

Nancy Kong Collection

Overview of the Collection

Creator:	Bill Griffiths
Dates:	1949 - 1952
Accession no.:	HKMM2012.0114
Quantity:	20 photographs 2 typed letters 1 printed document 2 score cards 3 certificates 27 newspaper clippings 21 artefacts

Arrangement

The original order of the content was lost and had to be reconstructed based on the published dates of the newspaper clippings. The photographs are grouped according to the subject matters. Parts of the artefacts are on display on the C Deck of the Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

Biography

Nancy Kong (江惠群) was born in 1927 to a local family at Kowloon. She worked in an accounting firm during her career path. In 1949, the Hong Kong Regiment was reorganised and became part of the Hong Kong Defence Force and included the air and naval units. Nancy joined the service as a volunteer in naval rating from 1949 to 1952, where she learned shooting rifle. During this period, she had received 11 silver cups, 6 silver spoons and 6 medals from various shooting competitions. The most outstanding award was her championship in the Hong Kong Ladies Champion in 1952. After discharged from the Navy, Nancy met her soldier husband Bill Griffiths and left Hong Kong for the United Kingdom in 1952. Nancy passed away at the age of 85 in 2011.

Scope and content

The personal photographs and newspaper clippings in the Nancy Kong Collection reflect her outstanding performances at shooting competitions during 1949 and 1952. The collection also includes competition certificates issued by the National Rifle Association in the United Kingdom and documents recording Nancy's success in this sport. The collection was compiled by the husband as a memorial to his beloved wife.

Restrictions and Ownership

The materials are open for research consultation. The copyright permission of the photographs is restricted to the Hong Kong Maritime Museum. Reproduction of newspaper clippings is not allowed due to their unknown sources and copyright status.

Index terms

This collection is indexed under the Library of Congress Subject Heading. Researchers should search the catalogue using the following headings.

Organisations Hong Kong Defence Force
 Hong Kong Ladies Champion
 National Rifle Association
 Hong Kong Rifle Association

Subjects Shooting
 Targets (Shooting)

Document types

Clippings (newspaper).
Photographs.
Printed ephemera.
Certificates.
Typed manuscripts.
Photographic negatives.
Envelopes.

Conditions

Two photographs have faded in colour. The typed letters are fragile and so not recommended for further handling.

Additional information

Hong Kong Heritage interviewed with Bill Griffiths at RTHK on 29 December 2013:
http://podcast.rthk.hk/podcast/item_epi.php?pid=164&lang=en-US&id=27093

Related materials

The folder contains two negatives inside an envelope. An empty envelope addressed to Nancy Kong is also included.

Full list of donated artefacts

HKMM2012.0114.0060	Two pieces (trophy, base) Trophy: silver colour, no marks
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	Base: plastic material
HKMM2012.0114.0061	Two pieces (trophy, base) Trophy: silver colour Marks: on the front "LADIES 22 WINNER 1964 MRS. W.D. GRIFFITHS" Base: wood material, with the rim paint lost
HKMM2012.0114.0062	Two pieces (trophy, base) Trophy: silver colour, with the back rim deformed Marks: on the front "H.K.A.1.10.50" Base: wood material
HKMM2012.0114.0063	One piece (trophy, base) Trophy: silver colour Marks: on the front "HONG KONG 1951" Base: plastic material
HKMM2012.0114.0064	One piece (trophy) Trophy: plated gold Marks: on the front "HONG KONG 1951"
HKMM2012.0114.0065	Two pieces (trophy, base) Trophy: plated gold Marks: on the front "THE WATSON CUP (CLASS 1) HONGKONG BISLEY 1952" Base: plastic material
HKMM2012.0114.0066	One piece (trophy, base) Trophy: silver colour Marks: on the back, at the bottom "EP.N.S.PAT.NO 4-32729. MADE IN ENGLAND" Base: plastic material
HKMM2012.0114.0067	One piece (trophy, base) Trophy: silver colour Marks: on the front "HONG KONG 1951" Base: plastic material
HKMM2012.0114.0068	One piece (trophy, base) Trophy: plated gold, no marks Base: plastic material
HKMM2012.0114.0069	Two pieces (trophy, base) Trophy: plated gold, no marks Base: wood material
HKMM2012.0114.0070	One piece (trophy, base) Trophy: silver colour Base: plastic material
HKMM2012.0114.0071a-e	Spoon: HKRA, silver
HKMM2012.0114.0071f	Spoon
HKMM2012.0114.0072	6 medals on a wooden plaque

Container list

Folder	Title	Date
1	Score cards Two score cards from a shooting activity for the membership no. of 38.	20 May 1951
2	Rifleman certificates Two "Service rifle: rifleman certificate" presented by the National Rifle Association.	13 Jan 1952
3	Pages from a booklet showing the results	date 1951
4	Typed letters Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Orders Part II. Women Naval Volunteers (W.N.V.O. 15)	2 May 1951
	Memorandum on the results of Royal Hong Kong Defence Force Rifle Meeting. Distribution date is not indicated.	1951
5	Newspaper clippings feature the rifle competition results and the Hong Kong Women Defence Force	Unknown
6	Photographs of Nancy Kong's personal life, group photo of the regiment, and women's team rifle practice	1949-1952
7	Three negatives of Nancy Kong's personal life, an envelope from Swan Photo Service illustrating the development of negatives in 1957, one letter envelope addressed to Miss N.E. Kong.	1957