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VIRGINIA SAGER JANSEN (1922-2004)

PAPERS, 1909-2004
1.1 linear feet

ACQUISITION: The papers were donated by Virginia L. Jansen in 2004.

ACCESS: The papers are open for research.

AUDIOVISUAL: Two LPs are located in box 2.

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Biography

Virginia Sager was born to Harry and Emma Sager on May 29, 1922, in Fresno, California. She attended Alexander Hamilton Junior High, graduating in June 1937. She then attended Fresno High School where she was a member of California Scholastic Federation and was the news editor for the school's weekly newspaper, the *Owlet*. She graduated in 1940.

She attended Fresno State College (now California State University, Fresno) where she was active in the Alpha Theta sorority and the Pianoforte Club. She was also elected as the first, full academic year female student body president for the 1943-1944 school year. On January 1, 1944, Sager married Richard "Dick" Jansen who had joined the United States Navy in 1940. They had three children, Christine in 1945, and fraternal twins, Richard "Sherwood" and Patricia, in 1949.

She taught elementary school for thirty years and then retired to Coarsegold, California. After retiring she co-authored "As We Were Told," an oral history of East Madera County, for which she was honored. She survived her husband, who died in 2002.

Virginia L. Jansen died on May 4, 2004.

Scope and Content Note

The Virginia Sager Jansen papers measure 1.1 linear feet and date from 1909 to 2004. The papers include three scrapbooks which contain certificates, pictures, newspaper clippings and correspondence. The first scrapbook ranges from 1909 to 1944. Included are copies of her birth, baptism, and award certificates as well as her high school diploma and marriage license. The photographs and newspaper clippings pertain to her childhood and college life. The second scrapbook, covering 1944 to 1985, contains Fresno State College newspaper clippings, pictures, and correspondence. A baptism certificate, war ration book, pictures of her children and family, and some of her teaching materials are also included. The third scrapbook, dating from 1953 to 1985, includes the majority of her teaching years' materials consisting of her teaching credential, postgraduate documents, and recognition from the Fresno Teachers Association. Her personal teaching materials consist of handwriting instruction sheets and classroom discipline and radio talk show notes.

The second box of the papers include an award of merit for her writing, newspaper clippings mainly from the Fresno State College *Collegian* from 1943 to 1944, covering her presidency, and from 1983 to 1984, discussing her achievements, and two LP sound discs, which contain her mother's piano arrangement from 1947. A memorial tribute is also included consisting of a State Senate certificate and a *Senate Daily Journal* documenting that her name was read in memoriam during a State Senate session.

Box no. Description

Box 1

Award of merit, 1993 [shelved in map case D, drawer 10]

Memorial tribute, 2004

Newspaper clippings, 1943-1944, 1983-1984

Scrapbooks

1909-1944

1944-1985

1953-1985

Sound discs (2 LPs), 1947 [shelved in map case D, drawer 10]

Teaching materials

Classroom discipline notes, 1969, 1972-1973

Handwriting instruction sheets, 1968

Radio talk show notes, undated