Guide to the Vernon Christensen Family Papers

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: The collection contains biographical information, documents, financial records, and photographs pertaining to Goleta, California residents Vernon (Verne), wife Carolyn, and son Kevin Christensen. Also included are several poetry and tech (computer software) notebooks, and loose copies of poems and songs by Vernon Christensen.

Physical location: Vault.

Languages: English

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Acquisition Information

Gift from the Christensen Family Estate, 2010.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection contains biographical information, documents, financial records, and photographs pertaining to Goleta, California residents Vernon (Verne), wife Carolyn, and son Kevin Christensen. Also included are several poetry and tech (computer software) notebooks, and loose copies of poems and songs by Vernon Christensen. Vernon was an electronics engineer who worked for Santa Barbara Research Center (a subsidiary of Hughes Aircraft Company) and General Motors Defense Research Lab, as well as independently.

Vernon and Carolyn Christensen were parents of Kevin Christensen, a UCSB student. Kevin (1969-1991) was killed in a car crash just prior to his senior year. An endowment (the Kevin Christensen Memorial Scholarship Fund) was established by a bequest from his late mother in 2010 to provide ongoing support for student scholarships.

Indexing Terms

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