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Summary Information

Repository	Oregon Health & Science University Historical Collections & Archives
Creator - Creator	Anderson, Robert L., M.D., 1924-2008
Title	Robert L. Anderson and Karen Brinkman Anderson Papers
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Abstract	Robert Leroy Anderson, DMD was born in Baker, Oregon in 1924. He graduated from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1952. He maintained a dental practice in Portland, Oregon from 1952-1986. Dr. Anderson died on March 7, 2008. Karen Ann Brinkman, RDH, (registered dental hygienist) was a graduate of the UO Dental School, Dental Hygeine Program. She served as an instructor in the Dental Hygeine program of the UO Dental School and author for dental publications. She was employed by Dr. Robert L. Anderson as a dental hygienist. They were married in 1991. The materials consist of documents, certificates, photographs, drawings and an audiotape.

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Biographical/Historical note

Robert Leroy Anderson was born August 21, 1924, in Baker, OR to Estella nd Isaac Anderson. There were so many Roberts in Bob's family that his family called him Roy.

Bob grew up in the Park Rose Area of Portland and attended Grant High School. He graduated in 1942 and enlisted in the Navy during World War II. Bob entered the Navy and spent the war years on the USS Pennsylvania. In 1945, he went from active duty status to reserve status and stared college. He graduated from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1952. He retired from the Navy after 30 years as a senior officer.

Bob married Fae D. Halverson in 1954. They were divorced in 1989.

Bob practiced dentistry in Portland from 1952 to 1986 and loved every minute of it. He lectured nationally and internationally. He was accepted and served on several professional organizations in the US and abroad including a fellowship in the International and American College of Dentists. Bob came from a lineage of Masons and was very active in Shriners including volunteering at the Portland Shriner's Hospital.

Bob married Karen Ann Brinkman, a Registered Dental Hygienist, in 1991.

One of Bob's passions all of his life was the American Indian , their culture, and their art. Bob did volunteer work and spent a lot of time at Fort Peck Reservation in Montana. He was adopted into chief status by Julius and Lissie Youngman's family and into the Assiniboine/Sioux tribe.

Bob established and was president of the Robert-Isaac Pharmaceutical Co. and the Life Leather Dressing Company. He and Fae collected Indian art and started the Buffalo Trading Post and Indian Museum, which he owned and managed.

Bob loved to travel, as well. He traveled all over the United States making a point to visit friends at different reservations. He also traveled to Europe, Asia, and South America.

Upon retirement, he left Oregon to travel in his motor home throughout North America. He married Karen in 1991 and they settled in the Palm Springs area. They opened an art gallery in Palm Desert. Although the gallery closed, he continued his many hobbies, which included painting, teaching painting, art appraisal, designing and making jewelry, hunting and fishing.

He loved rodeos, horses, the opera, the symphony, collecting classic cars, shopping, the mail, his dogs, and most of all, his family and friends. He also played the violin and bagpipes.

He was always full of life. He was a great husband to Karen, a father who loved his children Michael, Victoria and Mardona, a grandfather who thought the world of his grandchildren Persmoen (Peris) and Marie, a big brother to his siblings Wade and Laura and a wonderful friend to all he met.

He was known as the "Silver Dollar Man". Bob loved to give silver dollars to people he met. He gave tips with silver dollars, he'd give silver dollars to people he met - sometimes on the street.

Dr. Robert Anderson died on March 7, 2008 of respiratory failure at Thousand Palms, CA.

Scope and Content

The Robert Leroy Anderson, DMD and Karen Ann Brinkman Anderson Papers consist of materials pertaining to their professional lives as dentist and dental hygienist and includes documents, an audio tape, drawings, articles, photographs and biographical information.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Occupation(s)

- Dentistry

- Dentistry - Oregon
- Dentists
- hygiene -- dental

Personal Name(s)

- Anderson, Robert L., M.D., 1924-2008
- Brinkman Anderson, Karen

Subject(s)

- University of Oregon.School of Dentistry

Technical Requirements

No special equipment is needed to access most of the materials. An audio tape machine is needed to access the audio tape.

Collection Inventory

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Audio tape: Music
F1 - Open Wide: Humor from Dental Hygiene Students and Faculty
F2 - Dental Hygiene files
Programs: capping and pinning - 1970; 1972
Photograph: Carolyn Highley, Terry Strong, Karen Brinkman: circa 1960s
Roster: first dental hygiene students - 1970
Announcement: 50th Anniversary celebration for Karen Anderson
Course certificates: 4
F3- Photos and drawings - for Practice Dentures: Sweeney and Terkla, 1955

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F4 - Occlusion drawings - 1979

F5 - Articles - "The Stabilized Double Pin Splint" - July/August 1985

F6 - Article - "Adaptation of the Molar Platinum foil for the Bonded Alumina Crown" 1983

35 mm slides for article

F7 - Article in Spanish - Platinum Foil Technique

proofs

negative film

correspondence

F8 Biographical information R. L. Anderson

Obituary

Biographical sketch