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Descriptive Summary

Title: Thomas (Tom) M. King papers

Dates: 1971-1995

Bulk Dates: 1972-1974

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Collection Size: 2 boxes 1.2 linear feet

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Abstract: The Thomas (Tom) M. King Papers document King's commitment to historic preservation in San Jose, California. The bulk of the collection documents King's work with the San Jose Survey of Historic & Archaeological Sites from 1973 to 1974, which resulted in the first complete inventory of historic buildings in San Jose, and included detailed records of buildings and homes by planning district. The collection also highlights King's work with several other historic preservation projects in San Jose.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Biographical History

Tom M. King was born in Colusa County, California in 1940. King moved to San Jose in 1971, where he became involved in historic preservation. In 1974, he received his Master's Degree in Historic Urban Geography from San Jose State University. King's interest in historic preservation led him to coordinate and conduct the San Jose Survey of Historic & Archaeological Sites (SJSHAS) between 1973 and 1974. King's efforts resulted in the first comprehensive inventory of historic places completed in San Jose. He later completed a similar survey of the city of Campbell while working for the Campbell City Historical Museum.

King founded the Victorian Preservation Association of Santa Clara in 1974; organized and operated annual historic downtown bus tours at the San Jose Tapestry in Talent Festivals from 1976-1990; served as President of the Luther Burbank Neighborhood Community Council;

served on the board of the Preservation Action Council of San Jose for ten years; worked with the San Jose Historic Landmark Commission; and acted as an advisor to Santa Clara County Supervisor Rod Diridon. King also taught high school in the local area, as well as worked as a professional tour guide.

Scope and Content of Collection

In November of 2000, Tom M. King donated his papers to San Jose State University. This collection documents King's personal and professional commitment to historic preservation in San Jose from 1971 to 1995. The bulk of the collection relates to the San Jose Survey of Historic & Archaeological Sites (SJSHAS), a city-sponsored project undertaken by King from 1972-1974. King began advocating this project while pursuing his graduate studies at San Jose State University. He coordinated and administered the operation of the SJSHAS survey and organized a volunteer staff. Other records include details of King's various activities with other historic preservation organizations throughout the San Jose area. The collection is arranged in one series, consisting of clippings, correspondence, inventories, maps, photographs, reports, and university coursework.

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Architecture--California--San Jose--Inventories

Historic Buildings--California--San Jose

Historic buildings--California--San Jose--Inventories

Historic preservation--California--San Jose

San Jose (Calif.)--Buildings, structures, etc.--Inventories

San Jose (Calif.). Historic Landmarks Commission

Series I: **Historic Preservation Work 1971-1995 1972-1974**

Physical Description: 2 boxes

Series Scope and Content

The bulk of the collection relates to the San Jose Survey of Historic & Archaeological Sites (SJSHAS), a city-sponsored project undertaken by King from 1972-1974. The SJSHAS Survey Results comprise the bulk of the collection, and are arranged by San Jose planning area districts. This portion of the collection contains detailed information about each property surveyed, including photographs, architectural information, and ratings. The remainder of the collection documents the various contributions King made to several other local historic preservation projects.

Researchers interested in San Jose land-use history, as well as the growth of the historic preservation movement in San Jose, will find this collection very useful. King worked diligently to ensure that the people of San Jose remained connected to their community history, and strived to communicate the environmental benefits of historic preservation as well. This series chronicles King's work in this field, which yielded San Jose's first comprehensive historic property inventory, annual tours of San Jose's historic downtown, and organized campaigns to save local landmarks. The contents in this series document King's desire to bring awareness to the issue of historic preservation. The series includes clippings, correspondence, inventories, maps, photographs, reports, and university coursework.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically by subject and format, then by date. Contents within folders are arranged chronologically.

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