

Notebooks of Leon M. Schiendelman, 1969-1973

Size of collections: 7 folders, .5 linear feet

Accession number: 1993-075

Assembled by Leon Schiendelman

Scope of Collection

These notebooks (now arranged in folders) were assembled by Leon Schiendelman during his tenure on Lacey City Council and as Lacey Mayor. The bulk of the collection consists of newspaper clippings taped to lined notebook paper. In addition, there are some loose documents, campaign flyers and newspapers. Topics are mostly focused on Lacey and local politics.

Biographical Note

Leon Martin Schiendelman was born on September 11, 1919 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to David and Mary Schiendelman. He was the youngest of three children; his siblings were Rose and Abraham. He grew up in New Jersey, until he enlisted in the Army in 1940. He served through World War II and the Korean War, eventually earning two silver stars, a bronze star and achieving the rank of major when he retired in 1960.

He married Lillian Gladys Hallowell on November 8, 1943. They had two daughters, Joan (1947) and Mary Jean (1948). The couple divorced in 1977. He would later be married by common law to Hae Kyung Schiendelman.

During his Army service he was stationed at Fort Lewis, which is likely what drew him to the Pacific Northwest. He went on to work as director of Thurston County Civil Defense, administrator for the Bureau of Land Management, and Logistic Management Specialist at Fort Lewis. He retired from civilian work in 1994.

While Schiendelman was working days for the government, at night he worked toward the goal of seeing Lacey incorporated as a city. It was because of this hard work that Schiendelman was elected as mayor in the ramp-up to the city's first incorporation attempt. However, that first attempt failed, so Schiendelman was not elected. He ran again in 1969, but this time for City Council. He won and was appointed early when Councilmember Kintner retired before his term was up.

In 1973, when Mayor Albert Van Andel resigned, Schiendelman was appointed mayor by the Council. However, just three months after taking office, Schiendelman stepped down from his position as mayor to take a position as administrative officer for the US Army Support Command headquarters in South Korea. Schiendelman passed away in March of 2002.

Provenance

This collection was donated by Lillian G. Schiendelman and Mary Jean Schiendelman. It was originally housed in two three-ring binders.

Processing

The notebooks consisted of news clippings taped to lined notebook paper installed in 3-ring binders. Since the adhesive on the tape was starting to fail, the decision was made to rehouse them before items became separated from the notebooks. The notebooks were arranged chronologically and that order was retained. There were a few loose items not attached to the notebook, so those are filed separately. Ephemera that was interfiled in the notebooks were kept in their original order.

Folder List

Object ID: 1993-075-0001

Folder 1: 1969-1970

Folder 2: 1971

Folder 3: 1972, January – June

Folder 4: 1972, July – December

Folder 5: 1973

Folder 6: Loose documents

Folder 7: Loose newspapers