Finding Aid to the William Reilly and Edward King Papers, 1938-1995
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creator: Reilly, William F.
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Biography
William F. Reilly and Edward James Raleigh-King, known as Edward J. King, were partners from approximately the 1950s until their deaths in the 1990s. William J. Reilly was born in England on May 11, 1926, and served in the Royal Air Force in World War II. Edward King was born in Warwickshire, England (date unknown), and served as a captain in the Royal Sussex Regiment In World War II. King and Reilly emigrated to Toronto, Canada, and then to Los Angeles where they eventually settled. Reilly died of AIDS-related complications on April 24, 1995, while King died circa 1994 of undisclosed causes.

Scope and Contents
Papers of longtime partners William Reilly and Edward King, 1938-1995, including contracts, deeds, correspondence, tax forms, William Reilly's medical records as he dealt with AIDS-related complications, and book and short story manuscripts written by Edward King.

Separated Materials
Half a box (.5 linear foot) of AIDS-related newspaper clippings was integrated into the ONE subject files collection.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Gays' writings
Gay men -- Fiction
AIDS (Disease) -- Patients
Gay men
King, Edward J. (Edward James Raleigh-King)
Reilly, William F.
Box 2

**Award, plaque, William Reilly**

Scope and Contents

"Congratulations / William F. Reilly / 20 years of dedicated service / The UCL gang!"

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Box 1, Folder 24

**Correspondence, William Reilly and Edward King 1989-1994, undated**

**Erotic scrapbook album, sample pages, Edward King undated**

Physical Description: [2 folders]

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Box 1, Folder 21

**J. A. Willie papers [pseudonym of Wilbur Magee?] 1988-1994**

Scope and Contents

Includes correspondence and 1 color photographic print.

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Box 1, Folder 15-16

**Manuscripts by Edward King**

**L.A. Diaries circa 1994**

Physical Description: [loose, 248 pages]

Scope and Contents

Includes two short works not included in the page count entitled "What's Wrong with History" and "The Shepherd."

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Box 1, Folder 17

**The Los Angeles Diaries undated**

Physical Description: [spiral-bound, 248 pages]

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Box 1, Folder 18

**The Boy Soldier undated**

Physical Description: [hard cover, 220 pages]

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Box 1, Folder 19

**Conscience and Cowards undated**

Physical Description: [hard cover, 15 pages]

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Box 1, Folder 20

**Maximum Risk undated**

Physical Description: [hard cover, 232 pages]

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Box 1, Folder 1-8

**Medical records, William Reilly 1990-1995**

Physical Description: [8 folders]

Scope and Contents

The records primarily document Reilly's Medicare payments, insurance coverage, and home care for his AIDS-related medical issues.

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Box 2

**Photograph album, William Reilly 1938-1961**

Scope and Contents

Contains photographic prints of Reilly's family, friends, leisure activities, World War II military service, and theater work. Includes newspaper clippings regarding his Shakespeare performances with the Earle Grey Festival Company in 1955.

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Box 1, Folder 22-23

**Photographs, William Reilly and Edward King circa 1941-1987**

Physical Description: [67 color photographic prints, 15 black-and-white photographic prints, 64 negatives, 34 negative strips, 5 35mm slides]

Scope and Contents

Contains images of Reilly's and King's early years, travels, friends, residences, and garden.
Box 1, Folder 9-14  **Personal papers, William Reilly and Edward King 1947-1994**

**Physical Description:** [6 folders]

**Scope and Contents**
Includes military records, leases, contracts, wills, correspondence, notes, short stories, an address book, and early photographs of William Reilly and Edward King.