

Dr. Ralph Dailard Collection

Collection ID: MS.004

Collection Information

Inclusive dates: 1954-1976

Size: 1 linear ft.

Processed: 10/2017, by Denise Rosenblatt

Source: The collection was donated by Douglas Dailard and Cynthia Lyons-Dailard of San Diego.

Scope and Content

The collection is a mixed materials assortment of awards, velo-bound books, correspondence, ephemera, news clippings, overhead transparencies, and photographs. The majority of the material is clustered around his promotion in 1954 to the position of Superintendent and his retirement early in 1969.

Ralph C. Dailard (1907-1991) was the San Diego Superintendent of School from 1954 through 1968. Before his promotion he had worked as the associate superintendent, having joined local school system in 1939, as an administrative assistant and business manager. His promotion was notable as first superintendent promoted from within the system. His tenure was characterized by an exponential growth in student body, number of schools, employees, and increase in the budget. Other demands on the district included the effects of federal law in education, addressing impact aid, desegregation, and school lunches. Other issues involved citizenship education to combat communism and the changing demands of technology and the knowledge economy.

Container List

Box	File	Contents	Dates
1	1	Newspaper clippings, plastic encased, 17 items	1953-1969
	2	News clippings, letters of congratulations, etc., velo-bound	1953-1954
	3	Guestbook signatures, correspondence, letters of regret, velo-bound	1954
	4	Photos of Education Center San Diego City Schools, velo-bound Program for Junior College Banquet	undated, 1964
	5	Freedom Medal, 3 items (see placard)	1962
	6	Certificates, 9 items (see placards)	1962-1969
	7	Photographs, portraits, Dr. Dailard and others, 16 items	1941, 1962, undated
	8	Photographs with others, 20 items	1947, 1968, undated
	9	Program, Community Salute upon retirement, invitations, official portraits	1969, undated
	10	Retirement correspondence -letters	1968-1969
	11	Retirement correspondence and telegrams, 9 items mounted and plastic encased	1969-69

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1	12	Script for retirement skit, 2 copies	1969
	13	Overhead transparencies, 19 items	1969
	14	Newsletters, 7 items	1953-1969
	15	Ralph Dailard Elementary school	1976
	Box	Placards, 7 items, boxed	1960-1969