



BHC-MSS 0065

Guide to the Papers of Sadie and Brenda Kaplan

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Sadie Kaplan and Brenda Kaplan

Title: Papers of Sadie and Brenda Kaplan

Dates: 1920-1971 [bulk 1952 and 1971]

Quantity: 2 manuscript boxes

Abstract: The Kaplans were both graduates of Central High School, originally known as Bridgeport High School. Their collection focuses on school memorabilia including class histories and yearbooks.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History

The Kaplans were both graduates of Central High School, originally known as Bridgeport High School. Their collection focuses on school memorabilia including class histories and yearbooks. Of particular interest is the bell in the collection, which Sadie supposedly stole from the school.

Central High School opened in 1876, originally called Bridgeport High School. It was moved to Lyon Terrance following construction in 1914-1916 and built by James Gamble Rogers, who designed buildings for Yale University in New Haven. Eventually, due to Bridgeport's growth, Central High School was moved to a new location in 1965, over in Beechwood Park. Lyon Terrance became City Hall. The current incarnation of Central High School underwent remodeling in 2016 so that it can provide the needs for today's classrooms

Scope and Content note:

This small collection focuses mostly on high school life in the early 1950s at Central High School. It contains additional material relating to the 1971 reunion of the class of Bridgeport High School, 1921.

Arrangement Note:

Series I focuses on Sadie's material, series II contains Brenda's material. Series III features an outlying edition of the Criterion from 1928. All material is chronological.

Administrative information:

Provenance:

Gift of Amy Kaplan. Accession # 2016.12

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Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Fitelson, Sophia "Sadie" Kaplan
Kaplan, Brenda

Corporate names

Bridgeport High School (Bridgeport, Conn.)
Central High School (Bridgeport, Conn.)

Subject tracings

Bells
Diplomas
Memorabilia

Detailed box and folder listing

Series I, Papers of Sadie Kaplan

Box 2

1. Bell from Bridgeport High School, 1920

Box 1

1. Bridgeport High School 50th class reunion book, 1971
2. Photographs with Sadie Kaplan from 50th reunion, 1971
3. Newspaper clippings about 50th reunion featuring Sadie Kaplan

Series II, Papers of Brenda Kaplan

4. The Criterion, 1949
5. The Criterion, 1950
6. The Criterion, 1951
7. Central High School diploma belonging to Brenda Kaplan, 1952
8. Central High School Class of 1952 class history, 1952
9. Central High School Class of 1952 class history, photocopy, 1952
10. Central High School graduation program, 1952

Series III , Other material

11. The Criterion, 1928