Historic Sites Surveys

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Descriptive Summary
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Abstract: Files for surveys conducted in the 1970s for over 850 cultural and historic sites in Los Angeles County. Data includes building names, year of construction, architect, owner and type of business. Some photographs attached.
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Biography/Administrative History
Surveys were compiled by Tom Sitton during his tenure as the Head of History Department, Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. In 1973, the History Department of the Natural History Museum was selected to conduct surveys of Los Angeles County historic sites as part of a statewide project funded through the National Preservation Act of 1966. Tom Sitton was appointed project facilitator in 1974 and worked with various historical societies to complete survey forms. From 1976 to 1977, the museum project operated through a grant awarded by the state Office of Historic Preservation, which allowed the hiring of three graduate students for the completion of 500 surveys, taking site photographs, as well as to help write eighteen nominations for the National Register of Historic Places (three of which were historic districts). The project concluded in 1978.
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