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Gloriane Perrier Collection, (1919-1994) bulk 1950-1975

Number: 2020.12

Creator: Gloriane Perrier, Perrier Family

Extent: 11.163 ft., 9 boxes

Oversized, framed items: 1.167 x 1.417 ft. & 3.333 x 1.167 ft.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Provenance: Donated by Dr. Andrea Breau and Shaad Masood, 11/19/2020. The donors found the items in the attic of their house, which was previously owned by the Perrier Family.

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Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

Languages: English and French.

LOCATION OF ASSOCIATED ITEMS: Older collection of photos and an oral history with Gloriane, recorded at the Franco-American Collection in 1994, has been consolidated with this new collection.

BIOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL NOTE:

Gloriane "Glo" Perrier was born in Lewiston, ME, March 21, 1929, to Philius and Alma Gosselin Perrier. She had two brothers, Conrad and Marcel, and one sister, Therese. Glo graduated from Lewiston High School in 1949, and went on to work for the Department of the Army, as a secretary, until retiring in 1983.

She was active in and competed in multiple sports including softball, basketball, bowling, speed skating, canoeing and Olympic kayaking. According to an oral history with Glo, recorded at the Franco-American Collection in 1994, she started kayaking by accident. While playing softball, a friend asked her if she'd be interested in bowling, and

later, while bowling, another friend (an Olympic canoeist) asked if she'd be interested in canoeing and kayaking.

Glo competed in the 1960 Olympics in Rome, the first time U.S. women competed in kayaking at the Olympics. In 1964, she and her kayak partner, 15-year-old Francine Fox, won the silver medal for 500 meter doubles in the Olympics in Tokyo. After Tokyo, she continued to travel and compete, while also coaching olympic teams for 9 years. She also dabbled in aviation and motorcycle riding. For the last 35 years of her life, she lived in Alabama with partner Deb Magee.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The collection includes olympics and other canoe/kayak related clothing, as well as trophies and medals from canoeing, kayaking, softball, and bowling. Also included are certificates in Gloriane's name and those in the names of other family members: father Philius, brother Conrad, and sister Therese.

Box #	Series #	Series and Subseries Titles	Dates
5-7	1	Gloriane Perrier 1 Trophies and Medals	1957-1975, n.d
1-3		2 Clothing	1973, n.d.
5, 8		3 Ephemera	1960-1980, nd.
5		4 Pre-2020 Collection	1960, 1964, 1994
4		5 Certificates and Photos	1969, 1973, n.d
9		6 Flags	n.d
	2	Perrier Family	
4		1 Conrad Perrier	1943, 1948
OS		2 Therese Perrier	1938
5, OS		3 Philius Perrier	1919, n.d
	3	Books	
8		1 Gloriane's Missal	1966
Shelved		2 (1964) United States Olympic Book: Games of the XVIII Olympiad, Tokyo, IX	1964

Olympic Winter Games, Innsbruck, IV Pan
American Games, Sao Paulo. United
States Olympic Committee.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Perrier, Gloriane, 1929-2015

Perrier, Therese, ?-2015

Perrier, Conrad, 1926-2007

Perrier, Philias, 1898-1973

Professional athletes--United States

Summer Olympics (18th : 1964 : Tokyo, Japan)

Kayaking--United States.

Canoes and canoeing--United States--History.