

**An Inventory of the James A. Michener Papers,
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972**

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Author: Inventory prepared by Shirley Soenksen on 2007 February 28; revised 2007 March 30; revised 2007 August 20.

Dates: ca. 1968-1972

Creator or Collector: Orapchuck, Nadia; Michener, James A. (James Albert), 1907-1997

Size: 12 linear feet

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Biography of James A. Michener:

James Albert Michener was born in 1907 to unknown parents and raised as an orphan in the care of widow Mabel Michener of Doylestown, Pennsylvania. By the time he graduated from high school in 1925, he had visited 45 out of the 48 states. He was given a scholarship to Swarthmore, and after graduating summa cum laude in 1929, he traveled and continued his education at nine universities inside and outside the United States. During this time, he also taught in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and at the Harvard School of Education.

When he was not teaching, Michener worked as a textbook editor in New York, and he joined the British Merchant Marines. During WWII, he joined the Navy, making use of his experience in the British Merchant Marines to climb through the ranks to lieutenant and his knowledge of history to carry out sensitive assignments in the South Pacific. It was this experience that brought about *Tales of the South Pacific* in 1947, which won a Pulitzer Prize. Michener used this novel as the cornerstone of his writing career, publishing almost 50 books in the next 50 years, including *Sayonara*, *Hawaii*, *The Source*, *Iberia*, *Caravans*, *The Covenant*, *Sports in America*, and *Poland*.

In 1977, a four-part public television series called *The World of Michener* covered Israel, Hawaii, Spain, and Poland, just a few of the countries upon which his books have been based. Several other books have been turned into movies or miniseries, and two of his novels have been turned into musicals (most notably *South Pacific*, which won its own Pulitzer Prize).

During the time that he was publishing, however, Michener did not ignore the world around him. He ran for Congress in 1962 and held positions on several committees, including the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, the U.S. Postal Service stamp committee, and an advisory position on a council for NASA. He also spoke often at congressional hearings and at functions of those organizations in which he held particular interest.

James A. Michener died at the age of 90 on October 16, 1997 in Texas, three years after his third wife, Mari Yoriko Sabusawa. He had no children.

Biography of Nadia Orapchuck:

Nadia Orapchuck was James A. Michener's secretary for many years.

Arrangement (required for multiple level collections):

This collection is organized into the following series:

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research.

Restrictions on Use: User is responsible for copyright compliance.

Preferred Citation: [Description of Item], James A. Michener papers (SC 1-number), Collection Name, Archival Services, James A. Michener Library, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado.

Locations of Originals (if applicable):

Acquisition Information (if applicable):

The library purchased this collection from Nadia Orapchuck in 1999.

The library purchased Nadia Orapchuck's correspondence files from her daughter, Chris Knasiak, in 2004 (SC 1-62).

Documentation relating to the acquisition is on file in Archives, RG 13 S1 F11-2.

Subjects:

Michener, James A. (James Albert), 1907-1997
Orapchuck, Nadia

Inventory:

NOTES:

While searching all of the collections within the James A. Michener Papers for a particular photograph, some photographs were pulled from the boxes and scanned. These photographs have been placed in legal size folders and are laying on top of folders or loose items in the boxes. This is the reason a notation such as (Unsorted except for some photographs) can be found in the Finding Aid.

Some of the boxes in this collection were unknowingly separated and placed in another room, so the boxes were renumbered. This is the reason a notation such as Formerly: SC 1-35, Box 1 can be found in the Finding Aid.

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	Undated – Grouped w/1969 Papers	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	January 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	February 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	March 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	April 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	May 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	June 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	July 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	August 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	September 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	October 1969	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	November 1969	

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Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	January 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	February 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	March 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	April 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	May 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	June 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	July 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	August 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	September 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	October 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	November 1970	
Nadia Orapchuck	SC 1-35		Box 1	December 1970	

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Collection, ca. 1968-1972			1969-1970 (Sorted)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 1 1969-1970 (Sorted)	Undated and/or Missing Pages	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	January 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	February 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	March 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	April 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	May 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	June 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	July 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	August 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	September 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	October 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	November 1971	

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Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 2 1971 (Sorted)	December 1971	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	January 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	February 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	March 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	April 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	May 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	June 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	July 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	August 1972	

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Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	September 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	October 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	November 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	December 1972	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	Undated – In w/1972 – Non-personal	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)	Undated Letters – In w/1972 Papers	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 3 1972 (Sorted by Month & Day)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 4 Mid 1970s, 1974-1975 (Unsorted except for some photographs & Haitian sculptures)	Janvier Louisjuste Sculptures	Large metal sculpture of a deer and ducks by Janvier Louisjuste, a Haitian sculptor (partly rusted). Transferred to: SC 1-49, Shelf 11.
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 4 Mid 1970s, 1974-1975 (Unsorted except for	Janvier Louisjuste Sculptures	Small metal sculpture of a cow and ducks by Janvier Louisjuste, a Haitian sculptor (partly rusted). Listed as accession record #99/04-22-

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			some photographs & Haitian sculptures)	.	01. Transferred to: SC 1-49, Shelf 11. Formerly: SC 1-35, Box 1
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	Undated – In with 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	January 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	February 1-19, 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	February 20-28, 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	March 1-15, 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	March 16-31, 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	April 1-15, 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	April 16-30, 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	May 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	June 1975	
Nadia	SC		Box 5	July 1975	

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Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	1-35		1975 (Sorted)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	August 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	September 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	October 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	November 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 5 1975 (Sorted)	December 1975	
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 6 1975 (a few) through 1981 (Unsorted except for some photographs)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 6 1975 (a few) through 1981 (Unsorted except for some photographs)	William Vitarelli: Note and Photographs. Photocopies.	This file contains a note dated December 12, 1974 from William Vitarelli .
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 6 1975 (a few) through 1981 (Unsorted except for some photographs)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 7 Mid 1970s, 1976 Mainly (Unsorted except for	Random House Photographs of James A. Michener	Reifert, Jack. <i>James A. Michener, Author of Space</i> (Random House; October 12, 1982; 17.95). 44 copies. Scanned image available.

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
			some photographs)		Formerly: SC 1-35, Box 2
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 7 Mid 1970s, 1976 Mainly (Unsorted except for some photographs)	Loose	Brooch presented to Michener for Nadia by President Nixon, 1970. Attached not reads: "Presented by President Richard M. Nixon to James A. Michener for his secretary, Nadia on December 7, 1970 at a meeting of the White House. Description of brooch: A round "President of the United States Seal" dangling from a bow.
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 8 1976-1977 (Unsorted except for some photographs)	James A. Michener: Photographs	<i>James A. Michener with Three Men at Thomas Jefferson University's Commencement Ceremonies at the Academy of Music, June 11, 1976.</i> Information on back reads: "Philadelphia -- Thomas Jefferson University's Commencement Ceremonies at the Academy of Music, June 11, 1976. Left to right: Mr. Richard C. Bond, Life Trustee; Mr. James A. Michener; Mr. George N. Norwood, Jr., Interim President; Mr. William W. Bodine, Jr., Chairman of the Board." Scanned image available.
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 8 1976-1977 (Unsorted except for some photographs)	James A. Michener: Photographs	<i>James A. Michener on Podium at Thomas Jefferson University's Commencement Ceremonies at the Academy of Music, June 11, 1976.</i> Information on the back reads: "Philadelphia -- Box7Thomas Jefferson University's Commencement Ceremonies at the Academy of Music, June 11, 1976. Left to right: Mr. Richard C. Bond, Life Member of the Board; Mr. James A. Michener; Mr. George M. Norwood, Jr., Interim President." Scanned image available.
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 8 1976-1977 (Unsorted except for some photographs)	James A. Michener: Photographs	<i>James A. and Mari Michener in New Zealand.</i> Autographed by Michener for Stewart Phillips. Scanned image available.
Nadia Orapchuck	SC 1-35		Box 9		

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Collection, ca. 1968-1972			1977-1978 (Unsorted)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 10 1978 Mainly (Unsorted)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 11 Late 1970s 1978 Mainly (Unsorted)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 12 1979 (Unsorted)	Loose	James A. Michener's chop mark. In a red and black box. Scanned image available.
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 13 1979-1980 (Unsorted)		
Nadia Orapchuck Collection, ca. 1968-1972	SC 1-35		Box 14 1980-1981 (Unsorted)		