Descriptive Summary
Title: Manuel H. Rodriguez family papers
Inclusive Dates: 1930-2016
Collection Number: mssRodriguez
Collector: Rodriguez, Manuel H.
Extent: 15 boxes and 1 oversize folder
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Abstract: The Manuel H. Rodriguez papers consist of correspondence, reminiscences, photographs, slides, and ephemera related to Rodriguez and his family living in Los Angeles, California.
Language of Material: The records are in English and Spanish.
Access
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Gregory Rodriguez and Annette Kleiser, June 2018.
Biography
Manuel Henry Rodríguez was born in Los Angeles, California, on June 14, 1930. He was the son of Manuel N. Rodriguez and Enriqueta (Henrietta) Guillén.
Rodriguez received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1957 and 1961. He served in the United States Army from 1951 through 1953. In 1965, he entered law school and earned his J.D. from Loyola Law School (Loyola Marymount University). Rodriguez was a teacher for over four decades. He spent 35 years at Los Angeles Valley College, where he taught Spanish.
Rodriguez was previously married to Emilie Cacho. The couple had three sons: Eugene John Rodriguez, Gregory Raul Rodriguez, and Phillip Mark Rodriguez.
Scope and Content
The core of the Manuel H. Rodriguez papers are his thoughtful and informative reminiscences. There are over 20 narrations of his past experiences. They cover his service in the United States Army to his years as a student at the University of California, Los Angeles. He wrote about the economic effects of the Great Depression in Los Angeles, where an overwhelming amount of men worked as an itinerant salesman to ordinary activities such as playing marbles. Rodriguez wrote, “I have enjoyed reminiscing about those years and the exercise of my memory has had therapeutic effects,” Box 9 (16). Many of Rodriguez's reminiscences could be accessed on his son's website: Zócalo.
The correspondence also constitutes a good portion of the papers. There are letters from Manuel H. Rodriguez to his mother, Enriqueta Guillén Rodríguez, from the 1950s. During this period, Rodriguez was a Private First Class and later, a Corporal, in the United States Army headed towards Seattle, Washington and Anchorage, Alaska. There are also letters from Raul A. Rodriguez writing from Guam to his mother in the 1950s. He described daily activities, weather, and counted...
the number of days left before heading home.

The majority of the later letters are from Manuel H. Rodriguez's sons: Phillip M. Rodriguez and Gregory R. Rodriguez with a few letters from Eugene J. Rodriguez. Most of Phillip's letters were written during the late 1970s, while he was studying at Universidad Complutense de Madrid in Spain. Gregory wrote most of his letters from New York where he worked at Chelsea House Publishers. The letters reveal a proud and loving relationship between a father and his son. In response to one letter, Gregory replied, "...this one was charming, funny and made me feel, not only happy, but loved...People are always impressed when I tell them about my dad" (July 11, 1989). Also included are letters from Manuel H. Rodriguez's former students.

Other family related material includes photographs. The photographs document Manuel H. Rodriguez's early life in Los Angeles in the 1930s, through his years as a soldier in the early 1950s, and finally, as a father, teacher, and globetrotter in the second half of the 20th century. Rodriguez also spent some time researching the maternal branch of the family, both in the United States and Mexico. The culmination of his research is in Box 14 (Album 1).

The military records and school records of Raul A. Rodriguez and Manuel H. Rodriguez are also included in this collection. There are also numerous printouts of articles written by Manuel H. Rodriguez and Gregory R. Rodriguez. The color slides in Box 14, mostly appears to be taken from Manuel H. Rodriguez's travels in Europe.

Arrangement
Arranged by genre.

Personal Names
Rodriguez, Gregory
Rodriguez, Manuel H.
Rodriguez, Raul A.
Guillén family

Subjects
Depressions
Mexican American authors
Mexican American soldiers
Mexican Americans -- Social life and customs
Spanish teachers

Geographic Areas
Los Angeles (Calif.)

Genre
Color slides
Letters (correspondence)
Reminiscences
Photographs

Box 1 Articles - Clippings
Folder 1 Articles -- Miscellaneous, (1997-2004)
Printouts

Printouts of articles written by Gregory R. Rodriguez

Folder 3 Articles -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (2001-2016)
Printouts of articles written by Manuel H. Rodriguez

Photocopies and printouts
Included: Who's Who among Hispanic Americans; Births clipping; and Manuel H. Rodriguez Announces His Association with the firm of Newman & Newman (photocopy)
Folder 5  
Inside front cover: To Manuel Rodriguez Award for excellency in Religion

Folder 6  
**Cards -- Rodriguez, Manuel H. and Raul A., [undated]**
Included: Social Security cards; Operator's License; and Resurrection Cemetery

Folder 7  
**Certificates -- Miscellaneous, (1956-1995)**
Maria Dalla Recendez Lucero Certificate of Death issued by Los Angeles County (Calif.). Office of the County Recorder; Leslie F. Marcordes and Henrietta Guillén Rodriguez Certified Abstract of Marriage issued by Clark County (Nev.). County Recorder; and Association of Marian Helpers (blank)

Folder 8  
**Certificates -- Rodriguez, Gregory R., (1987)**
Certificate of Live Birth issued by California Department of Health

Folder 9  
**Certificates -- Rodriguez, Manuel N., -1952, (1952)**
Certificate of Death issued by California. Department of Health and Certified Copy of Local Record issued by Los Angeles (Calif.). Department of Health

Folder 10  
**Certificates -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1930-2016)**
Baptism; California. Department of Health; Los Angeles County (Calif.). Health Department; Los Angeles Valley College; State Bar of California; United States. Court of Appeals (9th Circuit); and United States. District Court (California : Southern District)

Folder 11  
**Certificates -- Rodriguez, Raul A., (1932-1958)**
Baptism; California. Department of Health; Los Angeles County (Calif.). Office of the County Recorder; and St. Jude Apostolate

Folder 12  
**Clippings (information artifacts) -- Miscellaneous, [undated]**
Included: Photocopies

Folder 13  
**Clippings (information artifacts) -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1965-2004)**
Related to or written by Manuel H. Rodriguez
Included: Photocopies

Box 2  
**Correspondence**

Folder 1  
**Correspondence -- Aguilar, Eulalia R. to Enriqueta G. Rodriguez, (1930s)**

Folder 2  
**Correspondence -- Loyola High School to Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1940s)**

Folder 3  
**Correspondence -- Miscellaneous, (1950s)**
Included: [Rodriguez, Manuel N.?] to Enriqueta G. Rodriguez

Folder 4  
**Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Manuel H. to Enriqueta G. Rodriguez, (1950s)**

Folder 5  
**Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Raul A. to Enriqueta G. Rodriguez, (1950s)**

Folder 6  
**Correspondence -- To Rodriguez, Raul A., (1950s)**

Folder 7  
**Correspondence -- Miscellaneous, (1960s)**

Folder 8  
**Correspondence -- To Rodriguez, Raul A., (1960s)**
| Folder  9 | Correspondence -- Bertholdo, Robert T. to Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1978, Sep. 28)   
|          | Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage |
| Folder 10 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Phillip M. to Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1970s) |
| Folder 11 | Correspondence -- Miscellaneous, (1980s) |
| Folder 12 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Eugene J. to Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1980s) |
| Folder 13 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Gregory R. to Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1980s) |
| Folder 14 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Manuel H. to Gregory R. Rodriguez, (1980s) |
| Folder 15 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Phillip M. to Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1980s) |
| Box 3    | Correspondence - Diaries |
| Folder  1 | Correspondence -- [Lambert-St. Louis International Airport incident], (1997) |
| Folder  2 | Correspondence -- Miscellaneous, (1990s)   
|          | Primarily letters from students to Manuel H. Rodriguez |
| Folder  3 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Gregory R. to Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1990s) |
| Folder  4 | Correspondence -- Miscellaneous, (2000s)   
|          | Primarily to and from e-mails from students |
| Folder  5 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Gregory R. and Manuel H. Rodriguez, (2000s)   
|          | Primarily to and from e-mails |
| Folder  6 | Correspondence -- Rodriguez, Eugene J., Rodriguez, Gregory R., Rodriguez, Manuel H., and Rodriguez, Phillip M., [undated]   
|          | Included: CD of "childhood recollections" |
| Folder  7 | Diaries -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1973)   
|          | Primarily loose notes and ephemera from Spain |
| Folder  8 | Diaries -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1973-1976)   
|          | Primarily loose notes and ephemera from Spain |
| Box 4    | Diaries - Insurance policies |
| Folder  1 | Diaries -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1997) |
| Folder  2 | Diaries -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., [undated] |
| Folder  3 | DVDs -- Rodriguez family, (1990)   
|          | Roland & Manuel 120 Birthday Party, June 2, 1990; MHR Family; and scan of reproduced image found in Box 6 (3) and Box 14 (Album 1) |
| Folder  4 | Empty envelopes, (1949 & 1985) |
|          | Included: Mutual Savings of Alhambra pass book; Community Bank promissory note; Roy C. Gilliland, M.D. statement; and Milton K. Sjogren statement |
Folder 6  Genealogies (histories) -- Guillén and Rodriguez families, [undated]
Primarily notes, photocopies, and printouts
Compiled in an album found in Box 14 (Album 1)

Folder 7  Greeting cards, (1951-2009)

The Continental Insurance Company and National Service Life Insurance

Box 5  Interviews - Notes
Folder 1  Interviews -- [Sarlot], Roland, (1985)
Interviewee: [Enriqueta Henrietta Guillén?]

Folder 2  Military records -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1948-2011)

Folder 3  Military records -- Rodriguez, Raul A., (1952-1964)
Included: Printed material


Folder 5  Notes -- Familiar US German Surnames, [undated]

Folder 6  Notes -- Miscellaneous, (1991)
Related to a faculty member in the Language Department?

Folder 7  Notes -- Miscellaneous, [undated]
Loose notes
Included: Address list

Folder 8  Notes -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1956)
University of Los Angeles, California
Notebooks primarily related to Spanish class

Folder 9  Notes -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., [1950s]
University of Los Angeles, California
Removed from binder

Box 6  Notes - Photographs
Folder 1  Notes -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., [1950s]
University of Los Angeles, California
Removed from binder

Three booklets

Folder 3  Photographs -- Family, (1893-1947)
Reproductions, not originals

Folder 4  Photographs -- Family, (1931-1970)
Rectangle black-and-white
Included: Manuel H. Rodriguez and Emilie Cacho's at Spring Formal and first home in San Gabriel; Yosemite; graduation; military; and wedding photographs
Folder 5  Photographs -- Family, (1950-1970s)  
Square black-and-white  
Included: Wedding photographs

Folder 6  Photographs -- Family, [1956]  
Manuel H. Rodriguez and Emilie Cacho’s wedding photographs

Folder 7  Photographs -- Family, (1958-1970s)  
Square color  
Included: Graduation and travel photographs

Box 7  Photographs - Reminiscences  
Folder 1  Photographs -- Family, (1958-1960s)  
Rectangle color  
Included: Wedding and Gregory R. Rodriguez's school photographs

Folder 2  Photographs -- Family, (1960-1970s)  
[Primarily Donald and Norma Donovan's family?]

Folder 3  Photographs -- Family, (1970-2008)  
Included: Clifton (Ariz.); New York (New York); and Gregory R. Rodriguez's school photographs

Folder 4  Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1944-1998)  
Included: Gregory R. Rodriguez class; Holy Cross Catholic School; Huntington Park High School; Los Angeles Valley College; Mount Carmel High School reunion; and letter from John Wooden to Phillip E. Rodriguez

Folder 5  Poems, (1988)  
Entitled Rain and Gifts for Ariel

Folder 6  Postcards, (1950-1992)  
Included: Blank postcards

Folder 7  Printed ephemera -- Los Angeles Valley College, (1969-1972)  
Included: How the Instructors Stack Up; Focus on the Faculty; and Valley Star vol. 43, no. 14

Folder 8  Printed ephemera -- Miscellaneous, (1998-2001)  
John Fitzgerald Kennedy prayer card; Eugene Rodriguez Classical Guitar; Roland and Manuel's 120 years invitation; The Wanderer 1858-1864 p. 503 (photocopy); That God really exists; Freedom by Krishnamurti; At Peace; Oh Danny Boy, the pines, the pipes are calling; RIP Henny Youngman; Soviet Union (Former~) - Constitution (printout)

Folder 9  Printed ephemera -- Miscellaneous, [undated]  
Primarily printouts of lyrics and poems in Spanish  
Included: Paris, Je T’Aime, Mi Buenos Aires Querido, Cuesta Abajo, El centauro del norte, Una y mil noches, Volver, Uno, Madreselva, En Paz, Corridos de la Revolución, Casa Natal de Santa Teresa, and En los Brazos de Mariana

Folder 10  Quizzes -- Political Quiz, [undated]

Folder 11  Ration books -- Rodriguez family, (1943)  
Included: Letter from Marie Rodriguez, Apr. 22, 2014
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Folder 17  Reminiscences -- Beginning, "Norman Van Brocklin, who played at the University of Oregon, became the Ram quarterback in 1951...," [undated]
Related to sports

Folder 18  School records -- Rodriguez, Manuel, (1957-1999)
Loyola University of Los Angeles; Mount Carmel High School; and University of California, Los Angeles
Included: Diplomas, exams, transcripts and printed ephemera
Yearbooks found in Box 10 (12) and 11

Box 10  School records - Yearbooks
Folder 1  School records -- Rodriguez, Raul, (1940-1958)
Archdiocese of Los Angeles; Los Angeles City College; and Mount Carmel High School
Included: Diploma, report cards, and printed matter

Folder 2  Scripts -- El Relojero de Córdoba: The Clockmaker of Córdoba by Emilio Carballido, (1958)
Printouts

Folder 3  Subpoenas -- Charles W. Sullivan vs. Los Angeles Tourist Lines, (1956)
California. Municipal Court (Los Angeles Judicial District)

Folder 4  USB flash drive -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., [undated]
USB flash drive unreadable. May possibly be formatted for Mac OS

Folder 5  Writings (documents) -- Facts, Ideas, Quotations, Impressions, [undated]

Folder 6  Writings (documents) -- The Falange Party in Spain by Manuel H. Rodriguez, (1954, Dec.)
Typewritten for Spanish 42

Folder 7  Writings (documents) -- The Guillén Family of Guajuquilla: The Rodríguez Family of Clifton, Arizona, (2008, Dec.)
Three copies

Folder 8  Writings (documents) -- San Manuel Bueno, Mártir by Miguel de Unamuno, (1930)
Printouts

Folder 9  Writings (documents) -- Beginning, "Journal D----? Country? C----?..." by [Manuel H. Rodriguez], [undated]
Handwritten

Folder 10  Writings (documents) -- Beginning, "In January of 1753 Captain Bernardo y Tagle founded a presidio...," [undated]

Folder 11  Writings (documents) -- Beginning, "This report is about my great grandfather..." by Gregory R. Rodriguez, [undated]
Related to Pudenciano Guillén
Photocopies

Folder 12  Yearbooks -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1945)
Mount Carmel High School

Box 11  Yearbooks
Folder 1  Yearbooks -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1946)  
            Mount Carmel High School

Folder 2  Yearbooks -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1947)  
            Mount Carmel High School

Folder 3  Yearbooks -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1948)  
            Mount Carmel High School  
            Two copies

Box 12  Lyrics - Photographs  
       Folder 1  Lyrics -- Oldies But Goodies, [undated]
       Folder 2  Photographs -- Family, (1936-1970s)  
                  Included: Gregory R. Rodriguez and Manuel H. Rodriguez's portrait and photographs  
                  attached to album page
       Folder 3  Photographs -- Miscellaneous, (1976-1990s)  
                  Manuel H. Rodriguez's travel photographs

Box 13  Photograph albums  
       Tab 1  Album 1  
                Primarily related to Guillén family genealogy  
                Included: Documents, photographs, and printouts
       Tab 2  Album 2  
                New York (N.Y.)

Box 14  Color slides, (1970s-1980s)  
            Primarily related to Manuel H. Rodriguez's travels  
            485 slides

Box 15  3-D objects  
        Envelope 1  Baby shoe -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., [1930s]

Oversize folder  Certificates and photographs, (1930s-1966)  
                California. Supreme Court and Nepomuceno Guillén photograph (reproduction)