began by gathering photographs and documentation in the late 1930s, which later became the nucleus of the La Jolla Historical Society's Collections. The Society was created in 1963.

Through many moves in location the Society continued collecting and expanding. Accumulated Collections took on its current construct in 2010 after the renovation of the La Jolla Historical Society's campus of structures in central La Jolla, which consists of the 1904 Wisteria Cottage and 1940s Balmer Annex used for exhibits and programming, and a 1909 cottage used for business and research offices. The late Ellen Browning Scripps' 1916 automobile garage was also renovated and now houses the Collection in a modern collections storage facility. Materials are housed in archival boxes,

sleeves, envelopes and other archival-safe materials and are cared for according to standards and best practices of the museum profession. In 2016, the Society initiated new PastPerfect Museum Software to manage and catalog its Collections and in 2018 started using the Online Archive of California to upload searchable information from its Collections to enable improved public access. The Society will continue these processes and look forward to utilizing new opportunities to collect, preserve and share the history of La Jolla.

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## RG005 – Subject Files (Large) Collection Box 56 – Archie and Agnes Talboy

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### Photographs

Photograph. Archie Carlisle Talboy sitting at desk in his law office in San Diego. 1916.

Photograph. Leonard Talboy in stripped down Ford in front of the Colonial Hotel in La Jolla. c1928-1929.

Photograph and Negative. Agnes Gregg Talboy and Betty Talboy at Barbies(?) Beach. 1919.

Photograph. Agnes Talboy standing on lawn of recreation center in La Jolla.

Photograph. Archie Talboy and John Phillip Sousa II playing tennis. 1935.

Photograph. Group portrait. La Jolla Boys Club. Dick "Richie" Mehas, Slade Sibley, Frank Cleary, Bob McGowan, John "Sonny" Munson, Clyde Killough, Jerry Crary, George Gentry, Billy Price, Dan, Norman, Harold Maler, Ken Munson, Jack Warden, Bob Talboy, Carl Maler, Bill Reeves, Pete Charlton, John Villarin, Powell Blankenship. 1944.

Copy. Photograph. "Mother and Dad in uniform." 1926.

Copy. Photograph. "The Fat Lady" Girl Scout Circus. Margaret Fleming, Betty Talboy, Dorothy Bornowski. 1928.

Copy, Photograph. Tournament finalists, Marita Redondo, Helen Hernandez. A.C. Talboy. 1970.

Photograph. Class party. Class portrait on stage of the La Jolla Community House. 1924.

Photograph. La Jolla Playground kite flyers. Twelve girls. Mid-1920s.

Photograph. Girl Scout lemonade stand. Six Girl Scouts in front of tent. c1925.

Photograph. La Jolla Playground May Festival. c1925.

Photograph. William "Bill" Tilden playing tennis. Archie Talboy Court. 1925.

Photograph. Rough Water Swim. La Jolla Cove. 1930.

Photograph. La Jolla Tennis Tournament trophies and winners. Norral Errington, A. Talboy, J. Baker, G. Mattera, E. Quinn. 1939.

Photograph. Five girls dressed in Scottish attire, dancing. Early 1920s.

Photograph. La Jolla Playground from the Bishop's School tower. c1924.

Photograph. La Jolla Tennis Team B. Ralph Bullen, Leon Williams, Dick Graham, Dan Butcher, Brent Harrington, John Flocken, Archie Talboy, Bill Ronaldson, Bill Greenlees, John Emrich, Dick Harvey, Otho Wetzell, Tim Alller, Lindsey Claiborne, Jom Wyatt, Chet Newman, Tom Doyle, Blair Haskett, Larry Carleton, Ed Pawka.

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Photograph. People around planning table. John Hannay, Archie Talboy. 1939.

Photograph. Four men, trophy award ceremony, La Jolla Tennis Tournament. Harper Ink, Alvin Tayes, Jerry Crowther, Norman Brooks. 1940.

Photograph. Portrait of Florence Sumner Henderson.

Photograph. Portrait of Janet Ruggles.

Photograph. Portrait of Marian Sund.

Photograph. Portrait of Glenn Ellen Roe (McIntyre) Cox.

Photograph. Sarah Shelnutt.

Photograph. Riley Stanley.

Photograph. The John Shelton Family.

Two photographs clipped from a book or magazine. La Jolla Cove Bathhouse, 1906 and "The Abalone Limited," 1894.

### Printed Matter

Newspaper Article. "La Jolla Tournament Develops Net Greats." Tennis.

Newspaper Article. "Recreation Heads Get \$1000 Bond." La Jolla Playground. Archie and Agnes Talboy. War Bond. 1944.

Newspaper Article. "P.T.A. Honors A.C. Talboys with Life Membership." La Jolla Elementary School. La Jolla Light. 1952.

Newspaper Article. "The Talboys Honored by Elementary P.T.A." La Jolla Elementary School. La Jolla Journal. 1952.

Newspaper Article. "Archie Talboy, 70 Years Young, Diversified Interests Occupy Time of Retired LJ Playground Director." The Sentinel. 1956.

Oral History Transcription (4 copies). Archie and Agnes Talboy. 1968.

Newspaper Article. "Talboys Observe 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary." San Diego Union. Archie and Agnes Talboy. 1970.

Obituary. "Mrs. Talboy Dies in La Jolla Home." Agnes C. Talboy.

Copy. Newspaper Article/Obituary. "Archie C. Talboy, He Touched Thousands on Our Playgrounds." Archie Talboy. 1978.

Copy. Newspaper Article/Obituary. "Archie C. Talboy, 'Mr. Tennis,' Dies. 1978.

Notes. Writing Archie Talboy obituary in progress.

Copy of Retyped Newspaper Article RE: plaque for Archie and Agnes Talboy. La Jolla Playground. La Jolla Light. 1980.

Oral History Transcription. "Oral History of Archie and Agnes Talboy, Directors of the Community House (La Jolla Recreation Center) from 1919-1952. Taped by Bob Wilson at the Talboy home in the Fall of 1968."

### Scrapbook

Scrapbook. Archie and Agnes Talboy. 25 year anniversary certificate and personal letters of thanks to the Talboys. Newspaper articles, letters regarding the La Jolla Playground. 1944. (formerly 482 SB)