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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

MS035

Unit Date

1947-1980

Language

English .

Extent

.23 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

Local History and Special Collections Branch, Alexandria Library

Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

Nicholas "Nick" Colasanto was born May 21, 1904 in Waterbury, Connecticut. After attending law school for 2 years at Fordham University, he moved to Alexandria in 1930, finished his law degree at National University law school, and began playing semi-professional football in the city. He practiced law and even served as Alexandria City Manager from 1947-1949, until 1963 when he began making his primary income in real estate. He also began eyeing politics around this time.

Colasanto served 4 terms in the Alexandria City Council. One of his joys was performing marriages and loved giving advice to couples. In one year, he married 800 newlyweds. During his time in Alexandria, he was active in the Alexandria Lions Club, the Salvation Army, the Sons of Italy, and several other charitable organizations. Colasanto died on February 8, 1983 and is buried in St. Mary's in Alexandria. Colasanto park in Alexandria is named in his honor.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains letters, political memorabilia, several programs from various organizations, personal photos, and other miscellaneous ephemera.

Keywords

Politics and culture -- United States.

Politicians.

Lawyers.

Politicians -- Virginia -- Alexandria

Photographs.

Colasanto, Nicholas A. (Nicholas Anthony), 1904-1983

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit Date 1956-1980

Text 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This folder contains several letters, most of which are congratulating Nick Colasanto on elections.

Keywords

Politics and culture -- United States.

Letters.

Papers

Text 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This folder contains miscellaneous personal items from Mr. Colasanto. Included are political advertisements and sample ballots, statistics regarding Colasanto's weddings performed, and his 50 Years of Service award from the Virginia State Bar.

Keywords

Politicians -- Virginia -- Alexandria

Political Brochures

Text 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This folder contains brochures from local and national elections, including ads for Adlai Stevenson, Armistead L. Boothe, The Rosemont Citizens Association, and the Democratic Party.

Keywords

Politicians.

Politics and culture -- United States.

Politicians -- Virginia -- Alexandria

Programs

Unit Date 1947-1975

Text 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This folder contains several programs for several events. Programs include a testimonial dinner in honor of Judge Albert V. Bryan, a dinner of the Alumni Association of National University, the Alexandria, Virginia Antiques Show, the Art Fair Program presented by the Alexandria Junior Women's Club, ground-breaking ceremonies for the New Alexandria Hospital, the 43rd and 47th annual conventions of Lions International, a ceremony for the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Company, an installation of officers ceremony for the Old Dominion Priory Order of Knighthood, and two programs from services at St. Mary's.

Keywords

Lawyers.

Fire departments -- Virginia -- Alexandria

Miscellaneous

Text 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Language English.

Scope and Contents

This folder contains miscellaneous items such as a booklet on fallout protection, an ad brochure for Shannon Liquor Shipments, a brochure for The Cavalier, Alexandria's YMCA, and other assorted items.

Photos

Unit Date 1947-1980

Graphic Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

This folder contains several photos of Colasanto and unidentified friends and colleagues.

Keywords

Photographs.

Colasanto, Nicholas A. (Nicholas Anthony), 1904-1983