Griswold, Nathaniel Robadeau, 1901-
U. S. War Relocation Authority, Rohwer Relocation Center records, 1938-1945.

4' (1,970 items in 53 folders and 4v.) MS, TS, TS copy, Proc TS, PR, Photo.

Correspondence; memoranda; reports; bulletins; lists; budgets and other financial records; scrapbooks; camp newspapers, periodicals, and other printed titles; photographs; and other materials created, received, or collected by Griswold while he served, 1943-1945, as Superintendent of the Community Activities Section of the Rohwer Relocation Center at McGehee, Ark., and pertaining to the operation of the center and to the life and work of its residents.

Arranged in 7 series; series inventories.
No restrictions.

I. U.S. Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark.
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Box 1. Series 1. Correspondence, 1943-45. (1,321 items in
14 folders, arranged in chronological order within
each folder; not indexed by correspondent. Nat R.
Griswold is chief correspondent.)

F1. CHRISTMAS FILE -- INCOMING AND OUTGOING
LETTERS. (Items 1-48).

The folder contains largely incoming correspondence
concerning gifts sent to Rohwer Relocation Center, in-
cluding lists of persons and groups sending gifts, ac-
knowledgments of same, and numerous Christmas cards.
Dates are largely 1943.

F2. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE -- GENERAL. (Items
49-128).

The folder contains incoming correspondence, largely
of a general nature, concerning matters related to Rohwer,
including film rentals, gifts to the Center, acquisition of
playground equipment, recreational activities, acknowledg-
ments of invitations to Rohwer, and other routine corre-
respondence. Dates are largely 1944.

F3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. (Items 129-144).

F4. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. (Items 145-155).

Folders 3 and 4 contain letters of recommendation,
largely "To Whom It May Concern," regarding residents
of Rohwer, written by Nat R. Griswold. Dates include
1943-45.

F5. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE -- GENERAL. (Items
156-239).
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F6. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE -- GENERAL. (Items 240-363).

Folders 5 and 6 contain outgoing correspondence, largely of a general nature, concerning matters related to Rohwer community activities, including acknowledgments of gifts for the Center, film bookings, announcements of exhibits, mail orders, invitations to visit the Center, receipt of publications as well as order of same, training institutes, recreational activities, and other miscellaneous correspondence. Dates are largely 1944.

F7. INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE -- GENERAL. (Items 364-473).

F8. INCOMING AND OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE -- GENERAL. (Items 474-581).

Folders 7 and 8 contain incoming and largely outgoing general business correspondence concerning Rohwer, including matters related to community activities. Dates are largely 1945.


Folders 9 and 10 contain largely outgoing correspondence regarding matters related to Rohwer, including letters concerning recommendations for certain residents of the Center, acquisition of films, payment of bills, and various other activities. Folders include some incoming business correspondence. Significant correspondents include: Allen Eaton, Department Director, Russell Sage
Box 1. Series 1 (Cont. . . )

Foundation, New York; and Paul Page Faris, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

Box 2. F11. INCOMING MEMORANDUMS. (Items 806-924).

Folder 11 contains incoming memorandums from other divisions and sections of the Center concerning largely administrative matters, including the following subjects: announcements, meetings, changes in working hours, work assignment of teachers, time and attendance reports, school activities, athletic activities, in-service training classes, passes, vacation leave, compensation time, termination of evacuee employees, and other activities. Dates include 1944-45.


Folders 12 and 13 contain outgoing memorandums to different departments and sections of the Center largely concerning community activities, meetings, personal leave, passes, new regulation, recreation institute, and other administrative matters.


The folder contains miscellaneous memorandums concerning community activities, including certain administrative matters.
Box 2. **Series 2. Reports, 1939-40, 1942-45.** (333 items in 19 folders, arranged arbitrarily).

**F1. FINAL REPORTS.** (Items 1-4).

The folder contains a narrative report of the Rohwer Cooperative Enterprise (the corporate business undertaking which provided goods and services to Rohwer residents), including the organizational history and evaluation of the operation; also, a historical statistical-functional report of same, including balance sheets and operating budgets. File includes a report, "Introduction--Three Jobs," by Nat R. Griswold, describing his position at Rohwer.

**F2. ROHWER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION--HISTORY.**

(Items 5-14).

The folder contains a lengthy narrative report concerning Rohwer Community Activities Section, including material related to its organization, program of activities, and closure of the section. Most of the report concerns a detailed description of the types of activities found at the Center. File also contains an appendix of selected exhibits, including organizational charts.

**F3. ROHWER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION--HISTORY.**

(Items 15-27).

The folder contains the same report as Folder 2. Appendix includes added exhibits.

**F4. ROHWER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECTION--HISTORY.**

(Item 28).

The folder contains a typed rough draft of the report in Folders 2 and 3, with penciled corrections.
The folder contains a Semi-Annual Report, War Relocation Authority, Washington, D. C., for January to June, 1944; also, a special report on the Nisei Conference at Rohwer in March, 1945.

Folders 6 and 7 contain miscellaneous material, including memorandums, charts, announcements, passes, church bulletins and other material related to churches, including a typed report concerning the history of the Rohwer Federated Christian Church; programs, adult class schedule, lists of students seeking relocation, Scout registration list, a few letters, lists of Community Activities personnel, administrative subdivision, job titles, and related information; a handwritten report on the analysis of the Community Activities staff; recreation bulletins, short reports of conferences and activities; also, a rough draft of the Community Activities section of the War Relocation Authority manual.

The folder contains Community Activities monthly statistical reports.

The folder contains largely budget estimated, justification for budgets, including a few memos dealing with
same. File also includes a copy of the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1943 - June 30, 1944.

F10. SURVEY - SOLDIERS IN SERVICE. (Items 182-187).

The folder contains information revealed by a survey concerning men from Rohwer in Service, including information furnished for different blocks. File includes an account by a Japanese-American soldier of his war experiences; also, a paper, "Is Democracy Unhorsed?" by Kiyoshi Okamoto, Heart Mountain, Wyoming, concerning the induction of Niseis into the United States Army.

F11. LIFE AT THE CENTER. (Items 188-194).

The small folder includes a short report concerning agriculture and production at the time Rohwer Relocation Center opened, including statistical tables; also, a copy of an editorial regarding treatment of Japanese in America, particularly in California.

F12. USO--MISCELLANEOUS. (Items 195-197).

The folder contains a short summary of findings revealed by a survey of Rohwer men in the Service; a list of the number of soldiers who visited the Center; and Rohwer casualty list.


The folder contains correspondence from the Rohwer Community Christmas Committee concerning acknowledgments for donations and gifts for the Center. File also includes various short reports concerning Christmas
activities and a short article regarding Christmas at Rohwer.


F15. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS. (Items 232-237).

The folder contains part 4 of a War Relocation Authority, Community Analysis Section report, "Prospects for the Resettlement of Rohwer Farmers," by Margaret L. Lantis; "Educational Aspects of the California Youth Survey," by Dr. Aaron Jones, Technical Director of the California Youth Study for the State Department of Education, reporting progress on the study in nine articles; and a few financial statements.

F16. COOPERATIVE COLONIZATION. (Items 238-239).

The folder contains a colonization plan presented for consideration by a Citizen's Committee at Rohwer in August, 1944, including copies in English and Japanese.

F17. YMCA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES. (Items 240-258).

The folder contains correspondence and materials concerning leadership conferences at Rohwer as well as evaluation of same; also, evaluation of recreation institute. Dates include 1943-44.
F18. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORTS. (Items 259-309).

F19. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORTS. (Items 310-333).

The folders contain War Relocation Authority monthly reports (printed forms), including separately attached narrative reports; a "History of Rohwer Community Activities Section, Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Arkansas," by Kazuo Ikebasu, as of May 20, 1943, including organizational charts; reports containing highlights of community activity; also, other miscellaneous reports; and answers to a questionnaire on the Community Activities Section.

F1. WRA RELEASES. (Items 1-9).

F2. WRA RELEASES. (Items 10-26).

F3. WRA RELEASES. (Items 27-38).

Folders 1-3 contain War Relocation Authority items: Community Analysis Reports, Community Analysis Notes, Administrative Notices, Office of Solicitor memorandums, plus an address and a paper by the WRA Director. Material concerns various aspects of the relocation program, including the following subjects: evacuation, alien land laws, relocation center government, and Nisei in the Armed Forces; also, summaries of WRA conferences and items related to certain administrative procedures. Files also include WRA material related to the Japanese people and their American descendants concerning background and culture.
Box 4.  

**Series 4. Photographs, 1944-45.** (6 items in 2 folders).

The folders contain fully labeled photographs (13 1/2" x 10 1/2"). Not arranged; numbered arbitrarily.

F1. PERIODICALS. (Items 1-16).

F2. PERIODICALS. (Items 17-25).

F3. PERIODICALS. (Items 26-30).

Folders 1-3 contain selected editions of The Rohwer Outpost, Oct. 24, 1942 - May 5, 1943, some in both English and Japanese.

F4. PERIODICALS. (Items 31-49).

The folder contains various Rohwer religious publications: The Rohwer Transmitter, which includes order of service and general church items; Transmitter Literary Edition, special edition of The Rohwer Transmitter, which includes original articles and poems; and Literary Monthly, church newsletter; all published by The Rohwer Federated Christian Church. Dates include 1943-44. File 4 also includes one copy of the Clearwater Clarion Call, published by the Rev. K. H. Sakaue, Pre-evacuation Clearwater Baptist Church, Clearwater, California.

F5. NEWSPAPERS. (Items 50-55).

F6. NEWSPAPERS. (Items 56-63).

F7. NEWSPAPERS. (Items 64-72).

F1. MISCELLANEOUS. (Items 1-45).

F2. MISCELLANEOUS. (Items 46-95).

F3. MISCELLANEOUS. (Items 96-138).

F4. MISCELLANEOUS. (Items 139-170).

Folders 1-4 contain miscellaneous material, including the following items: a copy of the Constitution for the community government of Rohwer Relocation Center, Jan. 13, 1943, in English and Japanese; Rohwer Community Council, Ordinance no. 1; a printed message from the President of the United States, Sept. 14, 1943, concerning segregation of loyal and disloyal Japanese; church bulletins and membership lists; loose correspondence and memorandums; activity programs, and bank checks. Files, in addition, include many Community Activities financial statements, a few Community Activities budgets, and a typed report, not titled, concerning war relocation generally as well as consumer and educational activities of the Center. Folder 3 contains a typed report, "Our Community Government and Its Activities," concerning community government, with lists of Councilmen and committees, including their function and membership.