Guide to the Donald B. Tresidder Photograph Albums

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Overview
Call Number: A0060
Creator: Tresidder, Donald Bertrand, 1894-1948
Title: Donald B. Tresidder photograph albums
Dates: 1913-1945
Bulk Dates: 1913-1926
Physical Description: 1.25 Linear feet (2 volumes)
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Biographical/Historical Sketch
Donald Bertrand Tresidder (April 7, 1894 – January 28, 1948) was the fourth president of Stanford University.
Son of Dr. John Treloar Tresidder (from Cornwall), Tresidder was born in Tipton, Indiana. At the age of 20 he took a trip with his sister to Southern California. However, the railroad tracks were washed out and they went to Yosemite Valley instead. There he met many Stanford faculty, who convinced him to enroll in Stanford University.
In Yosemite, Tresidder also met future wife Mary Curry, daughter of the owners of the park concession, Yosemite Park and Curry Company, Tresidder spent summers working in Yosemite as a porter and other various odd jobs. He was briefly fired for taking his future wife rock climbing up the back side of Half Dome. They married June 17, 1920. He earned his M.D. from Stanford Medical School in San Francisco, and became president of Yosemite Park and Curry Company. While attending medical school he was a member of Phi Chi Medical Fraternity.
Dr. Tresidder was president of Stanford University from 1943 until 1948 and brought the school through the difficult years of World War II. He often said that his main job at Stanford was fundraising for the school. Tresidder set up a professional fundraising organization and streamlined administrative and accounting practices. He established a scholarship program and helped established Stanford Research Institute. Tressider also abolished the sorority system on campus. Stanford’s student center is named after him.
Description of the Collection
Photographs from Tresidder’s first trip west, 1913; World War I planes and Tresidder as a pilot, 1918; and many photographs of Yosemite National Park, c. 1915-1926. Also included are a pamphlet from the cornerstone laying of the Ahwahnee Hotel, 1926; clipping concerning Tresidder as Stanford’s president, 1945; and a clipping concerning social affairs in Tipton, IN, and the Grishaw family, 1921.
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