

**Daniel Mikesell Collection 1960-1973**

**Ontario City Library  
Robert E. Ellingwood Model  
Colony History Room**



**Ontario, California**

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## **Descriptive Summary**

### **Title**

Daniel Mikesell Collection 1960-1973

### **Creator**

This collection was purchased at the Mikesell estate sale at his home in Ontario on March 1, 2008 by Joanne Boyajian and Barb Gonzales at the direction of Director Judy Evans.

### **Extent**

**Number of containers:** 1

**Linear feet:** .5

### **Abstract**

Daniel D. Mikesell was born on March 22, 1910 in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He attended UCLA and married Gabrielle Lucas, a former Miss Ontario in 1936. He joined the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors in 1954 and served until he was elected Mayor of Ontario in 1960. Re-elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1962, he remained there until his retirement in 1974. He died on November 12, 2007 in Ontario.

Known as a consummate politician, he was considered an authority on aviation and transportation. He was instrumental in the transfer of the Ontario Airport to the County of Los Angeles and the 15-10 freeway interchange is named in his honor for his decades-long effort to construct the link between Ontario and Fontana. This collection contains memorabilia from his estate reflecting his years as mayor and his interest in the Ontario Motor Speedway.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Access**

Collection is open for research during the operating hours of the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony History Room, or by appointment.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisitions Information**

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### **Processing Information**

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## **Container List**

Folder 1 - Items pertaining to his tenure as Mayor of Ontario 1960-62:

- 3 sheets of city letterhead

- 2 acrylic paperweights with a key to the city of Ontario inside each

Folder 2 - Nameplate "Mayor Daniel D. D. Mikesell"

- Name badge "Guest Mayor Mikesell Air Defense Command USAF"

- Name badge "Daniel Mikesell B.P. O. Elks 1419 Ontario, Calif."

Folder 3 – undated 8x10 b/w photo of Mikesell and President Gerald R. Ford

Folder 4 – certificate from E Clampus Vitus to Mikesell dated October 5, 1957

Folder 5 - Items pertaining to the Ontario Motor Speedway:

- Goldtone tie tack "Ontario Motor Speedway"

- Badge with Coca-Cola emblem "Ontario Motor Speedway"

- Badge, "Daniel D. Mikesell, Ontario Motor Speedway Ground Breaking September 24, 1968"

- Ticket stub Questor Grand Prix Sunday, March 28, 1971 Victory Circle Club

- Ticket stub Qualifications Second Annual California 500, Saturday August 28, 1971

- 1973 Fourth Annual California 500 Club Suite 7 two passes

Folder 6 - Collector's folder of memories from the inaugural running of the California 500 September 6, 1970

Folder 7 – correspondence regarding tickets to various Ontario Motor Speedway Races 1970-1973

Folder 8 – letterhead from San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors