George Nader papers

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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 folder)
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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 Notable manuscripts in the collection include Nader's unpublished work *The Perils of Paul*, and *Trio of Forever Friends*, an autobiographical work written by Nader's partner Mark Miller about their friendship with actor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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Acquisition Information
Purchased in 2016.
Processing History
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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The majority of the collection consists of manuscript drafts, mostly from Nader's unpublished works *The Perils of Paul* and *Kozmo*.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 as follows:
Series 1. Professional, circa 1950-1999
Series 2. Personal, circa 1890-2010
Series 3. Audiovisual and digital materials, undated

**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**
- Miller, Mark, 1926-2015
- Hudson, Rock, 1925-1985
- Biographies (documents)
- Gay actors
- Lesbian and gay experience
- Science fiction -- Authorship

**Genres and Forms of Materials**
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
- Box 1, Folder 2
- Box 1, Folder 1
- Box 1, Folder 5
- Box 1, Folders 6-12
- Box 1, Folders 13-19,
- Box 2, Folders 1-5
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- Box 2, Folders 12-19,
- Box 3, Folders 1-2
- Box 3, Folders 3-5
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- Box 3, Folder 7
- Box 3, Folders 8-10
- Box 3, Folders 11-12
- Box 3, Folder 13
- Box 3, Folder 14
- Box 3, Folder 15
- Box 3, Folder 16
- Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 2

*Perils: Book 2* undated

*Perils and Link* 1990

*Perils - Character list* 1978 July 01

*Perils - Chapter pages* May 1999

*Perils - draft* May 1999

*Perils - draft June-July 1999*

*Perils - draft October 1999*

*Perils - draft undated*

*The Perils of Paul or Melee* undated

*Much Ado* - draft May 1999

*Kozmo Notes and Guide* undated

*Kozmo* - draft January 1977

*Kozmo* - draft undated

*The Golden Double Cross* - draft undated

Manuscript notes undated

Newspaper articles circa 1915-1953

Photographs undated

*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

Box 3, Folder 18
*Trio of Forever Friends* - draft March 2004

Box 3, Folders 19-20
*Trio of Forever Friends* - draft October 2004

Box 3, Folders 21-22
*Trio of Forever Friends* - draft January 2005

Box 3, Folder 23, Box 4, Folders 1-2
*Trio of Forever Friends* - draft August 2005

Box 4, Folder 3
*Trio of Forever Friends* - draft June 2006

Box 4, Folders 4-5
*Trio of Forever Friends* - draft 2007

Box 4, Folders 6-10
*Trio of Forever Friends* - draft undated

Box 4, Folder 11
FBI Whore - draft undated

Box 4, Folders 12-13
Rock Hudson book 1989

Box 4, Folders 14-15
Celebrity magazines 1950-2001

Box 4, Folders 16-21, Box 5, Folders 1-13
Finances 1987-2006

Box 5, Folders 14-16
Zoning comission 1959-1973

Box 5, Folder 17
Letters 1950-2008

Box 5, Folder 18
Family genealogy undated

Box 5, Folder 19
Photographs 2010, undated

Box 6, Folder 1
Political photographs 2004

Box 6, Folder 2
Stereoviews circa 1880

Box 6, Folder 3
Maps 1958-2004

Box 6, Folder 4
Certificate of Death 2002

Flat-File-Folder 1, Item 1
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.

Box 7, Box 8
Audio cassette tapes undated

Box 9, Item 1
CD-ROM - Unknown manuscript draft circa 1999-2000

Box 9, Item 2
CD-ROM - Mark Miller 80th birthday invitation 2006

Box 9, Item 3
CD-ROM - Trio by Mark Miller 2004
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