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Finding Aid for the Dr. John Russell Nerad Collection, 1932-1943

Collection Overview

Title: Dr. John Russell Nerad Collection

Dates: 1932-1943

ID: JRN

Primary Creator: Nerad, John Russell, 1926-2020, Phineas Banning High School

Extent: 0.42 linear feet

Arrangement: Arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by topic.

Forms of Material: Documents, photographic materials, scrapbook

Language of materials: English

Abstract

The Dr. John Russell Nerad Collection documents his mid to late childhood, growing up in Wilmington, California between 1937 and 1943. The bulk of the collection focuses on Nerad's school and extracurricular activities between the fifth and twelfth grades.

Biographical History

John Russell Nerad was born on February 23, 1926 to parents, Anton H. and Florence C. Nerad (née Meisch), in Marshall, Minnesota. A sister, Jean Marie, was born in May, 1928. The family moved to Alton Street in Wilmington, California sometime between late 1928 and early 1930, and later moved to Lakme Avenue.

John Nerad attended Gulf Avenue and Fries Avenue primary schools and Phineas Banning High School, graduating in 1943. Following high school, he attended the University of Minnesota, then enlisted in the United States Navy in 1945. After serving three years in the Navy, Nerad returned to college, attending Long Beach City College and Pomona College, and in 1954 graduated from the School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California.

He married Mary Therese Vickers in Santa Clara, California, on April 17, 1963 and the couple settled in the Northern California area, where Nerad had a thriving dental practice. Upon

retirement in the early 1990s, he relocated to Southern California. Dr. John Russell Nerad passed away in Palm Springs, California in October 2020.

Scope and Contents

The Dr. John Russell Nerad Collection documents his mid to late childhood, growing up in Wilmington, California between 1937 and 1943. The collection focuses on Nerad's school and extracurricular activities between the fifth and twelfth grades, and includes report cards, certificates of achievement, art works, newspaper clippings, photographs, keepsakes, and memorabilia related to membership in youth and civic organizations. The collection is arranged at the collection level, alphabetically by topic.

Subjects/Access Terms

Creator

Personal Name:

Nerad, John Russell, 1926-2020

Organization Name:

Phineas Banning High School

Subject Headings

Topical Terms:

High school student activities
Schoolchildren
Student newspapers and periodicals

Organization Names:

Boy Scouts of America
DeMolay (Organization)
Los Angeles Unified School District

Geographical Locations:

Wilmington (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Documentary Forms:

Documents
Photographic materials
Scrapbook

Administrative Information

Processing Information: Holli Teltoe, 2021

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Conditions Governing Access: The collection is open for research use.

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Acquisition: Mary Therese Nerad, 2007

Collection Contents

Box 1

Folder 1: Class Autograph Book, 1937-1938

Folder 2: Extracurricular Activities, 1939-1943

Folder 3: Phineas Banning High School, 1938-1943

Folder 4: *Port Light* Newspaper, Phineas Banning High School, 1937-1943

Folder 5: Primary Schools, 1932-1936

Folder 6: Scrapbook, 1932-1940

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