Guide to the Philip L. Boyd Papers

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Philip L. Boyd papers
Date (inclusive): 1925-1974, undated
Date (bulk): 1950-1970
Collection Number: UA 079
Creator: Boyd, Philip L., 1900-1989
Extent: 2.0 linear feet (3 document boxes, 1 oversize box)
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Abstract: The Philip L Boyd papers contain materials related to the establishment and subsequent construction of the University of California, Riverside. The collection primarily consists of correspondence between former University of California Regent, Philip L. Boyd, and those individuals responsible for the development of the Riverside campus. Correspondents include members of the California legislature, community leaders, and university officials including Richard M. Nixon, Ronald Reagan, James H. Corley, and Robert G. Sproul. In addition to correspondence this collection also contains newspaper clippings, architectural plans, and photographs regarding campus development.
Languages: The collection is in English.
Access
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Preferred Citation
Acquisition Information
Portions of the Philip L. Boyd papers were acquired in 1989. Acquisition information regarding the remainder of this collection is unavailable.
Processing History
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Biography
Philip L. Boyd was born on October 8th, 1900 in Richmond, Indiana. He attended Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1922. He served as the manager of Bank of America's Palm Springs, California branch from 1929-1930. Boyd was elected as the first Mayor of Palm Springs in 1938, a position he held until 1942. From 1945-1949 Boyd served on the California State Assembly and later became an active member of the Riverside Citizens University Committee.
Boyd was instrumental in the establishment of the University of California, Riverside and in 1957 he was appointed to the UC Board of Regents where he remained until his resignation in 1970. Throughout the years Boyd preserved his close ties to UC Riverside and later donated land in Deep Canyon to the campus. This land, which later became the Philip L. Boyd Desert Research Center, is a 16,301 acre reserve that is part of the University of California Natural Reserve System. Philip L Boyd passed away on September 16th, 1989 at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage at the age of 88.
1900: Philip L. Boyd was born on October 8th in Richmond, Indiana.
1926: Boyd was married to Dorothy Burrough Marmon on March 10th.
1938: Boyd became the first Mayor of Palm Springs.
1945: Boyd was elected to the California State Assembly,
1957: Boyd was appointed as a Regent of the University of California.
1966: Boyd and his wife donated funds to help build the carillon tower at the University of California, Riverside.
1970: Boyd resigned as a Regent of the University of California.
1989: Philip L. Boyd died on September 16th.
Collection Scope and Content Summary
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**Collection Arrangement**

In processing this collection, documents were retained in their original order. As a result, some items may not directly relate to the series that they are contained in. Some file folders contain original item-level listings that may be useful in determining their contents. These lists have not been checked for accuracy and often times display file folder number designations inconsistent with the system currently in place.

This collection is organized into five series:

- **Series 1. Ephemera. 1974, undated.**
- **Series 2. Public Service. 1951-1971, undated.**
- **Series 3. University of California, Riverside Development. 1925-1974, undated.**
- **Series 4. University of California, Riverside Funding. 1949-1973, undated.**
- **Series 5. University of California, Riverside Land Acquisition. 1956-1969, undated.**

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

- Corley, James H., 1904-.
- Reagan, Ronald.
- Riverside Citizens University Committee.
- University of California, Riverside.

**Genres and Forms of Materials**

- Clippings (information artifacts).
- Correspondence.
- Documents.

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**Series 1. Ephemera. 1974, undated.**

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains artifacts that were donated as part of the collection.

**Series Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically.

**Box 4**

- **Framed certificate from the University of California, Riverside honoring Philip L. Boyd for his contribution of the 750,000th volume to the University Library (two copies). 1974.**

**Box 4**

- **Briefcase of Philip L. Boyd. undated.**

**Series 2. Public Service. 1951-1971, undated.**

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains correspondence regarding Philip L. Boyd’s public service involvement. Correspondence with Ronald Reagan and Richard M. Nixon on issues related to the University of California are included.

**Series Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically.
| Box 3, Folder 11 | Correspondence regarding a site visit to Riverside, California by Senator Bill Knowland arranged by the Citizens University Committee. 1951-1952, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 14 | Correspondence regarding the Citizens University Committee and the effect of the UC Riverside campus on the surrounding community. 1953, undated. |
| Box 2, Folder 6 | Correspondence concerning political attacks on faculty members as well as interview questions for Philip L. Boyd from Myra S. Pollard. 1956, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 15 | Correspondence with Richard M. Nixon regarding Proposition 1-A and the issue of subversives speaking at state-supported universities. 1962. |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Correspondence between Philip L. Boyd and Ronald Reagan regarding the University of California. 1968-1971. |

**Series 3. University of California, Riverside Development. 1925-1974, undated.**

**Series Scope and Content Summary**

This series contains papers, correspondence, and other material regarding the development of the University of California, Riverside campus.

**Series Arrangement**

This series is arranged chronologically.

| Box 2, Folder 13 | Correspondence and other material on a variety of campus related topics including the proposal for the formation of the International Dry-Lands Research Institute at UC Riverside. 1925-1965, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 1 | Correspondence and other material regarding the construction and establishment of UC Riverside. 1947-1948, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 3 | Progress report from the Citizens University Committee titled “The University of California at Riverside: A Report of Progress” and Bills from the California Legislature. 1949. |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Newspaper clippings regarding Gordon Watkins and the architectural plan for UC Riverside. 1949, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 5 | Correspondence and other material regarding the status of UC Riverside’s development. 1949, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 8 | Correspondence and other material regarding land use on the UC Riverside campus and surrounding areas. 1949, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 2 | Newspaper clippings regarding the construction and establishment of UC Riverside as well as photographs of Philip L. Boyd’s residence. 1949-1950, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 9 | Correspondence regarding campus construction plans and on-campus housing projects. 1949-1950, undated. |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Papers from the Citizens University Committee regarding the establishment of UC Riverside, newspaper clippings regarding the campus, and materials related to the establishment of on-campus housing. 1949-1969, undated. |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Papers regarding the Citizens University Committee’s effort to establish the UC Riverside campus. 1949-1974, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 10 | Correspondence and other material regarding campus construction plans and limiting liquor licenses in vicinity of UC Riverside. 1951, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 12 | Correspondence regarding United States government approval and allocation of steel during the Korean War for the construction of UC Riverside. 1952, undated. |
| Box 3, Folder 13 | Correspondence regarding the approval of steel for UC Riverside and the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of buildings. 1952, undated. |
| Box 2, Folder 7 | Correspondence and other material regarding campus growth. 1957, undated. |
| Box 1, Folder 1 | Papers regarding the development of UC Riverside. 1957-1970, undated. |
| Box 2, Folder 8 | Papers regarding campus architecture and growth. 1958, undated. |
| Box 2, Folder 10 | Correspondence regarding campus landscaping plans and land acquisition. 1959, undated. |
| Box 2, Folder 9 | Correspondence and other material regarding the future architectural and landscaping plans for campus. 1959, undated. |
| Box 2, Folder 2 | Correspondence regarding campus design and architecture including Ruth Shellhorn’s resignation as consulting architect. 1964-1966, undated. |
| Box 2, Folder 5 | Correspondence and other material regarding the establishment of a School of Veterinary Medicine at UC Riverside. 1966, undated. |

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Box 2, Folder 1
Photograph and other material regarding the University House and Chancellor's residence. undated.


Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains correspondence and other material regarding the funding acquired for the construction of the University of California, Riverside campus.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 3, Folder 7
Correspondence regarding appropriation of funds for the construction of UC Riverside. 1949, undated.

Box 3, Folder 6
Correspondence regarding appropriation of funds for the construction of UC Riverside. 1949, undated.

Box 3, Folder 4
Correspondence and other material regarding the funding and progress of the UC Riverside campus. 1949, undated.

Box 1, Folder 7
Correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other material regarding donations made to UC Riverside. 1950-1970.

Box 1, Folder 2
Correspondence and other material regarding the Clara R. Brouse Fund of the Riverside Foundation. 1961-1970, undated.

Box 2, Folder 11
Correspondence and other material regarding campus donations and enrollment. 1963, undated.

Box 1, Folder 4
Correspondence and other material from the Citizens University Committee regarding the Thomas Gore Memorial Panel Fund. 1967-1973, undated.


Series Scope and Content Summary
This series contains correspondence and other material regarding the acquisition of land for the University of California, Riverside.

Series Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 2, Folder 3
Correspondence and other material regarding UC Riverside land acquisition and the use of on-campus agricultural land. 1956-1966, undated.

Box 2, Folder 4
Correspondence regarding the acquisition of the Harry James and Wass-Snyder properties. 1965-1966, undated.

Box 2, Folder 11
Papers regarding campus land acquisition for UC Riverside. 1969, undated.