

Robert E. Ellingwood Collection 1944-2004

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



Ontario, California

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Descriptive Summary

Title

Robert E. Ellingwood Collection 1944-2004

Creator

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Extent

Number of containers: 2

Linear feet: 3

Abstract

Robert E. Ellingwood was born January 2, 1927 in Los Angeles. He came to Ontario after serving in the Navy during World War II to attend Chaffey College. He became an Ontario realtor in 1964 and was active in both the Ontario-Upland-Chino Board of Realtors and later served as a director for the California Association of Realtors. In 1978 he was elected to the first of his two terms as Mayor of Ontario. He became known as the consummate historian of the Chaffey family and organized the Chaffey Society which was instrumental in the creation of the statue of George Chaffey that now stands before the Upland City Hall.

For his tireless efforts at preserving Ontario's history, the local history room of the Ontario City Library was named after him in 2004. He died on December 3, 2004 in Ontario. This collection contains a box of smaller plaques awarded to him for his various achievements civically and in real estate. Larger plaques and other memorabilia are located in the "Ellingwood Corner" of the library's local history reading room. The second box contains photos, memos, certificates and a partial oral history transcript that documents his military, municipal and real estate careers. Other information about him may be found in the Ellingwood Biography file and also the Cities-Mayors-Ellingwood clipping file folder in the Robert E. Ellingwood Model Colony Local History Reading Room.

Administrative Information

Access

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

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Acquisitions Information

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Processing Information

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Container List

Box 1

Plaques to Mr. Ellingwood from:

West San Bernardino County Board of Realtors 1981
Southern Calif. Assn of Governments 1978-79, 1982-1985
Senator Ruben S. Ayala Dec. 10, 1985
Calif. Assn. of Realtors Certificate Dec. 1976
Water Facilities Authority Oct. 4, 1985
City of Ontario, July 17, 1979
Ontario-Upland-Chino Board of Realtors, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1980, 1982
City of Upland, 1978-1985
Inland Empire Magazine Citizen of the Year Jan. 28, 1983
City of Montclair, Dec. 10, 1985
Greater Ontario Visitor's Bureau, Life Member undated

Box 2

Folder

- 1 - 37 civic and real estate certificates of appreciation from 1968-2001
Also digitally scanned. Disk in folder.
- 2 – California Sesquicentennial Committee (1998) agendas,
correspondence, notes, invitations to Chaffey descendants
- 3 – Ellingwood campaign checks (copies) 1985, campaign documents
- 4 – Chaffey Family Correspondence
- 5 - George Chaffey Society. Major accomplishment was the statue of
George placed in front of the Upland Public Library in 2005.
- 6 – Chaffey statue pictures, correspondence, news clippings
- 7 – Educational certificates and teaching assignments 1972-1976
- 8 – Etiwanda Historical Society correspondence
- 9 – Elks Lodge – Ontario No. 1419 badges and correspondence
- 10 – 1947 Chaffey College Jr. Rose Bowl and 50-year reunion
Correspondence
- 11 - Mayoral and legislative correspondence
- 12 - Mayoral and legislative photographs
- 13 – Military papers and records – general
- 14 – Military miscellaneous – Korean War
- 15 – Military records – World War II
- 16 - Ontario-Upland-Chino Board of Realtors photos, miscellaneous
- 17 – Personal Correspondence, including handwritten will (not sure if it's a
joke) leaving \$1 to youngest son. See his Bio file for possible
explanation.
- 18 - Draft manuscript of his oral history dated Aug. 19, 2003 for the
Ontario Museum of History and Art. Incomplete.
- 19 - Sister Cities Correspondence – Winterthur, East Coast Bays
- 20 - Personal album photos and greeting cards
- 21 - 3x5 note cards with sayings, "to do" lists, speech ideas