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## Guide to the Ralph Malcolm Boyd Collection

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## Ralph Malcolm Boyd Collection, 1930-1968

### Collection number: MS9

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### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** Ralph Malcolm Boyd Collection

**Date:** 1930-1968

**Collection Number:** MS9

**Location:** Erickson Vault

**Extent:** 1 volume

**Contributing Institution:** San Joaquin County Historical Society and Museum  
11793 North Micke Grove Road  
Lodi, CA 95240

**Language of Material:** Records written in English

**Abstract:** The Ralph Malcolm Boyd Collection comprises one scrapbook that contains a mixture of dated, undated, identified, and unidentified photographs and newspaper clippings related to the life of Lodi, California, police officer, Ralph Malcolm Boyd. The scrapbook affords insights into Boyd's career, as well as his vacations, cabin at Lake Tahoe, family, friends, and twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

### Access Information

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### Historical Background

Ralph Malcolm Boyd was born in Sutter Creek, California, in 1892. He is known to have worked in San Joaquin County as a yardman for Southern Pacific Railroad while a young man. In November 1934, at the age of forty-two, he joined the Lodi Police Department, where he served for more than twenty-two years. The holder of Badge No. 1, Boyd patrolled from a motorcycle and issued parking citations in Lodi's business district. He retired in 1956 after a short career in the City's Finance Department. One year later, he took up police duties again, this time with the Dixon, California, Patrol System. Boyd died in Livermore, California, in 1969, leaving behind his wife, Leona Ida Powell Boyd (1903-1991).

Off duty, Boyd was active throughout the Lodi community. He spoke to various clubs on the history of the Lodi Police Department, promoted Lodi's Wine and Grape Festival, and belonged to various fraternal organizations, including the American Legion Post 22, the Lodi Policeman's Association (of which he was president in 1953), the Lodi Auxiliary Police Officers Club, the Shriners, the Oakland chapter of Lambda Alpha Epsilon (a law enforcement fraternity), the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 634, and Lodi Elks Lodge 1900.

### Scope and Content

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The Ralph Malcolm Boyd Collection spans a period that started in 1930 and ended in 1968. It includes photographs, newspaper clippings, and other documents assembled into a scrapbook. Additional photographs related to Boyd can be found in the Photograph Collection of the San Joaquin County Historical Museum.

**Names and Subjects**

Boyd, Leona Ida Powell (1903-1991)

Boyd, Ralph Malcolm (1892-1969)

Law enforcement--California--Lodi

Lodi (Calif.)--History

Lodi (Calif.)--Social life and customs

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