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Guide to the Raymond Brandes papers

Raymond Brandes

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Overview of the Collection

Title: Raymond Brandes papers

Dates: 1968-1995

Creator: Brandes, Raymond

Quantity: 1 box (1 linear foot)

Summary: These records document Raymond Brandes' activities as Dean of the College of Graduate and Continuing Education, Professor of History, and organizer of the University of San Diego Archaeology Technician Program. Records include correspondence, memoranda, course planning materials, news releases, and fliers.

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Biographical Note

Raymond Brandes was a professor of History and Archaeology and Dean of the Graduate School at the University of San Diego. During his 31 years at USD, Brandes directed more than 125 masters' theses relating to the American West and San Diego. He directed archaeological digs and research for Old Town State Historic Park, Spanish Fort Royal Presidio and Mission San Diego de Alcalá on Presidio Hill. He also directed studies of more than 250 buildings in San Diego's Gaslamp District.

Brandes was born on January 2, 1924 in Coronado, California. He was raised in Bario Logan and Old Town in San Diego, California. He was a descendant of the Machado family, founders of Old Town.

Brandes served as an army technician during World War II. He then worked with the National Park Service in Arizona. Among his accomplishments during that time was conducting an archaeological survey of the San Carlos Indian Reservation in which he uncovered a ball court built by the Hohokam. In 1958, Brandes began working toward his B.A. and Ph.D. in Historic Site Archaeology and Western American History from the University of Arizona. He began working as professor of History and Archaeology at USD in the mid-1960s.

In addition to his work at USD, Brandes authored 21 books, hundreds of articles and hundreds of reports on historic San Diego buildings. He was also the founder of the San Diego Congress of History in 1966 and the San Diego Baseball Historical Society in 1996. He was awarded the Distinguished Historian Medal from University of Arizona in 1989 and the Medal of San Diego de Alcalá for distinguished service from USD in 1996. Brandes passed away on April 16th, 2014 at the age of 90.

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Scope and Content Note

The Raymond Brandes papers largely pertain to Brandes' work as University of San Diego Dean of Graduate and Continuing Education, particularly related to his involvement with Archaeology courses. Under Brandes' direction, USD offered an Archaeology Technician Program to USD students, graduates, and community members. These included genealogy, historic site survey, and historic site preservation courses. Brandes led many of these courses with USD colleague James Moriarty. These records include fliers and brochures for the archaeology courses as well as correspondence and planning materials. Also included are materials Brandes collected to assist students beyond their graduation from USD. These materials include internship information solicited from a variety of institutions as well as articles and news clippings covering career opportunities for graduates in History and Public History.

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Arrangement

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Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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Related Material

Mission San Diego de Alcalá Historic Site Survey summary reports as well as many student theses directed by Brandes can be found in the University Archives.

A few photographs have been photocopied, and the original moved to photograph storage for preservation purposes. The photocopy remains in the original photograph location.

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Index Terms

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the online catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these headings.

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University of San Diego
Old Town (San Diego, Calif.)
San Diego (Calif.)
San Diego Mission
archaeology
historic buildings
history
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Administrative Information

Preferred citation

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Raymond Brandes prior to 1997.

Processing Information

Initial processing of this collection was conducted by Tessie Camina in 2009.
Further processing was conducted by Ashley Toutain in 2017.

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