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JACK R. GODDARD Jr. (1930-)

COLLECTION, 1981-2001
3 linear inches, 11 audiocassettes
and 1 photo album

ACQUISITION: The collection was donated by Jack Goddard in 1993 and subsequent years.

ACCESS: The collection is open for research.

AUDIOVISUAL: Audiocassettes in box 1.

COPYRIGHT: Copyright has been transferred to California State University, Fresno.

PHOTOGRAPHS: In photo album on oversize shelf.

PROCESSED BY: Jean Coffey and Tammy Lau, 1999. Audiocassettes transcribed by Christine Van Iterson, 1997-1998.

Background

Jack Ratio Goddard Jr. was born in 1930 in Fresno, California. His mother, Doris Hutchison Hicks, was a successful dentist in town and his father, a Fresno native and well-known editor for the *Fresno Republican* and *Fresno Bee*, among others.

Goddard's father, Jack R. Goddard Sr., was asked to record his reminiscences for an oral history project. He never did but before his death in 1983, he asked his son to record them for him, saying that the younger Goddard knew most of his stories as well as he did. In 1993, Goddard began recording his father's stories and some of his own under the auspices of the Special Collections department at California State University, Fresno. The project continued until 1996 and the audiocassettes were later transcribed and edited.

Part of Goddard's efforts in documenting Fresno's history began earlier, in 1981, when he and Ann Williamson started taking photographs of old Fresno landmarks and sites in the area before they were torn down or lost to history. That project concluded in 1999.

Scope and Content Note

The Jack Goddard collection measures 3 linear inches and includes 11 audiocassettes and 1 photo album. The collection dates from 1981 to 2001.

The eleven audiocassettes correspond to ten narratives. Tape one is on two audiocassettes. The addendum at the end of the narratives was never recorded orally. There is a typed transcript for each of the narratives. One set of the transcripts is a verbatim account of what is on the audiocassettes. The other, entitled "Some Remembrance, Some Social History" (Volume I, 1999) is another version of the transcripts, extensively edited, revised and augmented by Jack Goddard including an index to each of the narratives. It covers mostly people, places and events in Fresno from the 1930s to the 1950s. Interspersed within the narrative are some of Goddard's own memories and commentaries on the times, both in Fresno and elsewhere. Volume II is a continuation of Volume I with some clarification of certain facts in the previous narratives.

The photographs are mounted in a large photo album and have been annotated by Jack Goddard. Most of photographs were taken between 1981 and 1999 although they are not individually dated. They depict old Fresno landmarks and scenes that have some connection to the city's past.

Box no. Description

Box 1

Audiocassettes (11), 1993-1996

Bound transcripts

Volume I, 1999

Original

Edited

Volume II, 2001

Photo album, [1981-1999] [shelved on oversize shelf]