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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

George W. Nace was born on April 1, 1920 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. The son of a missionary, Nace spent much of his childhood in Japan where he became fluent in Japanese. After graduating from Reed College in 1943, Nace went to the University of California, Los Angeles and received his M.A. (1948) and Ph.D. (1950) in Zoology.

From 1951 to 1957, he was an assistant professor in the Zoology Department at Duke University and from 1957 to 1961 Nace was an associate professor in the Department of Zoology at the University of Michigan. In 1964, he organized the Amphibian Facility at the University of Michigan and served as its director until 1982 when he started Amphibian Biotech, Inc., to continue the work of the Amphibian Facility. While primarily known as an innovative developmental biologist, Nace also used his talents in the Japanese language and received a certificate from the Navy Japanese Language School in Boulder, Colorado in 1943. He served as a translator during World War II and worked closely throughout his career with scientists in Japan. Retiring in 1985, Nace passed away on March 27, 1987.

Descriptive Entry

These records consist of photographs, most of which are of Japanese ships and submarines in the Yokosuka Harbor in Japan, which were taken in 1945; while others document his work in the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. Additional materials include a list of his public appearances from 1969 to 1970, a membership card to the Seattle Officers' Club, and an award from the Ohio Society for Promotion of Bullfrogs.
Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- Airplanes -- Japan
- Ships -- Japan

Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white photographs
- Manuscripts

Names:
- Duke University
- Nace, George W.
- National Research Council (U.S.)
- Reed College (Portland, Or.)
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Michigan

Geographic Names:
- Yokosuka Chinjufu (Japan)
Container Listing

Box 1

Box 1 of 1  Photographs - Japanese ships, Yokosuka Harbor, Japan, September 3, 1945

Box 1 of 1  Photographs - Japanese ships and submarines, Yokosuka Harbor, Japan, September 6, 1945

Box 1 of 1  Photographs - Japanese ships, Yokosuka Harbor, Japan, September 13, 1945

Box 1 of 1  Photographs - Airplanes and military equipment, c. 1945

Box 1 of 1  Photograph - Participants, Conference on Biological Education, National Academy of Science, National Research Council Building, Washington, D.C., March 10, 1953

Box 1 of 1  Photograph - National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council Building, Washington, D.C., c. 1953

Box 1 of 1  Photograph - George W. Nace with two Japanese scientists

Box 1 of 1  Photograph - George W. Nace accepting a check from former Governor of Michigan, G. Mennon Williams

Box 1 of 1  List of public appearances, 1969-1970

Box 1 of 1  Weekly membership card, Seattle Officers' Club, Inc., 1945

Box 1 of 1  Clipping

Box 1 of 1  Award - Honorary Grand Croaker, Ohio Society for Promotion of Bullfrogs, Inc., 1971

Box 1 of 1  Print - "Ocasio-The Musician's Holiday"