Spa History Project

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Spa History Project

Dates: 1994-1995

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Creator: Agua Caliente Cultural Museum

Collection Size: 2 linear feet

Repository: Agua Caliente Cultural Museum
Palm Springs, California 92262

Abstract: Administrative records and surrogate research materials created and/or collected by Agua Caliente Cultural Museum staff members in preparation for the Spa History exhibit. Administrative records include drafts of exhibit texts and notes. Research materials include surrogate newspaper articles, photographs, negatives, and correspondence collected from various sources. This exhibit outlined the history of the Agua Caliente Hot Spring and explained the legislative and political background behind the development of the Mineral Spring Parcel. Materials created and/or collected between June 1994 and June 1995.

Physical location: Stored off site. Advance notice required for access.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Preferred Citation


Acquisition Information

Loan.

Biography / Administrative History

Reproductions of historical materials, ephemera, and exhibit text drafts created and/or collected between June 1994 and June 1995 by Agua Caliente Cultural Museum staff members in preparation for the Spa History exhibit. The exhibit was placed on display at the Spa Hotel in downtown Palm Springs and summarized the history of the Agua Caliente Hot Spring and business development surrounding this Tribal resource.

Scope and Content of Collection

Administrative records and surrogate research materials created and/or collected by Agua Caliente Cultural Museum staff members in preparation for the Spa History exhibit. Materials include photographs, ephemera, news articles, and exhibit...
Some photographs obtained from the Spa Hotel; some surrogate research materials, including historical correspondence, press releases, and news articles may have been obtained from the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Created and/or collected between June 1994 and June 1995.

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

- Olinger, Vyola
- Prieto, Dora
- Miguel, Eileen
- Patencio, Albert
- Chino, Pedro
- Banowit, Sam
- Simpson, Raymond
- Hill, Leonard
- Ernst, Roger
- Emmons, Glenn
- Lee, Rex
- Kunkel, Fred
- Jackson, R.W.
- Siva, Corinne
- Dee, Karolyn
- Harris, Henry
- Curtiss, Shelley S.
- Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Agua Caliente Cultural Museum
- Spa Hotel
- Palm Springs Spa
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego
- United States Geological Survey
- Palm Springs
- Section 14
- Cahuilla
- Native American
- Agua Caliente Hot Spring
- Agua Caliente Bathhouse
- H.R. 6060
- H.R. 6053
- S. 2396
- Termination
- Mineral Spring Parcel
- Indian Avenue
- Indian Canyon Drive
- Fox Sculpture
Series I: Historical Materials and Ephemera 1994-1995

Physical Description: 1 linear ft.
Scope and Content Note
Ephemera and surrogate historical documents pertaining to the history of the Agua Caliente Hot Spring.

A2005.003.001 1 Resolution
Scope and Content Note
Resolution #303 authorizing the tribe to enter in negotiations for a long term lease on Section 14. (July 25, 1956)

A2005.003.001 1 Lease
Scope and Content Note
"Agua Caliente Hot Springs Reserve lease" sent to Vyola Olinger. Lease between Paul Holliwd, Marshall Hollid, Joseph Everston and Agua Caliente Band. (July 25, 1956)

A2005.003.001 1 Executive Orders
Scope and Content Note
Photocopies of Presidential Executive Orders dated May 15, 1876 and September 29, 1877 establishing the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation. (1876, 1877)

A2005.003.001 1 Letter
Scope and Content Note
Secretary of the Interior to Commissioner of Indian Affairs (Colburn). Sends copy of Executive Order withdrawing lands in California for occupancy by the Mission Indians, in pursuance of Colburn's recommendations. (October 3, 1877)

A2005.003.001 1 Letter
Scope and Content Note
J.E. Colburn to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, asking for lands to be set aside for a reservation, including Rincon. (August 24, 1877)

A2005.003.001 1 Lease
Scope and Content Note
Business lease between the Agua Caliente Band and Palm Springs Spa. (May, 1957)

A2005.003.001 2 Note, Brochure
Scope and Content Note
Hand written note written by Dora Prieto accompanying copies of a brochure handed out upon the opening of renovated cemetery on September 15, 1983. (February 17, 1995)

A2005.003.001 2 Note
Scope and Content Note
Hand-written note by Eileen Miguel describing why the ceremonial house was burned after the death of Albert Patencio. (September 8, 1994)

A2005.003.001 3 Fee Patent
Scope and Content Note
Fee Simple Patent issued to the Roman Catholic Bishop of San Diego and his Successors. (September 21, 1922)
A2005.003.001 3  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Pedro Chino and tribal members state their desire to donate land to the Bishop Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles for a Catholic church. (December 29, 1911)

A2005.003.001 3  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Art Bunce to Richard Milanovich. Clarifies legal history of fee patent land offered to Catholic Church with its reversionary clause. (March 12, 1986)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Palm Springs Indians May Soon Be Wealthy: Tribe Owning Valuable Land in Heart of City Wait Real Estate Deal Outcome". Los Angeles Times. (July 6, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Tribute Due Mrs. Olinger For Fine Work as Tribal Leader".

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Equalization Plan: Indian Officials To Seek Support From Congress". Press Enterprise. (June 28, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Spa Project in PS Said Near". Press Enterprise. (February 6, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"New Spa Hotel" + "Today's Sun Tells Story of New Spa Hotel". (April 22, 1963)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Reveal Big New Development". (April 12, 1956)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Indian Tribal Council Denies Land Pow-Wow in Palm Springs" + "Builder Sticks By Predictions" by George Ringwald. Press-Enterprise. (January 13, 1956)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Tribal Council Said Against Theater Plan". Desert Sun. (January 14, 1956)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Tribal Council Calls Liebling to Explain Land Lease Story". (January 21, 1956)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Development Plan Exploded" by George Ringwald. Press Enterprise. (January 24, 1956)
A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Liebling and Tribal Council Terminate Leasing Dispute". Desert Sun. (January 25, 1956)

A2005.003.001 4  Photographs (Photocopies)
Scope and Content Note
Ribbon cutting, dinner event, Eileen Miguel with Senator Saund and Sam Banowit in Washington DC.

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Palm Springs Spa to Open on Indian Site". (December 12, 1959)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Famed Village Landmark Disappears From Scene". Desert Sun. (June 28, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4  Photographs (Photocopies)
Scope and Content Note

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"First Springs Designated As Historical Site" (December 9, 1971)

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Construction to Start on Palm Springs Spa: Leasing is First in City". Desert Sun. (November 18, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4  Photograph (Photocopy)
Scope and Content Note
Aerial view of the Spa Hotel.

A2005.003.001 4  Article
Scope and Content Note
"Meet Your Hosts -- The Cahuilla Indians".

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Without Reservation: One-Half Indian and Full-Time Woman".

A2005.003.001 4  News Article
Scope and Content Note
[clipped]"...and Spa and Special teamwork" (September 6, 1985)
**News Article**

Scope and Content Note
"The Ermine-Lined Reservation" by David Mark. Los Angeles Times.

**Newsletter Article**

Scope and Content Note
Article describes the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce's activities in Washington DC and their desire to purchase the reservation. Indian Truth. (February, 1937)

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note
"Sam Banowit is an Indian" and "Indians Honor Spa Builder". Press Enterprise. (April 23, 1963)

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note
"PS Indian Spa Leased for Million Resort: May Launch Master Plan Development". Press Enterprise. (February 14, 1958)

**News Article Photo**

Scope and Content Note
Sam Banowit, Vyola Olinger, and Leonard Hill in a discussion.

**Bill**

Scope and Content Note
"H.R. 6060 - A bill to authorize the tribal council of the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians to lease certain lands of the Agua Caliente (Palm Springs) Reservation, California" (May 5, 1955)

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note
"How the Cities Got Their Names". Desert Sun. (February 7, 1994)

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note
"Spivack and Spa and Special Teamwork". Desert Sun. (September 6, 1965)

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note
"An Effort to Improve". Press Enterprise. (February 7, 1958)

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note
"Tribe Land Site of Spa". Mirror News, Los Angeles. (February 13, 1958)
A2005.003.001 4

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note

"Lease Indian Spring for Swanky Spa". Los Angeles Herald Express. (February 13, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note

"Palm Springs Awaits Arrival of President". Los Angeles Herald and Express. (January 20, 1960)

A2005.003.001 4

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note

"Palm Springs Indian Office Reorganized". (1959)

A2005.003.001 4

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note

"Palm Springs Deal First of Kind: Indians Negotiate Long-Term Lease". Los Angeles Examiner. (1958)

A2005.003.001 4

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note

"First Anniversary of Spa Hotel Being Observed Here This Week". (April 7, 1964)

A2005.003.001 4

**News Article**

Scope and Content Note


A2005.003.001 4

**Photographs (Photocopies)**

Scope and Content Note

Images of post-1950 bathhouse, Spa interior table, Spa exterior, and Mineral Baths sign

A2005.003.001 4

**Advertisement (Copy)**

Scope and Content Note

Spa Hotel and Mineral Springs advertisement. (1970s?)

A2005.003.001 4

**Article**

Scope and Content Note

"Agua Calientes Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Palm Springs Life. (May, 1965)

A2005.003.001 4

**Article**

Scope and Content Note

"President Signs Two Indian Bills" (Equalization and 99-Year Lease). (October 22, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4

**Letter**

Scope and Content Note

Eileen Miguel to George Gannon. Informs Ganon that his offer to purchase 240 acres in Section 12 will not be considered due to Equalization proceedings. (February 14, 1957)

A2005.003.001 4

**Letter**

Scope and Content Note

Vyola Olinger to Clara Bow. Announces tribal meeting discussing principal problems of the reservation. (January 25, 1957)
Series I: Historical Materials and Ephemera 1994-1995

A2005.003.001 4  Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson (Bureau of Indian Affairs) to Palm Springs Spa Inc. Specifies lease conditions which must be met, including title insurance and payment for a U.S. Geological Survey of the hot spring. (November 12, 1958)

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Supplement
Scope and Content Note

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Article
Scope and Content Note

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Article
Scope and Content Note
"Today's Sun Tells Story of New Spa Hotel".

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Article
Scope and Content Note
"First Anniversary of Spa Hotel Being Observed Here This Week". Desert Sun. (April 7, 1964)

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Article
Scope and Content Note
"Sam Banowit is an Indian". Desert Sun. (April 23, 1963)

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Article
Scope and Content Note
Photo of Samuel Banowit, Eileen Miguel, Frank Bogert, Vyola Olinger, and Scotty Rubin at Spa Hotel ribbon cutting ceremony in April, 1963. (September 6, 1985)

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Article
Scope and Content Note
"Spa Hotel officer takes planning post". (May 30, 1967)

A2005.003.001 4  Newspaper Article
Scope and Content Note

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Tribal Council to Tribal Members. Proposes and outlines future plans for the bathhouse and the development of Section 14. (May 20, 1952)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter, Resolution
Scope and Content Note
Resolution #290 endorsing HR 6053 and HR 6060, 99-year lease bills. From Vyola Olinger. (February 3, 1956)
Press Release
Scope and Content Note
"San Jacinto Mountains Natural Backdrop to Palm Springs Spa Hotel Pool and Patio Areas" (photocopy image attached).

Press Release
Scope and Content Note
"Luxurious New Hotel Adjoins Palm Springs' Famous Spa" (photocopy image attached).

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Leonard Hill. Expresses Tribal Council's adverse opinion of the City of Palm Springs wish to be involved in long term lease legislation and its suggestion that real and personal property taxes should be imposed by the State of California or any other entity. (January 21, 1955)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Raymond Simpson and Chel to Robert J. Felixson, City National Bank. (July 10, 1957)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Secretary of the Interior Hatfield Chilson to Leonard Hill, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Requests changes to lease language. (May 27, 1957)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Raymond Simpson and Chel to Robert J. Felixson. Offers updates on the status of the Spa lease. (June 18, 1957)

Notes
Scope and Content Note
Notes of Vyola Olinger relating to the geological hot spring survey, tests, costs, etc. (1957)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
John Crow (Bureau of Indian Affairs) to R. W. Jackson. Encloses an amended lease supplement and letter agreement in regards to the Palm Springs Spa. (October 31, 1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson to Samuel Banowit. Requests title report and policy respecting the leasehold premises. (November 28, 1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Sam Banowit to Agua Caliente Band. Requests access to the bathhouse to begin geological surveys of the hot spring. (April 10, 1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Robert J. Felixson to ACBCI, Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. Requests approval to begin work before clarification of title. (April 8, 1958)
A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
Agua Caliente Band to Philip Koenig. Acknowledges letter of March 28, 1958 and submit that approval on its proposed course of action. (April 1, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
Sam Banowit to Agua Caliente Band regarding geological survey work. (March 28, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
Leonard Hill to Raymond Simpson. Suggests changes to Escrow Instructions agreement. (March 2, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
C. Z. German to Raymond Simpson. Informs that that Security Title Insurance Company will not insure a leasehold on Indian lands until the question of allotments is cleared. Also forwards approval of the lease. (February 24, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
Secretary of the Interior to Leonard Hill. Suggests changes to the lease to comply with federal law. (1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
J. C. Hoffman to Raymond Simpson. Appraises Spa project as a satisfactory investment for the tribe. (February, 1957)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
Charles Z. German to Leonard Hill. Forwards a first draft of the business lease. Includes appraisal information on land. (May 8, 1957)

A2005.003.001 5  Statement  
Scope and Content Note  
Statement explains that should S. 2396 or termination come to pass, that the lease may be renegotiated.

A2005.003.001 5  Agreement  
Scope and Content Note  
Agreement for approval of the lease. (May 7, 1957)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter  
Scope and Content Note  
Ned Mitchell to Raymond Simpson. Requests statement of services rendered. (February 14, 1957)

A2005.003.001 5  Telegram  
Scope and Content Note  
Vyola Olinger to Roger Ernst. Expresses gratitude for for help and approval of the bathhouse lease. (February 18, 1957)
A2005.003.001 5  Telegram
Scope and Content Note
Vyola Olinger to Glenn Emmons. Thanks Emmons for his approval of the bathhouse lease. (February 6, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Telegram
Scope and Content Note
Vyola Olinger to Rex Lee. Expresses thanks for approval of bathhouse lease. (February 6, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Raymond Simpson to Glen Emmons. Addresses why the endorsement proposed by Mr. Richard Howlett of the Title Insurance and Trust Company concludes in the way it does. (October 24, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Raymond Simpson to Samuel Banowit. (July 16, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson to Fred Kunkel. Clarifies funds reimbursement question regarding a geological survey of the Agua Caliente Hot Spring. (July 7, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Vyola Olinger to Barton Greenwood. Encloses newspaper clipping. (June 26, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson to Fred Kunkel. Details how the geological survey of the hot spring is to be funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. (June 26, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Philip Koenig to Kunkle. Thanks Kunkle for his investigation of the hot spring and asks for copies of the report. (June 17, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Fred Kunkel to Philip Koenig. States that a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs is required to commence testing of the hot spring and that it must state the amount of funds available. (June 21, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Philip Koenig to Vyola Olinger. Agrees to reimburse the tribe for all costs incurred by the funding of the geological survey of the hot spring. (June 6, 1958)
A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson to Sam Banowit. Grants approval of program with exception for damages arising from negligence of Palm Springs Spa or its agents. (May 22, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Fred Kunkel to Bureau of Indian Affairs. Outlines plan for a geological survey of the hot spring. (May 20, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. G. Berk to Sam Banowit. Offers that his group commence exploratory work at the hot spring in place of the USGS. (May 18, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Sam Banowit to Agua Caliente Band. Clarifies specifics of geologic survey work. (May 15, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson to United States Geological Survey. Requests that the U.S. Geological Survey supervise further tests of the hot spring. (May 13, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
H. Rex Lee to Hilton McCabe. Thanks McCabe for his informal note and news item on the need for a 99-year lease in Palm Springs. (May 2, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Sam Banowit to Raymond Simpson. (September 18, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Lease Supplement
Scope and Content Note
Supplement to Lease No. 58-1, Contract No. 14-20-550-559, Palm Springs Spa. (September 17, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Lease Data
Scope and Content Note
Conditional Acceptance of Title Report, Lease 58-1, Contract No. 14-20-550-559, Palm Springs Spa. (September 17, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
US Department of the Interior to Palm Springs Spa, Inc. Expresses wish for a consultant to oversee test work at the hot spring to ensure all reasonable precautions will be taken.

A2005.003.001 5  Letter
Scope and Content Note
Vyola Olinger to Sam Banowit. Explains that funding of a geological survey as performed by USGS can only occur if funded by another government entity. (September 13, 1958)
A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Vyola Olinger to Sam Banowit. Explains that U. S. Geological Survey can only accept payment for work through another government body. (September 13, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Sam Banowit to R. W. Jackson. Appeals to the tribal council for an amendment to the lease. (August 6, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Sam Banowit to Tribal Council. Agrees to assume cost of geological survey work. (September 18, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson to G. F. Morts, Jr. Requests that the Geological Survey participate in making a ground-water studies at the Agua Caliente Hot Spring. States that bids are being obtained for an underground water collection system. (September 29, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Leonard Hill to Ray Jackson. Disagrees with a number of conditions set forth in the lease, including granting right of way to the City of Palm Springs. (October 1, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
R. W. Jackson to Palm Springs Spa. Acknowledges receipt of plans for water collection system, asks for general development shematic plan for the whole property. (August 4, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Raymond Simpson to Warren Pease. Forwards information in connection with the issuance of a title insurance policy at the request of Raymond Simpson. (July 31, 1958)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Robert Felixson to Raymond Simpson. States that Sam Banowit is in Washington DC to negotiate Department of Interior disapprovals. (July 10, 1957)

A2005.003.001 5
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Vyola Olinger to Raymond Simpson. Requests written statement from Palm Springs Spa as to their intentions to proceed with a lease. (July 8, 1957)
Letter

Scope and Content Note
Eileen Miguel, Corinne Siva, Dora Prieto to Tribal Council. (September 7, 1994)

Letter

Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Raymond Simpson. Requests that Raymond Simpson draft a contract of employment for an appraiser. (September 25, 1956)

Letter

Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Raymond Simpson. Submits a contract that authorizes Simpson's employment by the Tribe to assist in the preparation of the proposed lease. (September 21, 1956)

Form Letters

Scope and Content Note

Letter

Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Leonard Hill. Inquires regarding status of appraiser's contract of employment. (November 7, 1956)

Letter

Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Karolyn Dee. Replies to application to lease the Tribal Mineral Baths and the massage area for the following season. (April 10, 1956)

Letter

Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Karolyn Dee. Responds to Dee's expressed desire to be considered as a hot spring tenant on a month to month basis. (April 20, 1956)

Letter

Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Raymond Simpson. States that the hiring of an appraiser is allowed with the approval of the Commissioner. (September 25, 1956)

Letter

Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to Raymond Simpson. Forwards a contract which authorizes Simpson's employment to assist in the preparation of a Mineral Springs lease. (September 21, 1956)

Notes

Scope and Content Note
Notes on potential lessees by Vyola Olinger. (1952)
Report
Scope and Content Note
Report by Tom Selman, City Engineer of the alignment project concerning Indian Avenue and the hot spring. Outlines his plan for widening Indian Avenue while protecting the spring. (1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Ned Mitchell to R. W. Peterson. Formally requests certain statistical information on municipal services to reservation land. (January 21, 1957)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Wesley A. D'Ewart to Clair Engle. Recommends that H. R. 6060, legislation for the 99-year lease, not be enacted. (January 10, 1956)

Letter, Bill (Draft)
Scope and Content Note
Henry Harris to Vyola Olinger. Forwards draft of bill to permit long term leasing of the bathhouse area. (September 17, 1954)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Robert Felixson to Raymond Simpson. Informs that Sam Banowit is in Washington DC to pursue the Department of the Interior to modify its proposal disapprovals. (July 10, 1957)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Sam Banowit to Agua Caliente Band. Requests consent to proceed with exploration survey work of the hot spring. (April 18, 1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
From Leonard Hill. Returns lease with recommended changes. (January 8, 1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Simpson and Chel to Leonard Hill. Forwards proposes to lease based on a recent meeting and discussions in Palm Springs. (January 22, 1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Simpson, Wise and Kilpatrick to Sam Banowit. Offers to further discuss the proposed development and lease. (October 2, 1956)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Joe Everston to Ned Mitchell. Proposes to lease the Mineral Springs parcel and develop a new bathhouse, hotel, and other amenities. (May 28, 1956)
Letter
Scope and Content Note
Philip Koenig to Agua Caliente Band. Asks for permission to proceed with probing and jetting the hot spring, perform more borings, break concrete areas, and wreck the bathhouse if necessary. (March 28, 1958)

Letter
Scope and Content Note
Philip Koenig to Agua Caliente Band asking for permission to proceed with hot spring probing and jetting. (March 28, 1958)

Press Release
Scope and Content Note
"Modern Sculpture Lends Additional Beauty to the Palm Springs Spa".

News Article
Scope and Content Note
"Gems in Sculpture: Southland Artists' Works Adorn Spa". (March 13, 1960)

Press Release
Scope and Content Note
"Shelley S. Curtiss: Sculptor". (April, 1995)

Fax
Scope and Content Note
"Fox" -- text from plaque appearing below Fox sculpture donated by Eileen Miguel, Corinne Siva, Dora Joyce Prieto, Renona Pennington, Robert Saubel, Gwendolyn Saubel. (April, 1995)

Brochure
Scope and Content Note
"Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians: History Background Summary".

Brochure
Scope and Content Note
"Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians: History Background Summary".

Brochure
Scope and Content Note
"The Cahuilla Indians Story".

Text Drafts
Scope and Content Note
Draft texts relating to Jane Augustine Patencio and the Catholic church on Section 14.

Text Drafts
Scope and Content Note
Draft texts relating to the Fox sculpture.

Fax
Scope and Content Note
Copies of bighorn images from the Rancho Mirage 20th anniversary booklet. (September 29, 1994)
A2005.003.001 10  
**Letter**  
Scope and Content Note  
Eileen Miguel, Corinne Siva, Dora Prieto to Tribal Council. (September 7, 1994)

A2005.003.001 11  
**Invoices, Receipts**  
Scope and Content Note  
Media use permissions and reproduction receipts from a number of institutions.

A2005.003.001 12  
**Photos, Caption Lists**  
Scope and Content Note  
Photos and captions lists for use in the exhibit. (September 27, 1994)

A2005.003.001 12  
**Negatives**  
Scope and Content Note  
Negatives and envelopes.

A2005.003.001 13  
**Negatives**  
Scope and Content Note  
Negatives and envelopes.

A2005.003.001 14  
**Brochure**  
Scope and Content Note  
"Palm Springs Spa Hotel and Mineral Springs" brochure.

A2005.003.001 14  
**Brochure**  
Scope and Content Note  
"Nite Club Tours" brochure. Includes Spa Hotel advertisement.

A2005.003.001 15  
**Lease**  
Scope and Content Note  
Palm Springs Spa lease.

A2005.003.001 15  
**Advertisement**  
Scope and Content Note  
Spa Hotel and Mineral Springs advertisement.

A2005.003.001 16  
**Advertisement**  
Scope and Content Note  
Spa Hotel and Mineral Springs advertisement.

A2005.003.001 17  
**Brochure**  
Scope and Content Note  
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### Series II: Exhibit Text Drafts, Photographs, and Negatives 1994-1995

**Physical Description:** 1 linear ft.

**Scope and Content Note**
Text drafts and inventories relating to the Spa History exhibit, organized by photograph number. Photographs and negatives collected from various sources for use in the Spa History exhibit. Created by Agua Caliente Cultural Museum staff.

#### A2005.003.002 1
**Text Drafts, Inventories**

**Scope and Content Note**
Text drafts and inventories relating to the Spa History exhibit, organized by photograph number.

#### A2005.003.003 1
**Copy Negative**

**Scope and Content Note**
Black and white negative of Cynthia Siva and Michael Prieto against a backdrop of Spa Hotel modernist bas-relief wall sculptures by John Mason.

#### A2005.003.004 1
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**Scope and Content Note**
Black and white negative of Cynthia Siva and actress Irish McCalla (Sheena Queen of the Jungle) inside the new Palm Springs Spa facility.

#### A2005.003.005 1
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**Scope and Content Note**
Black and white negative of tribal women and Frank Bogert, including Eileen Miguel, Elizabeth Monk, LaVerne Saubel, Dora Prieto, and Priscilla Gonzales.

#### A2005.003.006R 1
**Photograph**

**Scope and Content Note**
Black and white photograph of Pedro Chino standing in front of a brick structure with thatch roof.

#### A2005.003.007R 1
**Photograph**

**Scope and Content Note**
Black and white photograph of Tribal Council (1992-1993). Richard Milanovich (chairman), Millie Browne (Vice Chair), Ray Patencio (Secretary), Lucille Torro (Member), Marcus Pete (Member).

#### A2005.003.009R 1
**Negative (Copy)**

**Scope and Content Note**
Black and white aerial photo of the Spa Hotel in the 1970s.

#### A2005.003.010R 1
**Negative**

**Scope and Content Note**
Color illustration of a Caesar’s Palace casino concept.

#### A2005.003.011R 1
**Negative**

**Scope and Content Note**
Color negative featuring peon sticks.