
Manuel H. Rodriguez family papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Manuel H. Rodriguez family papers

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Collection Number: mssRodriguez

Collector: Rodriguez, Manuel H.

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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

Collection is open to qualified researchers by prior application through the Reader Services Department. For more information, please go to following [web site](#) .

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Biography

Manuel Henry Rodriguez 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.

Raul Armando Rodriguez was born on March 28, 1932. He served in the United States Air Force as a crypto operator from 1951 through 1955. He married Ophelia M. Torres in April 1958. He passed away in 1964.

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 Rodriguez, 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
Folder 2	Articles -- Rodriguez, Gregory R., (1999-2006) Printouts of articles written by Gregory R. Rodriguez
Folder 3	Articles -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (2001-2016) Printouts of articles written by Manuel H. Rodriguez
Folder 4	Biographical files -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1930-1995) 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	Books -- The Blessed Friend of Youth: Saint John Bosco by Neil Boyton, S.J., (1944) 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
Folder 9	Diaries -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1989-1995)
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)
Folder 5	Financial records -- Rodriguez, Raul A., (1958-1964) 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)
Folder 8	Insurance policies -- Rodriguez, Raul A., (1959-1961) 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 4	Notes -- Daffynitions, (2003)
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
Folder 2	Passports -- Rodriguez, Manuel H., (1981-1996) 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 <i>Rain</i> and <i>Gifts for Ariel</i>
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); <u>That God really exists</u> ; 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: <u>Paris, Je T'Aime</u> , <u>Mi Buenos Aires Querido</u> , <u>Cuesta Abajo</u> , <u>El centauro del norte</u> , <u>Una y mil noches</u> , <u>Volver</u> , <u>Uno</u> , <u>Madreselva</u> , 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

Folder 12	Reminiscences -- Paris, (1985-2000)
Box 8	Reminiscences
Folder 1	Reminiscences -- Grandmother, (1999, June)
Folder 2	Reminiscences -- Work & Home A Sort of Memoir of My Early Years, (1999, Oct.)
Folder 3	Reminiscences -- Work & Home A Sort of Memoir of My Early Years, (1999, Oct.) Copy
Folder 4	Reminiscences -- Notes on a Trip to Paris, (2000, May 15-2004) Three copies Included: Page beginning, "A few blocks from the Hotel Marigny..."
Folder 5	Reminiscences -- A New Perspective, (2001, Aug.)
Folder 6	Reminiscences -- Notes on a Trip to Berlin, (2005)
Box 9	Reminiscences - School records
Folder 1	Reminiscences -- Raul Rodriguez Remembrances of his Boyhood, (2006, Jan.)
Folder 2	Reminiscences -- A Life in the Classroom, (2011, Oct.)
Folder 3	Reminiscences -- A Life in the Classroom, (2011, Oct.) Copy
Folder 4	Reminiscences -- The Army, (2012, July)
Folder 5	Reminiscences -- A & J Liquor; The Terminal Annex; and Getting an Education, (2013, June)
Folder 6	Reminiscences -- A Meeting with a Former Student, (2014, Sep.)
Folder 7	Reminiscences -- Learning Spanish, [undated]
Folder 8	Reminiscences -- Marbles, [undated]
Folder 9	Reminiscences -- More Things That Aren't Here Anymore, [undated]
Folder 10	Reminiscences -- My Daily Newspaper, [undated]
Folder 11	Reminiscences -- The Spanish Language and Me, [undated]
Folder 12	Reminiscences -- St. Columbkille, [undated]
Folder 13	Reminiscences -- Tales My Mother Told Me, [undated]
Folder 14	Reminiscences -- UCLA, [undated]
Folder 15	Reminiscences -- UCLA My University Education, [undated] Incomplete
Folder 16	Reminiscences -- Beginning, "In the past several years I have been moved to write of my life..." [undated]

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)