Descriptive Summary
Title: George Nader papers
Date (inclusive): circa 1880-2008
Date (bulk): circa 1950-1990
Collection Number: MS 401
Creator: Nader, George, 1921-2002
Extent: 7.90 Linear Feet (9 boxes, 1 flat file folder)
Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department. Riverside, CA 92517-5900
Abstract: This collection consists of the professional and personal papers of actor and science fiction writer George Nader, including manuscript drafts, photographs, financial information, audio cassettes, and a film poster. Notable manuscripts in the collection include Nader's unpublished work *The Perils of Paul*, and *Trio of Forever Friends*, an autobiographical work written by Nader's partner Mark Miller about their friendship with actor Rock Hudson.
Languages: The collection is in English.
Access
The collection is open for research.
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Preferred Citation
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Acquisition Information
Purchased from Bolerium Books, 2016.
Processing History
This collection was processed by Serena Rodholm in 2017.
Processing of the George Nader papers was completed by undergraduate students from the University of California, Riverside as part of the Special Collections & University Archives Backlog Processing Project started in 2015. This project was funded by the UCR Library and administered by Jessica Geiser, Collections Management Librarian.
Biographical Note
George Nader was born in Pasadena, California on October 19, 1921. He received his first film role in 1950's *Rustlers on Horseback*, and acted in a variety of film and television roles until 1974. After suffering an eye injury in the 1970s that left him sensitive to light, Nader retired from acting and turned to writing. His most famous work, the science fiction novel *Chrome*, was published in 1978 and was notable for its open and favorable depiction of a same-sex relationship.
Nader was discreet about his sexuality throughout his career, despite his long term relationship with his partner Mark Miller, who he first met in 1947. Miller served as actor Rock Hudson’s assistant and business manager starting in 1974, and the three were close friends up until Hudson’s death in 1985. Nader and Miller settled permanently in Palm Springs, California. George Nader passed away February 4, 2002, followed by Miller who passed on June 9, 2015.
Collection Scope and Contents
The majority of the collection consists of manuscript drafts, mostly from Nader’s unpublished works *The Perils of Paul* and *Kozmo*. The collection also includes newspaper articles, photographs, and posters from Nader's acting career.
Materials in the collection also include items related to Nader's personal life and family, most notably drafts of *Trio of Forever Friends* by Mark Miller, an autobiography of Rock Hudson with notes by George Nader, magazines, photographs, and audio cassettes recorded by Nader of various musicals and other performances.
Collection Arrangement
The collection is divided into three series. The series are arranged as follows:
Series 1. Professional, circa 1950-1999
Series 2. Personal, circa 1890-2010
Series 3. Audiovisual and Digital Materials,

**Separated Materials**
6 publications were removed from the collection and cataloged as part of Special Collections.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**
Gay actors.
Hudson, Rock, 1925-1985
Lesbian and gay experience.
Nader, George, 1921-2002
Miller, Mark, 1926-2015
Science-fiction writers.

**Genres and Forms of Materials**
Biographies (documents).
Typescripts.

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**Series 1. Professional circa 1915-1999**

**Series Scope and Contents**
This series consists mainly of manuscript drafts of Nader's unpublished works *Perils of Paul* and *Kosmos*. Items in the series also include newspaper articles regarding Nader's acting and writing career, headshots of Nader, and a poster of the film *Million Eyes of Sumaru*, in which Nader starred.

**Series Arrangement**
The series is arranged by item type.

| Box 1, Folders 3-4 | Perils: Book 2 undated |
| Box 1, Folder 2   | Perils and Link 1990   |
| Box 1, Folder 1   | Perils - Character List 1978-07-01 |
| Box 1, Folder 5   | Perils - Chapter Pages May 1999 |
| Box 1, Folders 6-12 | Perils - draft May 1999 |
| Box 1, Folders 13-19, Box 2, Folders 1-5 | Perils - draft June-July 1999 |
| Box 2, Folders 6-11 | Perils - draft October 1999 |
| Box 2, Folders 12-19, Box 3, Folders 1-2 | Perils - draft undated |
| Box 3, Folders 3-5 | The Perils of Paul or Melee undated |
| Box 3, Folder 6   | Much Ado - draft May 1999 |
| Box 3, Folder 7   | Kozmo Notes and Guide undated |
| Box 3, Folders 8-10 | Kozmo - draft January 1977 |
| Box 3, Folders 11-12 | Kozmo - draft undated |
| Box 3, Folder 13  | The Golden Double Cross - draft undated |
| Box 3, Folder 14  | Manuscript Notes undated |
| Box 3, Folder 15  | Newspaper Articles circa 1915-1953 |
| Box 3, Folder 16  | Photographs undated |
Series 1. Professional circa 1915-1999

Million Eyes of Sumaru Movie Poster 1967

Series 2. Personal circa 1880-2010

Series Scope and Contents
The series consists of materials related to Nader's personal life, including from his partner Mark Miller. Items in the series include letters, photographs, stereoviews, maps of the Coachella Valley, drawings, financial documents, and genealogy materials. The series also includes drafts of manuscripts written by Mark Miller and others, most notably Miller's Trio of Forever Friends about his and Nader's relationship with the actor Rock Hudson.

Series Arrangement
The series is arranged by item type.

Box 3, Folder 17
Duell in the Universe - draft 1969
Trio of Forever Friends - draft March 2004
Trio of Forever Friends - draft October 2004
Trio of Forever Friends - draft January 2005
Trio of Forever Friends - draft August 2005
Trio of Forever Friends - draft June 2006
Trio of Forever Friends - draft 2007
Trio of Forever Friends - draft undated

Box 4, Folder 11
FBI Whore - draft undated

Box 4, Folders 12-13
Celebrity Magazines 1950-2001

Box 5, Folders 1-13
Finances 1987-2006

Zoning Comission 1959-1973

Letters 1950-2008
Family Genealogy undated
Photographs undated-2010
Political Photographs 2004
Stereoviews circa 1880
Maps 1958-2004
Certificate of Death 2002
Oversize Drawing March 1992

Series 3. Audiovisual and Digital Materials undated

Series Scope and Contents
This series consists mostly of 273 audio cassette tapes of operas, musicals, movie scores, and other performances recorded and collected by George Nader. Other items in the series include CD-ROMS, floppy disks, Zip disks, a DVD, a VHS tape, and a video reel containing manuscript drafts, photographs, event invitations, and Nader's 1965 film Mordnacht in Manhattan.

Series Arrangement
The series is arranged by material type.

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CD-ROM - Unknown Manuscript Draft circa 1999-2000
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