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**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:** Charles H. Orme Jr., born 1918 in Phoenix, AZ, was the son of Minna Vrang Orme and Charles H. Orme Sr., known as “Chick.” His parents were both graduates of Stanford University and believed in the necessity of a good education. They left their dairy farm in Phoenix and bought a ranch in Arizona’s high desert country. They opened a one-room schoolhouse to educate their three children as well as the five children of their ranch employees. This one-room schoolhouse later grew to be The Orme School.

Like his parents, Charles Jr. also graduated from Stanford University in 1941. He then served as the Headmaster of The Orme School from 1945 until his retirement in 1987. Under his guidance the school gained a national reputation among private schools. He was extremely active in both his professional and personal life. He was President of the Arizona Stanford Club, President of the Arizona Association of Independent Schools from 1964-1968, a member of the Newcomen Society since 1964, and a Board Member for the Arizona Historical Foundation.

**ORGANIZATION NOTE:** This collection primarily has records about The Orme School which was established in 1929 on a working ranch of 40,000-acres of land in Mayer, Arizona. Starting with eight students, the school had only grown to fifteen students after World War II. The school either needed to grow or cease to exist. In 1945, Charles Jr. became the headmaster and took over that role from his father. In 1947, the school became a prep school and began to accept students from 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. The family invested \$20,000 in improvements for new buildings and in 1962, the school was incorporated as a not-for-profit institution, and a twenty-eight-member Board of Trustees was established. Among honorary trustees were Senator Barry Goldwater and the actor James (Jimmy) Stewart. Today the school has nearly 200 students and still holds true to its mission based upon the values of Tradition, Excellence, and Character.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection is arranged into three series; **Series I: Administrative**; **Series II: Correspondence**; **Series III: Personal**. Files are arranged alphabetically within each series.

**Series I: Administrative** contains records dealing with issues concerning the school and range in topics such as building construction, commencement, conferences, gifts to the school, fundraising and legal issues. **Series II: Correspondence** relates to activities about The Orme School. Of interest is correspondence with prominent individuals such as Sandra Day O'Connor, actor Jimmy Stewart, Senator Barry Goldwater, Senator Dennis DeConcini, Governor Jack Williams and others. **Series III: Personal** contains files regarding Charles Jr.'s personal memberships, trips taken, gifts given to The Orme School, and Stanford University communication. Of note is a file on Senator Barry Goldwater that contains the commencement speech he delivered to The Orme School in 1975 as well as a eulogy and a reflection written and delivered by Charles Jr. in 1998 after the death of the Senator.

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1	1	<b>Administrative</b> -5 Year Long Range Plan Workshop	1986
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1	5	<b>Administrative</b> -Articles of Incorporation	1961
1	6	<b>Administrative</b> -Building Information	N.D.
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1	13	<b>Administrative</b> -Community College Charrette	N.D.
1	14	<b>Administrative</b> -Competitive College Acceptance Comparison	N.D.
1	15	<b>Administrative</b> -Conferences-Arizona Town Hall (1 of 3)	1967-1972
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1	17	<b>Administrative</b> - Conferences-Arizona Town Hall (3 of 3)	1985-1987
1	18	<b>Administrative</b> -Conferences-Headmasters' Association Conference (1 of 5)	1976-1980
1	19	<b>Administrative</b> - Conferences-Headmasters' Association Conference (2 of 5)	1980-1984
1	20	<b>Administrative</b> - Conferences-Headmasters' Association Conference (3 of 5)	1984-1985

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1	23	<b>Administrative</b> -Independent Schools Education Board (ISEB) Western Regional Conference	1961-1962
1	24	<b>Administrative</b> -Constitution	1954-1977
1	25	<b>Administrative</b> -Construction-Airstrip (Burns Field)	1965-1978
1	26	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Creek Crossing	1971-1976
1	27	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Federal Aviation Agency (FAA)	N.D.
1	28	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Founder's Hall Construction	1968-1970
1	29	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Gymnasium	1973-1974
2	1	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Infirmary	1973-1977
2	2	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-New Math/Science Project	1976-1984
2	3	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-New Rodeo Arena	1980-1981
2	4	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Small Projects	1977-1985
2	5	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Solar Energy Heating	1971-1976
2	6	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Student Commons Room	1965-1967
2	7	<b>Administrative</b> - Construction-Swimming	1949
2	8	<b>Administrative</b> - Cum Laude Society	1977-1984
2	9	<b>Administrative</b> - Department of Labor	1979-1981
2	10	<b>Administrative</b> - Development	N.D.
2	11	<b>Administrative</b> - Evaluations-Evaluative Criteria-The Arizona Association of Independent Academic Schools (1 of 2)	1969
2	12	<b>Administrative</b> - Evaluations-Evaluative Criteria-The Arizona Association of Independent Academic Schools (2 of 2)	1969
2	13	<b>Administrative</b> - Evaluations-Faculty Comments	1977
2	14	<b>Administrative</b> - Evaluations-Standing Committee on Evaluation (1 of 3)	1968-1969
2	15	<b>Administrative</b> - Evaluations-Standing Committee on Evaluation (2 of 3)	1969-1971
2	16	<b>Administrative</b> - Evaluations-Standing Committee on Evaluation (3 of 3)	1980-1984

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2	18	<b>Administrative-</b> Faculty/Staff Individual Data Sheets, A-L (1 of 2)	1975
2	19	<b>Administrative-</b> Faculty/Staff Individual Data Sheets, M-Z (2 of 2)	1975
2	20	<b>Administrative-</b> Foreign Students (American Field Service)	1959-1963
2	21	<b>Administrative-</b> Gifts-Francis A. Amberg Bequest	1974
2	22	<b>Administrative-</b> Gifts in Kind	1973-1977
2	23	<b>Administrative-</b> Gifts-Memorial Gifts	1974-1985
2	24	<b>Administrative-</b> Gifts to Orme	1962-1978
2	25	<b>Administrative-</b> Graduates of Orme School and Colleges Attended	1967-1968
2	26	<b>Administrative-</b> Headmaster's Report to Board of Trustees	1981-1984
2	27	<b>Administrative-</b> Independent Schools Education Board (1 of 2)	1953-1962
2	28	<b>Administrative-</b> Independent Schools Education Board (2 of 2)	1959-1961
3	1	<b>Administrative-</b> Insurance Claims	1955-1962
3	2	<b>Administrative-</b> IRS Application	1962-1978
3	3	<b>Administrative-</b> IRS Ruling	1973-1979
3	4	<b>Administrative-</b> IRS Tax Exemption Status	1965-1971
3	5	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Arizona Association of Independent Academic Schools (AAIS)	1960-1971
3	6	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Caravan Incident, 8/14/83	1983-1985
3	7	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Carson, Charles A. III (1 of 2)	1972-1975
3	8	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Carson, Charles A. III (2 of 2)	1976-1981
3	9	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Davila, Alberto Case	1981
3	10	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Lindus v. Orme	1959-1979
3	11	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Quail, Keith (1 of 2)	1963-1971
3	12	<b>Administrative-</b> Legal-Quail, Keith (2 of 2)	1971-1972
3	13	<b>Administrative-</b> Legislative	1978-1982
3	14	<b>Administrative-</b> Long Range Planning Workshop	1980-1981
3	15	<b>Administrative-</b> Morton Vrang Orme Memorial Chapel	1968-1973
3	16	<b>Administrative-</b> Orme School Catalogs	1965-1986
3	17	<b>Administrative-</b> Orme School Film	1965-1977
3	18	<b>Administrative-</b> Orme School History	1962

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3	19	<b>Administrative</b> -Orme School Publications	1967-1995
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3	21	<b>Administrative</b> -Phelps Dodge Corporation	1989
3	22	<b>Administrative</b> -Public Relations	1984
4	1	<b>Correspondence</b> -Arizona Public Service Company	1965-1966
4	2	<b>Correspondence</b> -Babbitt, Bruce and John	1978-1984
4	3	<b>Correspondence</b> -Bechtel, Stephen Jr.	1970-1982
4	4	<b>Correspondence</b> -Castro, Raul H.	1974-1976
4	5	<b>Correspondence</b> -The Crotalus (Newsletter)	1969-1970
4	6	<b>Correspondence</b> -Davies, Paul	1968
4	7	<b>Correspondence</b> -DeConcini, Dennis	1977-1986
4	8	<b>Correspondence</b> -Fannin, Paul J.	1966-1978
4	9	<b>Correspondence</b> -Flinn, Robert	1971-1983
4	10	<b>Correspondence</b> -Goldwater, Senator Barry	1968-1977
4	11	<b>Correspondence</b> -Graf, Stanley	1982-1983
4	12	<b>Correspondence</b> -Husberg, Allan (Husberg Fine Arts Gallery)	1982-1984
4	13	<b>Correspondence</b> -Jessup, Richard N. (1 of 2)	1972-1975
4	14	<b>Correspondence</b> -Jessup, Richard N. (2 of 2)	1976-1984
4	15	<b>Correspondence</b> -Johnstone, Shana Bechtel	1971-1978
4	16	<b>Correspondence</b> -Lewis, Orme Jr.	1966-1990
4	17	<b>Correspondence</b> -O'Connor, Sandra Day	1972-1984
4	18	<b>Correspondence</b> -Orme, Chip	1968-1985
4	19	<b>Correspondence</b> -Orme, Theodore	1980-1983
4	20	<b>Correspondence</b> -Perkins, Milo	1975
4	21	<b>Correspondence</b> -Rosenthal, Edwin	1967-1986
4	22	<b>Correspondence</b> -Shenandoah Foundation	1972-1976
4	23	<b>Correspondence</b> -Stewart, James	1965-1978
4	24	<b>Correspondence</b> -Tarnutzer, Byron	1982-1987
4	25	<b>Correspondence</b> -Udall, Morris	1970-1980
4	26	<b>Correspondence</b> -United States Department of the Interior	1968
4	27	<b>Correspondence</b> -United States House of Representatives	1969-1986
4	28	<b>Correspondence</b> -United States Senate	1961-1984
4	29	<b>Correspondence</b> -Warnecke, John Carl	1966-1970
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5	4	<b>Personal</b> -Correspondence-Gibson, Wendy	1980-1981
5	5	<b>Personal</b> -Goldwater, Barry	1950-1998
5	6	<b>Personal</b> -Los Charros	1982-1986
5	7	<b>Personal</b> -Memberships-SABER	1965-1966
5	8	<b>Personal</b> -Newcomen Society (1 of 3)	1966-1983
5	9	<b>Personal</b> - Newcomen Society (2 of 3)	1984-1987
5	10	<b>Personal</b> - Newcomen Society (3 of 3)	1976-1986
5	11	<b>Personal</b> -Orme Giving Record	1972-1982
5	12	<b>Personal</b> -Orme, John Pinckney	1995
5	13	<b>Personal</b> -Orme Sr. House	1970-1980
5	14	<b>Personal</b> -Phoenix Union High School 45 <sup>th</sup> Reunion	1981-1982
5	15	<b>Personal</b> -Phoenix Union High School 50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion (photos)	1987
5	16	<b>Personal</b> -Rancheros Vistadores	1971-1988
5	17	<b>Personal</b> -Travel-Alaska	1985
5	18	<b>Personal</b> -Travel-China	1983
5	19	<b>Personal</b> -Travel-England	1986
5	20	<b>Personal</b> -Travel-River Trip	1968-1977
5	21	<b>Personal</b> -Travel-Zeta Psi	1983-1984