Guide to the Kuhlman Family Papers MSS.2017.04.25

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The Kuhlman Family Papers (1888-1972) includes the personal papers of Harry Kuhlman, a materials engineer in the California State Department of Highways and his wife, Hazel McIntosh, a graduate of the California State Normal School in 1914 and teacher in Sacramento County. The collection includes personal items and papers related to Mrs. Kuhlman's education in Roseville, Sacramento, and the California State Normal School, their marriage, their occupations (especially Mrs. Kuhlman’s teaching career and Mr. Kuhlman’s retirement), and some papers of Hazel’s mother, Alice McIntosh.

Access
The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note
Harry Kuhlman (December 10, 1893 – March 6, 1972), born in Chicago, was a resident of San Jose as well as a World War I veteran who was recruited into the Aviation Corps. He then worked as a materials engineer in the California State Department of Highways. Hazel McIntosh (March 14, 1892 – March 29, 1974), born in Roseville, was a graduate of the California State Normal School (class of 1914). With her teaching degree, she moved on to teach in primary and grammar schools in various cities and counties. Her mother, Alice W. McIntosh, was also a teacher in Roseville schools until her death in 1931. Harry and Hazel met at the San Jose State Normal School and were married in 1931, settling in Roseville afterwards. Mrs. Kuhlman stated in her will that the Kuhlman’s estate (valued at $482,753.95) would be left to California State University, San Jose. The donation was named “The Hazel and Harry Kuhlman Scholarship Trust” and went into effect in 1977. The scholarship was intended to help students in good academic standing based on their financial need, and was actually an agreement for loan, since students receiving the money would need to pay the money back to the university later. Mrs. Kuhlman was passionate about education in her own career as a teacher as well as supporting higher education through the scholarship trust. The Kuhlman’s generosity helped many students continue their education at the university.

Scope and Contents
The Kuhlman Family Papers (1888-1972) follows the lives of Harry Kuhlman (1893-1972) and Hazel McIntosh (1892-1974). Though the couple is mostly known for their generous donation to the California State University, San Jose through the sale of their estate, the collection’s contents do not contain much information about the Hazel and Harry Kuhlman Scholarship Trust. The collection’s contents do include many of their personal papers from their early lives, such as a newspaper clipping about Harry Kuhlman’s recruitment into the Aviation Corps and Hazel McIntosh’s papers from her primary and secondary schooling as well as her education at the California State Normal School. Also included are some papers from Hazel McIntosh’s teaching career as well as some papers that belonged to Hazel’s mother, Alice McIntosh, who was also a teacher. There are some items having to do with the Kuhlman marriage as well as some other documents highlighting Harry’s retirement and his death in 1972.

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Processing Information
Collection processed by Grace Song.

Arrangement
The collection arrangement is based on groups of people or individuals.
### Subjects and Indexing Terms
- San Jose State Normal School -- Students
- San José State University -- Scholarships
- Roseville (Calif.) -- Teachers
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