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## Guide to the San Diego High School Collection

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### Historical Note:

San Diego High School began as the Russ School in 1882. Named for the founder of a local lumber firm, Joseph Russ donated all of the initial lumber used to build the school. The original building, designed by the Stewart Brothers and built by Brown and Stevens, was two stories tall and had eight classrooms. The school opened on August 14, 1882 as a grammar school with an initial enrollment of 308 students—32 more than they had chairs for.

In 1893, the school was given over completely to high school classes. As the city's population continued to grow and the school became over crowded, architect F.S. Allen was commissioned to design a new building. His design would come to be known as the "Castle" due to the gray stone used to complete the castle-like structure. The new school, now officially known as San Diego High School, was dedicated on April 13, 1907. The old Russ building was moved to the canyon behind the new school when, due to many years of neglect, it burned to the ground in 1911.

The Castle would continue to expand over the years, adding a new addition in 1912, a stadium in 1915 and an auditorium in 1926. However, due to the passage of the Field Act in the 1960s, all school buildings constructed prior to 1933 had to be demolished. In 1970, the firm of George Wheeler and Associates was contracted to design the new San Diego High School. The new school was completed and occupied in September of 1977.

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### Scope and Contents

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The *San Diego High School Collection* dates from 1901-1982. It consists mostly of paper records. Included in this collection are copies of the school's early yearbooks, *The Russ Annual*, and its successor, *The Gray Castle* as well as copies of the school's Homecoming programs from the 1920s to the early 1980s. Also included are two pieces of rock from the Old Gray Castle building dated 1906-1976 mounted on wood pedestals to celebrate the school's 70th Anniversary.

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Box 1, Folder 1	<b>"The Russ" June 1901</b>
Box 1, Folder 2	<b>"The Russ" January 1905</b>
Box 1, Folder 3	<b>"The Russ" October 1908</b>
Box 1, Folder 4	<b>"The Russ" November 1910</b>
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Box 1, Folder 10	<b>"The Russ" June 1919</b>
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Box 1, Folder 22	<b>"The Gray Castle" 1973</b>
Box 1, Folder 23	<b>"The Gray Castle" 1974</b>
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	2 copies
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Box 2, Folder 3	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1926</b>
Box 2, Folder 4	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1927</b>
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Box 2, Folder 6	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1929</b>
Box 2, Folder 7	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1930</b>
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Box 2, Folder 9	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1932</b>
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Box 2, Folder 12	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1941</b>
Box 2, Folder 13	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1942</b>
Box 2, Folder 14	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1950</b>
Box 2, Folder 15	<b>San Diego High School Homecoming 1951</b>

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Box 2, Folder 39	<b>"Gray Castle Yearbook" 1981-82</b>
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Box 2, Folder 41	<b>Certificate of Merit 1929</b>
Box 2, Folder 42	<b>"Gray Castle Cook Book"- SDHS</b>
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Box 2	<b>SDHS Rock Plaques 1906-76</b> <b>Scope and Contents</b> 2 plaques