
INVENTORY OF THE ROHWER HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK COLLECTION, 1943

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Rohwer High School Yearbook Collection

Dates: 1943

Collection Number: Consult repository.

Creator: Rohwer Yearbook Staff Beasley, Wm. E.

Extent: 1 box.20 linear ft.

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Abstract: This collection contains one Senior Class Yearbook or booklet from Rohwer High School inside Rohwer Incarceration Center. This yearbook from 1943 features images from each of the homerooms of students, and includes their names, their location of where they lived in the incarceration center, any clubs or groups they belonged to at school, and the name of their high school prior to being relocated to Rohwer.

Language: Collection material is in English

Access

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Acquisition Information

Library acquisition

Rohwer Incarceration Center History

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which gave the military the authority to exclude any citizen who posed a threat to national security. As a result, approximately 120,000 Japanese-Americans living on the West Coast were removed and incarcerated in concentration camps. One of these camps was Rohwer Incarceration Center located in Desha County in southeastern Arkansas- a heavily wooded and swampy area with high humidity. Most of the incarcerated imprisoned at Rohwer came from Los Angeles and San Joaquin counties in California. The living quarters in the main residential area was approximately 500 acres and was surrounded by barbed wire fences and eight guard towers that were staffed by military police. All incarcerated were housed within partitioned sections of 20' by 120' barracks which were arranged in groups of 12 blocks. Each block housed approximately 200-300 individuals. Rohwer officially closed on November 30, 1945 making it the last WRA camp to close, except for the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

Scope and Content

The Rohwer High School Yearbook Collection contains one senior class yearbook from Rohwer High School from 1943. Created by students within Rohwer Incarceration Center in Rohwer, Arkansas, the yearbook contains images and class listings of all the students within each homeroom along with the name of each student's location within the incarceration center, names of clubs or groups they belonged to at school, and the name of their high school prior to relocation. The yearbook also contains illustrations of classrooms, students, teachers, and events such as senior prom, Sadie Hawkins dance, and the senior farewell dance. Also included are class superlatives and a timeline of noteworthy events that took place throughout the 1942-1943 school year, such as inter-center sports games against Jerome Incarceration Center, and semester start and end dates.

Arrangement

Arranged in 1 box, five folders.

Subjects

Concentration camps--United States.
Japanese Americans--Pacific States--History--20th century.
Japanese Americans
Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
Rohwer Relocation Center (Ark.)
World War, 1939-1945 - Arkansas

Geographic Areas

Rohwer Relocation Center (Ark.)
Rohwer (Ark.)

Related Material

This collection is part of the CSU Japanese American Digitization Project. Related materials can be found here:
<http://www.csujad.com>.

1 Rohwer High School Yearbook

Physical Description: [.20 linear ft] [1 box]

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For full record and access to the digital copy see:

<http://cdm16855.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/p16855coll4/id/5608/rec/50>