Him Mark Lai research files, addition

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Him Mark Lai research files, addition
Dates: (bulk 1970-2008)
Collection Number: AAS ARC 2010/1
Creator/Collector: Lai, H. Mark
Extent: 131.22 linear feet (95 cartons, 33 boxes, 7 oversize folders)
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Abstract: The research files are an addition to (AAS ARC 2000/80) Him Mark Lai's collected sources, along with his writings and professional activity materials. They relate to the history, communities, and organizations of Chinese Americans and Chinese overseas. The collection is arranged into four series: Research Files, including general subjects, people, and organizations; Writings, including books, articles, reviews, and indexes; Professional activities, including teaching lectures, Chinese Community Hour program tapes, In Search of Roots program materials, consultation projects, interviews with Chinese Americans, conference and community events; Personal, including memorial tributes and family papers. The collection consists of manuscripts, papers, drafts, indexes, correspondence, organization records, reports, legal documents, yearbooks, announcements, articles, newspaper samples, newspaper clippings, publications, photographs slides, maps, and audio tapes.
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Acquisition Information
Gift of Mrs. Laura Lai, May 27, 2010.
Biography/Administrative History
Him Mark Lai was born in San Francisco on November 1, 1925. Although professionally trained as a mechanical engineer, graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, he is internationally known as a community activist and historian and highly respected by academic peers, who refer to him as the "Dean of Chinese American History." Early on, Lai joined the Chinese American Democratic Youth League, or Mun Ching, where he met and married Laura Jung. He was a community leader and served in an official capacity for many organizations, particularly the Chinese Historical Society of America (CHSA) and the Chinese Culture Foundation of San Francisco. He taught Asian American Studies courses at San Francisco State University, coordinated the In Search of Roots program with Albert Cheng, served as editor of Chinese America: History & Perspectives, participated in numerous conferences relating to Chinese Americans and Chinese overseas, and served as advisor or consultant on projects and publications. Lai was also a prolific writer whose works include: Chinese Newspapers in North America, 1854-1975 (1977), co-authored with Karl Lo; Island: Poetry and History of Chinese Immigrants on Angel Island, 1910-1940 (1980), with Judy Yung and Giny Lim; A History Reclaimed: An Annotated Bibliography of Chinese Language Materials on the Chinese of America (1986); From Overseas Chinese to Chinese American: History of Development of Chinese American Society during the Twentieth Century (1992, written in Chinese); and Becoming Chinese American: A History of Communities and Institutions (2004).
Scope and Content of Collection
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**Indexing Terms**

Chinese Americans - California - History.
Chinese - Foreign countries.
Discrimination - United States.
Genealogy.
Chinese Americans - Biography.
Chinese - Biography.
Chinese Americans - Social life and customs.
Chinese Americans - Societies.
Chinese Americans - Politics and government.
Ethnology - China.
Chinatown (San Francisco, Calif.)
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