

National Press Club Archives

Finding Aid for the Jerome Fanciulli Papers (1898-1985)

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Summary Information

Creator: Jerome Fanciulli
Title: Jerome Fanciulli Papers
Inclusive Dates: 1898-1985
Extent: ¼ linear feet
Language: All materials are in English
Repository: National Press Club Archives
Accession Number: none
Collection Number: MSS14

Access and Use

Acquisition Information: Gift of Jerome Fanciulli
Access Restrictions: None
Copyright: National Press Club

History

Jerome Fanciulli joined the National Press Club in 1908 as one of the charter members. He began his journalism career thanks to Bill Spurgeon, the Managing Editor of the Washington Post, who went on to become the first NPC president. Spurgeon hired Fanciulli as a reporter in 1906.

In one of the most notable events in his life, Mr. Fancuilli reported on the historic flight of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk, NC in 1903. He later became the longest living charter member of the National Press Club.

This collection includes newspaper clippings in reference to Mr. Fanciulli's well-known childhood friend Miss Gretchen Hood. She was the daughter of another founding member of the NPC, Edwin Milton Hood, as well as a talented piano player and singer. Miss Hood was also recognized as the romantic interest of H.L. Mencken. Jerome Fanciulli spoke at Gretchen Hood's tribute following her death in 1978

Arrangement

Files kept in original order from the donor.

Collection Scope and Content Note

Mr. Fanciulli's collection contains nine pieces of correspondence with former NPC presidents; a copy of a letter from the Chief of Staff of The Associated Press, John Gavit, to the General Manager, Melville Stone, praising Fanciulli's reporting skills; 18 newspaper/newsletter clippings; a program from the NPC's 50th Anniversary Dinner; two copies of invitations to Gretchen Hood's tribute; a card from Fanciulli's First Communion; his gold membership card verifying his charter membership status; a forty-two page transcript of a NPC President's Luncheon in 1983 in honor of Jerome Fanciulli; and one photograph of Fanciulli dancing with Gretchen Hood on her 87th birthday.

Box List

Box	Folder
1	Clippings
1	Invitations, programs
1	Certificate, plaque
1	Oral interview
1	Correspondence
1	Photographs (1)