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NORGREN, CARL A: Papers, 1948-1964

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The papers of Carl A. Norgren, a personal friend of Dwight Eisenhower and co-owner of a Colorado ranch where the President frequently visited, were donated to the Eisenhower Library in July 1998 by his son, Leigh H. Norgren. In August 1998 Mr. Norgren executed an instrument of gift for these papers. The donor has assigned to the United States all copyrights which he has in the materials being donated and in such of his father's writings as may be among any collections of papers received by the U.S. from others and deposited in any depository administered by NARA.

Linear feet shelf space occupied: 1.6
Approximate number of pages: 2,400
Approximate number of items: 600

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1. Papers and other historical materials the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of a living person.
2. Papers and other historical materials that are specifically authorized under criteria established by statute or Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy, and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such statute or Executive Order.

Following a review of the collection all of the materials have been opened and are available to researchers.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Carl A. Norgren was co-owner along with Aksel Nielsen of the Byers Peak Ranch near Fraser, Colorado. When vacationing in Colorado Dwight Eisenhower frequently visited this ranch to fish in St. Louis Creek, and he also enjoyed other pastimes there such as cooking and painting.

A small but significant series in the Norgren Papers is the correspondence file between Norgren and Dwight Eisenhower. It dates from 1948 to 1964 and contains two to three hundred pages of materials, including carbon copies of Norgren's letters to Eisenhower, clippings, a handwritten note by Mamie Eisenhower, White House Christmas cards, formal invitations to White House functions, correspondence with members of Eisenhower's staff, and letters from Eisenhower to Norgren. Most of Eisenhower's letters to Norgren are fairly brief, single-page letters, but there are several that are two and three pages in length. Subjects discussed in their letters include fishing, recreation, taxes, health matters, food, gifts, communism, reorganization of the Department of Defense, accomplishments of the Eisenhower Administration, federal spending, Eisenhower's trip to Europe and the Near East, young people, mutual security program, and personal diet.

The Norgrens were apparently invited to both the 1953 and 1957 Inaugurations and the second and largest series of the collection contains a wealth of materials and clippings relating to the two inaugurations. Included in this series are invitations, programs, schedules, menus, tickets, guide books, souvenirs, articles, maps, and speeches.

A third smaller series is comprised of clippings and articles relating to Eisenhower's visits to Colorado from 1952 to 1957. There are numerous accounts of Eisenhower fishing, painting, cooking, and golfing, plus details are provided on Byers Peak Ranch near Fraser, Colorado. Other topics include the Denver Summer White House, Republican Party politics in Colorado, Social Security, and tariffs.

The small miscellaneous series at the end of the collection contains an assortment of printed materials, clippings, magazine covers, and articles on such subjects as the Eisenhower White House, the Gettysburg Farm, the decision to run in 1956, politics, and Eisenhower as a private citizen.

The last box of the collection contains a number of oversized items, such as White House Christmas cards and magazine issues, covers, and articles.

Besides occasional reflections on serious issues in the correspondence series, this collection provides numerous details relating to Eisenhower's hobbies and recreational pursuits while vacationing in Colorado. An interesting article on Eisenhower fishing in St. Louis Creek mentions the stocking of the creek with 350 hatchery trout prior to his arrival.

One photograph has been transferred to the audiovisual department, and one matchbook has been transferred to the museum.

DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

Box No. Series

1 I. EISENHOWER CORRESPONDENCE, 1948-1964

This series contains two to three hundred pages of materials, including letters from Norgren to Eisenhower, letters from Eisenhower to Norgren, clippings, Christmas cards, White House invitations, and some notes from Mamie Eisenhower. It is organized in reverse chronological order.

1-2 II. INAUGURATIONS, 1953, 1957

Arranged in chronological order. This series contains memorabilia and clippings related to the two inaugurations. It has approximately a thousand to twelve hundred pages of materials.

2-3 III. EISENHOWER AND COLORADO, 1952-1957

This series contains articles and clippings relating to Eisenhower's visits to Colorado from 1952 to 1957. Arranged in chronological order.

3-4 IV. MISCELLANEOUS, 1952-1962

Arranged in chronological order. It includes a variety of printed materials, clippings, magazine covers, and articles.

CONTAINER LIST

Box No. Contents

SERIES I. EISENHOWER CORRESPONDENCE, 1948-1964

- 1 Dwight D. Eisenhower Correspondence, 1948-1964 (1)-(8) [taxes; Christmas cards; Herbert Hoover; Mamie Eisenhower; Richard Nixon; White House dinner; end of Eisenhower Administration; Eisenhower using Metrecal in his diet; Norgren loses new cabin to fire in 1960; mutual security program; young people; free enterprise system; Eisenhower's trip to Europe and Near East; flying lessons in the Philippines, federal spending; accomplishments of the Eisenhower Administration; reorganization of the Department of Defense; growth of central government; Inaugural souvenirs; USSR and communism; heart attack; fishing; federal land acquisition; wildlife and recreation resources; stag dinner at the White House; critical issues of the day]

SERIES II. INAUGURATIONS, 1953, 1957

1953 Inauguration Materials (1)-(6) [invitations; programs; prayer; schedule; itinerary; menus; booklets; tickets; guidebook]

1953 Inauguration, Clippings (1)(2) [Inaugural ceremony; parade; speech; White House]

- 2 1953 Inauguration, Clippings (3)-(8) [past inaugurations; Inaugural committees; Bibles of Presidents; Inaugural Parade and Ball; State of Union Message; Eisenhowers in the White House; some oversized items transferred to Box 4]

1957 Inauguration Materials (1)-(6) [invitations; map; programs; booklets; guide; parade; speech]

1957 Inauguration, Clippings (1)-(3) [souvenir section of newspaper; church bulletin; parade; speech; parade route and line up; balls]

SERIES III. EISENHOWER AND COLORADO, 1952-1957

Eisenhower's Colorado Visit, Clippings, July 1952 [cabin at Byers Peak Ranch; fishing in St. Louis Creek; DDE painting and cooking]

- 3 Eisenhower's Colorado Visit, Clippings, Aug.-Sept. 1953 [Summer White House at Denver; Doud home; Byers Peak Ranch, Fraser; fishing; painting; golf; cooking]

Eisenhower's Colorado Visit, Clippings, Aug.-Oct. 1954 (1)-(5) [DDE visits Littleton; recipe for beef stew; Norgren News with photo of Norgren, DDE, and H.

Hoover on cover; fishing; A. Nielsen; Byers Peak Ranch; advance stocking of streams; cooking; privacy; Social Security bill; St. Louis Creek; Herbert Hoover; Denver White House; tariff cutting; Bal Swan ranch]

Republican Party Politics in Colorado, Clippings, 1954

Eisenhower's Colorado Visit, Clippings, Aug.-Sept. 1955 (1)(2) [Denver White House; golfing; Byers Peak Ranch; David Eisenhower; cooking; fishing; picnic for boys at Byers Peak Ranch]

Eisenhower's Colorado Retreat-Byers Peak Ranch, Clippings, 1955-1956 [new ranch house, a "national" home]

Eisenhower- Fishing, Articles, 1955 [fishing secrets; favorite fly; Nielson and Norgren; Byers Peak Ranch; Balford Swan; cooking; oversized items moved to Box 4]

Eisenhower's Heart Attack, Clippings, 1955 [visitors]

Eisenhower's Hobbies, Article, 1957 [painting; bridge; golf; hunting; fishing; cooking; duties, activities, hobbies of Mrs. Eisenhower; previous residences; recipes]

Aksel Nielsen, Clippings, 1955-1956 [Denver business and development]

History of Ft. Logan, Colorado, Clipping, 1957

Eisenhower and Colorado, Clipping, 1957

SERIES IV. MISCELLANEOUS, 1952-1962

1933 Inauguration Invitation

Pre-Presidential Clippings, 1952

Speech, Boston, Massachusetts, Sept. 21, 1953 [Republican Party; Korean War]

Eisenhower's White House, Articles, 1954 [day-by-day account of White House activities; members of White House staff; Eisenhower's hobbies]

Eisenhower's Gettysburg Farm, 1954 [renovations on home]

Salute to Eisenhower Dinner, Jan. 20, 1956 [program and menu]

Eisenhower's Decision to Run in 1956, Clippings [press conference and speech of Feb. 29, 1956; Presidents and their health]

End of Eisenhower Administration, Clippings, 1960

Miscellaneous Clippings, 1953-1960 (1)(2) [Hereford Journal cover; cabinet; farm policy; Eisenhower-new look on TV; school bill; Secret Service; Merriman Smith article; White House staff; John Foster Dulles]

Post-Presidential Clippings and Articles, 1961-1962 [Eisenhower Library dedication; pioneer virtues and moral values; DDE as private citizen; Berlin Wall; Gettysburg Farm]

4 White House Christmas Cards, 1956-1957

Items Transferred to Museum

OVERSIZED ITEMS

1953 Inauguration, Clippings (6)(7)

Eisenhower-Fishing, Articles, 1955 (1)

Pre-Presidential Clippings, 1952

Eisenhower's Decision to Run in 1956, Clippings

Miscellaneous Clippings, 1953-1960 (1)

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